

Everyone's safety is of the utmost importance. Masks are now required regardless of vaccination status in all areas of the church campus.
We also ask that everyone practice social distancing regardless of vaccine status.
Thank you for your cooperation in being a good neighbor.



Worship Bulletin
Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Christmas
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

*(Please join in the celebration by responding with the words in **BOLD/ITALICS**)*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN *Good Christian friends, rejoice (In dulci jubilo) (H 107)*

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People ***For ever and ever. Amen.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (BCP p. 356)*

The following is sung, all standing

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (A Prayer Expressing Our Collective Concern)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:7-14

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

PSALM 84 (SAID RESPONSIVELY BY FULL VERSE)

Remain seated.

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
²*The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; **
*by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.*
³Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
⁴*Happy are the people whose strength is in you! **
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
⁶*They will climb from height to height, **
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
⁷LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
⁸*Behold our defender, O God; **
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
⁹For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
¹⁰*For the LORD God is both sun and shield; **
he will give grace and glory;
¹¹No good thing will the LORD withhold * from those who walk with integrity.
¹²*O LORD of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!*

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-19A

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in

love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ^{19a}and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Away in a manger, no crib for his bed (Cradle Song) (H 101)*

All stand.

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

¹³After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED

All stand.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All remain standing.

Celebrant:

God has blessed creation with a great variety of gifts and gathered all people into one family, *so that in sharing, we might strengthen and be strengthened by one another*. We gather into our hearts and minds the universe entrusted to us, remembering its needs before God and this company.

Intercessor:

Raising our voices in proclamation and praise, let us rejoice as we offer our prayers to God, responding,

“Lord, hear our prayer.”

In thanksgiving for the peacemakers who toil in troubled lands, and in families of discontent, that the Prince of Peace may give them words of wisdom as they seek to encourage new means of communication and the mending of relationships; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for those who bring treasures to the poor and needy of the world, offering precious gifts of hope to God’s fragile people; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who exercise leadership throughout our Church, that they may bear in their actions the love of Christ, enlightening the hearts of those who have a hidden faith, and strengthening those of a weak spirit; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all leaders, and members of our governing bodies, and all those who serve on the supreme courts, that they may honor our historic inheritance and take us along new pathways in the service of bettering our nation; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God, you are the healer of the brokenhearted; it is you who binds up their wounds; you lift up the lowly. We especially pray for those on our Parish Prayer Chain, the Community Prayer List, and for all those we now name _____. Clothe your children with the garments of health and salvation. let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died in the noonday of their lives, especially Desmond Tutu and all those who we now name, _____; and for parents who grieve the loss of children, that they may be comforted by the God of us all, whose only Son was not spared an early death; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, remembering those who have been our mentors and teachers, and through whose companionship we have experienced the riches of divine grace; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

As God's adopted children, through the will of Jesus Christ, let us add to these prayers and thanksgivings.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect:

Grant that these prayers, O God, may be en-fleshed by our commitment not only to pray them, but to live them in your Son's name. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND BLESSINGS

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as ***he*** begins another year. Grant that ***he*** may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen ***his*** trust in your goodness all the days of ***his*** life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

For an Anniversary

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN

God rest you merry, gentlemen

(God Rest You Merry) (H 105)

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.

2 From God our heavenly Father
a bless'd angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's power and might."

4 Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and charity
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
doth bring redeeming grace.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

PROPER PREFACE

Presider

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.
You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS

Presider and People

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,
you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.
Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.
We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,

gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,

said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,

poured out for you and for all

for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:

the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,

longing for Christ’s coming in glory,

and presenting to you these gifts

your earth has formed and human hands have made,

we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

EPICLESIS

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
with blessed Michael, and all your people
into the joy of our true eternal home.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC (BCP p. 365)

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A Spiritual Communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving the bread wine.

The celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *The snow lay on the ground (Venite adoremus)* (H 110)

The snow lay on the ground,
the stars shone bright,
when Christ our Lord was born
On Christmas night.

Venite adoremus Dominum.

'Twas Mary, daughter pure
of holy Anne,
that brought into this world
the God made man.
She laid him in a stall
at Bethlehem;
the ass and oxen shared
the roof with them.

Saint Joseph, too, was by
to tend the child;
to guard him, and protect
his mother mild;
the angels hovered round,
and sang this song,
Venite adoremus
Dominum.

And thus that manger poor
became a throne;
for he whom Mary bore
was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join
the heavenly host,
to praise the Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
People ***Thanks be to God. ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!***

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

(January 2, 2022): This week we especially pray for all those who are sick or homebound; or need our prayers for support, strength, or Thanksgivings. We especially remember Baby Archer, *Cathy, Cheryl*, Constance, David, Deb, Dee, Deeanna, Donita, Donna, Duke, Edie and Mike, Edgar, Emily, Francisco and Andrea, Frank, Frank, Genie, Gloria, Hal, Jace, Jackie, Jane, Jason, Jess, Joe and Zandra, Joyce, Kole, Leighton, Liz, Baby Lyla, *Lynn*, Marcia, Marion, Marjorie, Mary, Mya, McKenzie, Madeleine and Steph, *Michael*, Michelle, Mimi, Parker, Patricia, Patrick, Pete, Richard, Roseann, Sandy, *Scott*, Sharon, Shirley, *Susan*, Wanda, Wayne, and Vedran. Also remember all the families who care for their loved ones.

SAINT MICHAELS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN

The Rev. Jules Jodko
Vesna Mehinovic, Pianist and Choirmaster
Cantor: Al Betts
Lector: Cindy Brodeur
Altar Guild and Flower Arrangements: Edie Campos, Melissa Zaldo, Debbie Porter,
Ann Lineweber, Linda Ploski, Tina O'Connor, Beth Mathey

THE VESTRY OF ST. MICHAEL'S

Senior Warden: Rick Brodeur
Junior Warden: Debra Deptula
Treasurer: Tina O'Connor
Parish Clerk: Sara Euvino
Asst. Treasurer: Paul Mathey
Kyle Kellar
Barbara Kelly
Melissa Zaldo
Edie Campos
Hal Hebb
Cheryl Koenemund
Beth Mathey

Church News and Happenings

Adopt a Poinsettia, and take one home

Please take home a Poinsettia today following the service, as we will be removing them from the altar this week at the end of the Christmas Liturgical Season.

Confirmation and Reception Gathering

For all those involved in Confirmation and Reception Preparation, (or if you are still interested in joining our Confirmation Preparation); we will hold an In-Process meeting in the Church Conference Room after the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service on January 9, 2022. Please attend to receive updates and some final preparation assignments.

NEON (Naugatuck Ecumenical Outreach Network)

Free community dinner, Saturday, January 15th

4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (take out only)

Meatloaf, potatoes, vegetable and dessert

NEON (Naugatuck Ecumenical Outreach Network)

Items needed for family food bags

Most needed items:

Cereal

Mac & Cheese

Single serve fruit cups

Pudding cups

Goldfish (single serve bags)

Especially needed:

Pasta Sauce

Peanut butter & Jelly

Single serve snacks of any type

Naugatuck Ecumenical Food Bank

Let's help our neighbors during the holiday season

Most needed items

Apple Juice

Canned Chili

Canned Carrots