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Jesus in the Temple

Second Sunday of Christmas
January 3, 2021

• **Prelude**

Roxanne Groff

• **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

• **Welcome and Children's Message**

Pr Mel

* **GATHERING SONG** **“Angels From the Realms of Glory”**

LBW 50



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Renewing God,

C: You have come into our world to live among us, yet we often lose sight of this and seek to manufacture our own truth. We are afraid to share your word lest others judge or mock us. We ignore your wisdom because it isn't convenient. We allow ourselves to be defeated by despair. Forgive our negligence and breathe new life into our heavy hearts.

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P: God knows our every weakness and still loves us and upholds our life. May your sins be forgiven, your past forgotten, and your hope restored in the name of our incarnate savior, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

* **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

* **KYRIE**

A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For this Holy House, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Loving God, You care for us as a parent cares for their children. May we also live your compassion and tend to those who rely upon us for care, for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

• **SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:41-52**

P: Our scripture reading this morning is from Luke, Chapter 2.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord. (Spoken)**

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⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)

• **SERMON**

Pastor Mel Musser

Silence for reflection may follow

• **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Larry Harter

* **NICENE CREED**

The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.

C: 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

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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.

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Even as a child Jesus was a pure channel for the Spirit of truth. Teach us to recognize the wisdom of children and their innocent connection with their creator and their world. Nurturing God,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: At the beginning of this new year, renew our spirits and cleanse us of all we wish to leave behind. Keep us looking and moving forward in faith. Nurturing God,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: You love all creation as your own offspring: the works of your hands given life by the breath of your spirit. May we likewise come to love this created world Nurturing God,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

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L: Comfort all parents who have lost children, through abduction, estrangement or death, and assure them that you have never abandoned them or their loved ones. Tend to the sick in body, mind and spirit, especially those whom we name before you... Nurturing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You hold in your arms all who have passed into the next life and sought your eternal reward. Bless them and all whom they have left behind on earth, that we might be assured of our eventual reunion with you in your heavenly home. Nurturing God,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

L: Our eyes await the fulfillment of your promises, the answer to our prayers: your Son, our Lord, Jesus the Christ.

C: Amen.

*** OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day... We give you the gifts of our time, our resources and ourselves, and ask you to bless them for the sake of your service and the building up of your kingdom on earth.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*** DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You

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comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* **THE SANCTUS**

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty. When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy. At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: United into one by this heavenly food, we pray as Jesus taught...

C: 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

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us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: You have poured out your spirit upon all flesh, and gathered your children from the ends of the earth to proclaim your salvation. Let us come now to celebrate our deliverance in this bread and cup of mercy.

• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P: At this time you may open the communion bread and partake of the body of Christ, given for you.
Now please open the wine and you may now partake of the Blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

• POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us.

• POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- calls his prom- is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Gracious and abundant God, you have done great things for us, and we rejoice. In this bread and cup you give us life forever. In your boundless mercy, strengthen us and open our hearts to the world's needs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ✠ through the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

*** SENDING HYMN "Angels We Have Heard On High" LBW 71**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first two staves contain the main melody with lyrics. The third staff is the start of the refrain, marked 'Refrain', with lyrics 'Glo - ri - a'. The fourth and fifth staves continue the refrain with lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' The music is in G major and 3/4 time.

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* **DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ’s Love.

C: **Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!**

Postlude

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Health Tips for the Week
BODY: Plan meals for the week
MIND: Finish reading a book
SPIRIT: Stop and look at God’s beauty in the Universe

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, January 10th
Luke 3:1-22

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This Week @ Trinity –January 3 thru January 10, 2021

Sun, January 3

10:30 am Worship Service

Wed, January 6

6:30 PM WELCA Meeting

Thurs, January 7

7:00 pm Trinity Bible/Book Club

Fri, January 8

3:30 pm FISH Choice Food Pantry

Sun, January 10

10:30 am Worship Service



NO PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



To Mark & Roxanne Groff for the loan of the Christmas tree in the sanctuary this year – it was much more manageable and safer to assemble during this Covid time.

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