

St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís
Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 3, 2010
10:00 a.m.



Vision: "Be One in Christ"

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The Reverend Ledly O. Moss, Sr., Deacon
Mr. John M. Barrow, Organist & Choirmaster

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-8

The Reader says the words in *italics*. The **People** say the words in **bold**.

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; * harken, O God of Jacob.*

8 **Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

Reader: 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 forever. Amen**

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Sequence Hymn 82

Of the Father's love

Divinum mysterium

Verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verses 3-4 after the reading.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John

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

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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

The Sermon

Father Richard Aguilar

All standing

The 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 worshipped 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.**

Prayers of the People: Form, II

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Leader: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our
Bishop Leo; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

People: **Pray for the Church.**

Silence

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

People: **Pray for justice and peace.**

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and
those those in prison.

People: **Pray for those in any need or trouble.**

Silence

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

People: **Pray that they may find and be found by him.**

Silence

Leader: I ask your prayers for the departed.

People: **Pray for those who have died.**

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for_____. I ask your thanksgiving for_____.

Leader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

People: Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant: O God our Creator, to restore our fallen race you spoke the effectual word, and the Eternal Word became Flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mercifully grant that as Jesus humbled himself to be clothed with our humanity, so may we be found worthy to be clothed in the divinity of Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

During the festival season of Christmas, the Confession is omitted.

The Peace

Please stand.

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

People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

I Chronicles 29:11

🎵 **Offertory Hymn 84** **Love came down at Christmas** *Gartan*

🎵 **Doxology**

Please stand

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,
People: and of thine own have we given thee. *1 Chronicles 29:14*

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Please remain standing

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

 **Sanctus** S-130 *Franz Schubert*

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the celebrant continues

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent Christ to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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;**

The celebrant continues

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 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 sing

The Celebrant and People may join hands and sing together :

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors,
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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Then the following is sung:

♯ Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* S-164 *Deutsche Messe*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy in us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, our redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

***You who are guests this Christmas Season are welcome to worship at St. Margaret's and
among the Episcopal Community of Miami Lakes. All baptized Christians are invited to
receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.***

♯ Communion Hymn 110 The snow lay on the ground *Venite adoremus*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Celebrant and **People** say together,
**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries**

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen

The Blessing

The Celebrant says

May the Christ Child, who by the Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with everlasting joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

🎵 Recessional Hymn 106 (Verses 1, 2, 5 and 6) Christians, awake *Yorkshire*

The Deacon dismisses the People with the following words.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for the coffee hour and fellowship in order to meet and greet one another in Christ.

Assisting the Service Today

Greeters/Ushers

Lector 1st Reading

Psalmist

Lector 2nd Reading

Chalice Bearers

Acolytes

Crucifer

1st Server

2nd Server

Torchbearers

Altar Guild

Flower Guild

Bread of Life

Reception Host

Vestry Person of the Day

Choir:

Anita Buker, Rubina Burke, John & Mary Cox,
Hyacinth Ellis, Charles Foote, Adele Reese, Tony &
Mireya Medina, Juliet Nwahiri, Nilda Brandy,
Michelle Aguilar, Alex Diaz

The Dotts

The Matthews

Charles Foote

Ann Goraczko

Alex Diaz

Davine Scarlett

Blessing Nnadi

Sean Palmer

Ashley Miller

Geneva Palmer

Michael Nnadi

Jamal Miller

Cathy Dott

Pam Decarreau

Mabel Savery

Tim Foster

Wayne Savery

Prayer Team: John & Mary Cox, Justin & Weada Matthews

Prayers are asked for:

Lois Allison, Gloria Bonilla, Allison Cottrell, Hyacinth Ellis,
Penni Johnson, Jean and Edwin Lopez, Louise Loftman, Weada
Matthews, Gil McDonald, Donnell Miller, Jackie Nagel, Adele
Reese, Eileen Seiplex, Canon Suze-Anne Silla and Family, Lois
Ann Wilson.

Appropriate prayers may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pages
458-461

