

Please join us Christmas morning at 10:30am for prayer on Zoom! Link available in newsletter and via www.StFrancisEureka.com.



CHRISTMAS DAY MORNING PRAYER

DECEMBER 25, 2021

Please remain on mute during the service unless otherwise indicated.

PRELUDE

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

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Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessèd,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)
Meter: 87. 87 with Refrain

OPENING SENTENCE

Presider Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People Amen.

OPENING HYMN

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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BOB SMITH

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God, Glory in the highest;

Refrain

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory give;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

VENITE

MICHAEL BOOKER

Reader Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reader Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Reader Sing to the LORD a new song,
 for he has done marvelous things.
 With his right hand and his holy arm
 has he won for himself the victory.
 The LORD has made known his victory;
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
 Sing to the LORD with the harp,
 with the harp and the voice of song.
 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
 shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
 the lands and those who dwell therein.
 Let the rivers clap their hands,
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
 when he comes to judge the earth.
 In righteousness shall he judge the world
 and the peoples with equity.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

MICHAEL BOOKER

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*THE SECOND READING**JOE O'REILLY*

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John.

1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

THE REV. LAURIE ANZILOTTI

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS

ST. FRANCIS' BELL CHOIR

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS

Presider The Lord be with you.

People's response And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

Presider Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Presider Day by day we bless you;
People **We praise your name for ever.**

Presider Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People **For we put our trust in you.**

Presider In you, Lord, is our hope;
People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider O God, you make us glad by the yearly celebration of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

The Presider will invite you to unmute and share prayers and thanksgivings with the congregation.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

People **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Presider Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE

H 107

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!

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!

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!

BLESSING

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**