

# St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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## Morning Prayer Rite II

The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 27, 2020

### PRELUDE

*The Huron Carol*

Canadian Folk Carol (arr. W. Caldwell)

### The Opening

### OPENING SENTENCE (BCP P. 75)

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. *Luke 2:10, 11*

### OPENING HYMN

*Arise, shine, for your light has come*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land;  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

*Refrain*

But over you the Lord shall rise,  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

*Refrain*

Violence will no more be heard in your land,  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and all your portals, Praise,

The sun will no more be your light by day;  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon

*Refrain*

Refrain

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, his  
glo - ry is up - on you.

## CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP P. 79-80)

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.**

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.

## VERSICLE AND RESPONSE (BCP P. 80)

Lord, open our lips.  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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.**

Alleluia. To us a child is born:  
**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Venite**        *Psalm 95:1-7*

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!  
Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.\*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Antiphon

Alleluia. To us a child is born:  
**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Psalm 147:13-21**

*Laudate Dominum*

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within 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.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

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.

**The Lessons**

**Old Testament Lesson**      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,  
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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 11    The Third Song of Isaiah**    (BCP P. 87-88)  
*Surge, illuminare    Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come,\*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land;\*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise,\*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light,\*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open;\*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord,\*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land,\*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation,\*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day;\*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light,\*  
and your God will be your glory.

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.

**New Testament 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 21 You are God** (BCP P. 95-96)  
*Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;  
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;  
You are the eternal Father:  
All creation worships you.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-18).  
**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev. Nick Griffith

## MUSICAL MEDITATION

*Mary's Lullaby*

Mary E. Caldwell

Lullay, lully, lullay, lully.  
So still he came to rest within my arms;  
Stars shone, angels sang, drenching the world with music  
Lullay, lully, lullay, lully.

O little Princeling, sweet Jesu, my Son,  
already a King enthroned with in my heart.  
See Thy sparkling diadem of tiny stars,  
and Thy costly robe of silver spun  
from fragile threads of moonlight.

But I have no treasure, to secure Thy Kingdom,  
only hopes, and dreams, and my tears of joy;  
And for Thy slumber only this soft lullaby.

Lullay, lully, lullay, lully.  
So still he came to rest within my arms;  
Stars shone, angels sang,  
drenching the world with music  
Lullay, lully, lullay, lully.

*from The Road To Bethlehem, text MEC*

Wendy Caldwell, *Soprano, Piano*

**APOSTLE'S CREED** (BCP P. 96)

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

**LORD'S PRAYER** (BCP P. 97)

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

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** (BCP P. 97-98)

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## COLLECT

### Collect of the Day

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.**

### For Mission (BCP P. 100)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## ANTHEM

*Only a Baby Came*

Natalie Slee

They waited for a king with crown of  
gold to save the world as was foretold,  
A Sovereign wise, a ruler bold,  
but only a baby came.

Twas but a babe who came that night,  
a wonder to proclaim,  
With brightest star to shed its light  
and set the world aflame.

Only a babe to bear the shame,  
Only a babe with love his name,  
Only a lowly, holy baby came.

They waited for a prince to gain the  
throne, a Saviour sent by God alone  
A Lord with kingdom yet unknown, but  
only a baby came.

They waited for a word of truth divine,  
a heavenly dove, a sacred sign,  
a living branch of Jesse's line,  
But only a baby came.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP P. 383-385)

### *Form I*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops John and Diane, and for all the clergy and people, let us  
pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Los Angeles, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray  
to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the  
Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to  
the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Alban and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP P. 101)**

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.

**The Ending**

#### **BENEDICTION (BCP P. 102)**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*



CLOSING HYMN

*Angels, from the realms of glory (verses 1,2,4)*

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*  
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal star:  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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*Inspired by God's infinite grace and love in Jesus Christ,  
the mission of St. Alban's Church is to serve.*

*Our Rule of Life is to:  
Worship each week  
Welcome and embrace all people  
Create community through prayer, study and action  
Celebrate our relationships with each other.*

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