TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GALVESTON, TEXAS

JANUARY 3, 2021
THE 2nd SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30 AM.
LITURGY OF THE WORD - RITE TWO

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY
ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN CELEBRATION OF ALL THOSE WITH
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK
1/04 Marcia Lee Edwards 1/08 Eugenia Campbell
1/04 Andrew Fulton 1/08 John VanDewalli
1/05 Stuart Hoff 1/09 John Kelso
1/08 Sean O’Rourke 1/09 Mary Rudenberg

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PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR PARISHIONERS
Jeff and Shanna Pennington, Teresa Reeves, Roger Lindsey, Eric Trout, Judy Giovannini,
Jacque and Mike Ellis, Leta Higgins and Joy Unbehagen.

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
Jim Onstott, Grace Johnson, Leah Malloy, David Edwards,
John Briggs, Craig Morgan, Fred Burns, Ragna Case, Michael Pistone, Bill Taylor
and for all who have been afflicted with the Corona virus.
Liturgy of the Word - Rite II

Prelude
Noël in D
Louis-Claude D’Aquin

The Celebrant Begins.
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.

Vocal Solo
Gloria in Excelsis
Roy Flores, tenor

Marvin Beinema

Celebant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebant: Let us pray.
People: Amen

Collect (see insert – Contemporary)
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 Lesson – Jeremiah 31:7-14 (see insert)
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 labor, 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.
After the Lesson
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 - Read together

1 How 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.

3 Happy 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.

5 Those 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.

7 Lord 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.

[9 For 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 the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
    he will give grace and glory;

11 No 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 Lesson – Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a  (*See insert*)

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. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I 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, so 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Vocal Solo  Brightest and Best  Richard Shephard

The Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12 (*see insert*)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Following the reading of the Gospel
People:  Praise be to thee, O Lord.

The Sermon  The Reverend Lillian Hyde

Vocal Solo  Arise, Shine, for Your Light is Come  Robert J. Powell
Roy Flores, tenor

The Nicene Creed *(read by Lector)*
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

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world

We ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Andy, Jeff, Hector and Kai; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

We ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

We ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in need or trouble.

We ask for your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found in him.
We ask your prayers for the departed.

**Pray for those who have died.**

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Pause*

*I now invite you to offer your prayers of intercession or thanksgiving at this time - silently or aloud.*

**Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

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.*

**Absolution**

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** *(stand)*

  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

  **People:** And also with you.

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

  Noël in D

  Louis-Claude D’Aquin

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**OFFICIANT**

The Reverend Lillian Hyde, Interim Rector

**LAY READER/WORSHIP LEADER**

Jo Ann Ware

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Ron Wyatt

**SOLOIST**
Roy Flores, tenor