



**ST HELENA** *The Parish Church of*

**KNOWING** *the Savior*  
**ALIGNING** *with the Lord*  
**SEEING** *the Kingdom come*

*An Anglican Congregation • Beaufort, South Carolina*

## **The Second Sunday of Christmas**

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:30 a.m.

**Welcome to our Worship Service**

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# Order of Worship

**Prelude:** The Old Year Has Passed

arr. J. S. Bach

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:** Angels from the Realms of Glory

*Regent Square*

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

*Refrain:* Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant Light; *Refrain.*

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star; *Refrain.*

Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear; *Refrain.*

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

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

*The celebrant prays:*

### **The 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.**

### **The Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.  
Matthew 22:37-40

**Gloria:** Angels We Have Heard on High

*Gloria*

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

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day** (*Remain standing*)

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 our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the reading of God's Word.*

**First Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

**The Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-23

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for

Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”<sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt<sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.<sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,<sup>20</sup> saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.”<sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.<sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.<sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:**

The Rev. Shay Gaillard

**The Prayers of the People** (*Kneeling or seated as you are able*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

*The celebrant concludes:*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution of Sin

*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The priest says:*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

## Announcements

### The Holy Communion

**Hymn:** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*Carol*

It came upon the midnight,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the eart  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heav’n’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel-sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

O ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! For glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing;  
O rest beside the weary road,  
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hast'ning on,  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the evercircling years  
Shall come the time forerold,  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And all the world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **The Sursum Corda**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

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 him thanks and praise.*



## The Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Kneeling or seated as you are able.*

## The Prayer of Consecration

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

### The Prayer of Humble Access

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

### The Invitation

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### The Ministration of Communion

*Infant holy, infant lowly,  
For his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing,  
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
Tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!*

### The Post Communion Prayer

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### The Blessing

**Closing Hymn: The First Noel**

*The First Nowell*

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:* Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of God's bright star,  
Three wise men approached from a kingdom afar;  
To seek the king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain.*

Then entered in those wise men three,  
Fell rev'rently upon their knee;  
A fitting gift did each present:  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain.*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain.*

**The Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power  
of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Postlude:** In Thee Is Gladness

arr. J. S. Bach

***Please take your bulletin with you and be mindful of  
social-distancing recommendations as you leave.***

## **Participating in the Service:**

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector  
The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway, Bishop in Residence  
The Rev. Claudia Carucci, Deacon  
Jeff Harbin, Choirmaster and Organist  
The Parish Choir and the Choir of Boys and Girls  
Hal Sumner, Lector

### **High altar flowers**

are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
Rebecca Seymour,  
given by her parents Marcia and Rich Seymour

**Flowers at the baptismal font** are given by  
Keith and Michelle Hughes  
to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for many blessings.

## **Our Vision**

St. Helena's will boldly proclaim the saving Gospel and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and through intentional discipleship, will raise up servant leaders and worshipping communities in Beaufort and beyond, seeing the Kingdom come.

## **The Parish Church of St. Helena**

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