

Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday after Christmas

3 January 2020

Officiant and Homilist – **The Reverend Ruth Sesink Bott**

Organist- **Jeremy Spurgeon**

We acknowledge that this service takes place on Treaty 6 territory.

*Glory to Christ who is preached among the nations,
and believed on in the world.*

1 Timothy 3.16

Organ

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her BWV 606 *Johann*

From heaven above I come

Sebastian Bach

Hymn See Amid the Winter's Snow (148)

***See amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years!***

***Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem:
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

***Sacred infant, all divine,
what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!***

Hail, thou ever blessed morn!...

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

All 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 neighbours 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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Officiant Blessed are you, Son of David; born to rule, you received gifts from the wise men. Blessed are you, Son of Man; baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves. Blessed are you, heavenly King; teaching and preaching, healing and comforting, you proclaimed the kingdom.

People Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Officiant With all the voices of heaven we celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

People Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Officiant With all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at his birth.

People **Praise and honour and glory to you, O Lord most high.**

Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant **The kingdom of God is at hand.**

People **O come let us Worship.**

First Reading **Jeremiah 31. 7–14**

For thus 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.' See, 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 labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With 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. Hear 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.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They 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. Then 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. I 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**

Psalm 147. 13-21

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;

he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders;

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth,

and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool;

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;

who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them;

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and his judgements to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation;

to them he has not revealed his judgements. Hallelujah!

Second Reading Ephesians 1. 3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the

good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Hymn **Of Eternal Love Begotten (132)**

*Of eternal love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of all things that are and have been, and the future years shall
see,
evermore and evermore.*

*At his Word the worlds were framèd. He commanded, it was
done:*

*Heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order
one;*

*all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun,
evermore and evermore.*

Gospel: **John 1. 10–18**

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1: 10-18

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn Before the World Began (621)

*Before the world began, one Word was there;
grounded in God he was, rooted in care;
by him all things were made, in him was love displayed,
through him God spoke, and said, "I AM FOR YOU."*

*All who received the Word by God were blessed;
sisters and brothers, they of earth's fond guest.
So did the Word of grace proclaim in time and space
and with a human face, "I AM FOR YOU."*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace.")

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Officiant God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn **On This Day Earth Shall Ring (150)**
On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

Ideo - o - o, Ideo - o - o, Ideo Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

Ideo - o - o, Ideo - o - o, Ideo Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Organ

Les enfants de Dieu
The children of God

Olivier Messiaen

This organ work is one of nine meditations from La Nativité du Seigneur (The Birth of Our Lord) written in 1935. Messiaen's inspiration is from his chosen short passage of scripture on which each meditation is based. 'Les enfants de Dieu' is inspired in part by words from today's Gospel reading - John 1 verse 12., as well as Paul's epistle to the Galatians, chapter 4, verse 6.

Here is the complete scriptural passage from which Messiaen gained his inspiration: "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"

In this organ meditation, a surging tumultuous fanfare represents spiritual birth, erupting through a huge crescendo - - and then subsiding into a quiet epilogue. Messiaen says this quiet passage describes the tender and confident call to the Heavenly Father.

The flowers on the reredos are given to the Glory of God from the parish.

For Those Who We Have Been Asked to Pray:

Ray, Sandy, Adelyn, Dale, Paul, Dan, Rebekah, Comfort, Pat, Lillian, Peggy, Peggy Anne, Valerie, Pam, Peter, Lois, Bob, Pauline, David Capelazo, Anne Tolson, Dennis, Vivien, and Ben.

We pray for front line and essential workers and for all who are affected by COVID19.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church in Canada: Diocese of Fredericton: the Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Prov. of Canada)

Diocese of Edmonton: St. George, Fort Saskatchewan: Aaron Parsall-Myler (s. Erika), Rector.

Buyé Diocese: Kabataha Parish: Fabien, Rector.

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