

# St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday After Christmas Day

December 29, 2013

Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 a.m.

**Prelude**

*Improvisation of "The First Nowell"*

**C.P.P. Burton**

## **The Word of God**

*At the tolling of the bell, all stand.*

*Go tell it on the mountain*

**Entrance Hymn**

**Hymnal 99**

**The Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

**Collect for Purity**

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.**

**Hymn of Praise**

*Angels we have heard on high*

**Hymnal 96**

**Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

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*The Rev. Brad A. Rundlett, Rector*

*The Rev. Leslie H. Chadwick, Associate Rector*

*Mrs. Christine Hoyle, Director of Children & Youth Ministries,*

*Ms. Elizabeth Tomlinson, Seminarian*

*Mr. Kevin Hamilton, Parish Administrator*

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 147:13-21** *Psalm is chanted on the long note. The text in bold indicates when to move to the shorter note.*



- 13      Worship the LORD O Je-**rusalem**;  
        praise your God O **Zion**;
- 14      For he has strengthened the bars of your **gates**;  
        he has blessed your children with-**in you**.
- 15      He has established peace on your **borders**;  
        he satisfies you with the finest **wheat**.
- 16      He sends out his command to the **earth**,  
        and his word runs very **swiftly**.
- 17      He gives snow like **wool**;  
        he scatters hoarfrost like **ashes**.
- 18      He scatters his hail like **bread crumbs**;  
        who can stand against his **cold**?
- 19      He sends forth his word and **melts them**;  
        he blows with his wind and the waters **flow**.
- 20      He declares his word to **Jacob**,  
        his statutes and his judgments to **Israel**.

*(second half of chant)*

- 21      He has not done so to any other **nation**;  
        to them he has not revealed his judgments. Halle-**lujah!**

## The Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*Father eternal, Ruler of creation*

**Hymnal 573**

## The Gospel

**John 1:1-18**

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

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

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. (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.

*Celebrant*        *The Gospel of the Lord*

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

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Leslie Chadwick**

## Nicene Creed

*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

*Leader:* Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, Healer and Redeemer, we pray for the world, for all who suffer from poverty, disease, tyranny, war, and natural disasters. Enlighten our minds, improve our skills, and increase our compassion for the whole human family. **Giver of life, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Son of God, Prince of Peace, we pray for community, state, national leaders, and for the people they serve; grant us wisdom, a passion for peace, the determination to improve conditions for every person on this planet, and the will to preserve the earth. **Savior of the world, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Wonderful Counselor, Light of the World, we pray for the Church; inspire and guide us, help us to be thoughtful, generous, brave, and true, in our service and witness to you. **Lord and Master, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Miracle Worker, Friend of the forsaken, we pray for people who are alone and lonely, homeless, in prison, addicted, abusing and abused, who suffer from mental torment. Give us the knowledge and skill to support one another through the journey of life. **Merciful Messiah, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Bread of Life, Hope of the World, we thank you for opening Heaven's doors to all of God's people; we remember individuals we love who have died, and we pray for people who are dying now. **Lamb of God, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Kingdom's King, Bestower of Blessings, we praise you and thank you for your gracious providence, for the innumerable gifts you continually present to us, for promises beyond our wildest dreams. **Gracious One, Sovereign of the Universe, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Holy Promised and Anointed Christ, we remember your vow to be with us always; we celebrate your presence here and now, and throughout the world. **Living Water, Cup of Salvation, we pray to you.**

*(Pause)*

Blessed Christ, we pray that your Spirit will live and grow within us. Transform us with your love. Perfect our worship, witness, and service. **That love, peace, hope, faith, and joy may spread throughout the world. Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

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

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 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.**

*Celebrant* 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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## The Offering

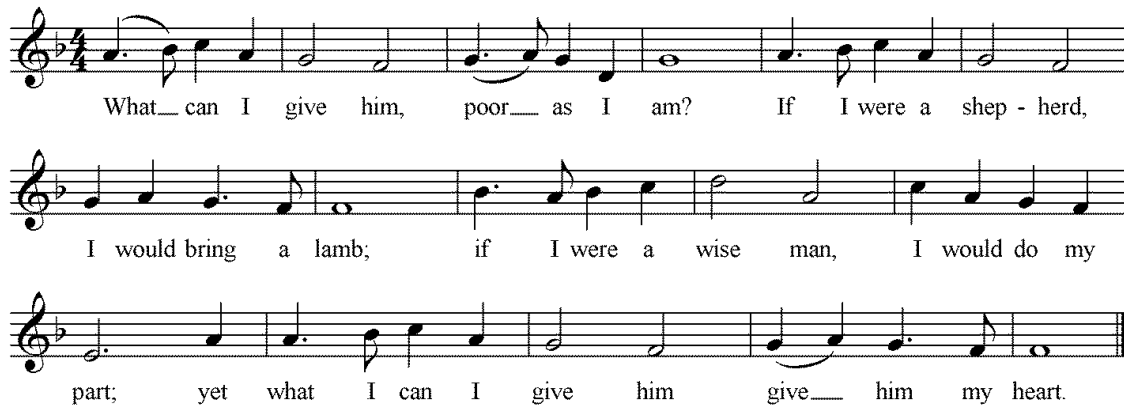
*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

### Presentation Hymn

*In the bleak mid-winter*



What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shep - herd,  
I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my  
part; yet what I can I give him give him my heart.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant 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. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**  
*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **The Administration of Communion**

**Communion Hymn** *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* **Hymnal 324**

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

All **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.**

### **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn** *Angels from the realms of Glory* **Hymnal 93**

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** *Swiss Noel* **Louis Calude Daquin**