

**St. Clement's Church**  
**Holy Eucharist**

**The Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**January 3, 2010**

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**Organ Prelude**

*A la Venue de Noel*

Claude Balbastre

**Processional Hymn 93**

Angels, from the realms of glory

*Regent Square*

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

**The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Summary of the Law**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo S-280**

Robert Powell

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

For 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.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 84:1-8**

- 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*.

### **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, according to the working of his great power.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 97**

Dost thou in a manger lie

*Dies est laetitiae*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

*Gospeller*   The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*     Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, 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.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

*Gospeller*   The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Bruce D. O’Neill

**The Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

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#### **Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Absolution and Comfortable Words**

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#### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And with thy spirit.

#### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall;

and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding  
abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Anniversary Prayer**

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony  
that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity  
between Christ and his Church; look mercifully upon these thy servants,  
that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together  
in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,  
that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee  
and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

### **Announcements**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*Now Let Us Sing With Joy and Mirth*  
Adult & Youth Choirs

Medieval English Carol  
arr. Gustav Holst

Now let us sing with joy and mirth, in honour of the Lordes birth,  
His love and His humanity, that gave Himself for us to die.

By Adam we were all forlorn, but now Christ Jesus to us born  
Has freed us from captivity, and vanquishes has our enemy.

The angels sang with merriness, unto the shepherds more or less,  
And bade them of good comfort be for Christes new nativity.

For you were all by sin forlorn; this babe to you that now is born  
Shall make you safe and for your die, and you restore to liberty.

This babe for you did shed His blood and suffered death upon the rood.  
And for His great humanity exalted is His majesty.

And now He is our advocate, He prays for us both aire and late,  
This can the scripture verify so far is any man is He.

#### **Presentation Hymn 288, verse 1**

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#### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* It is meet and right so to do.  
*Celebrant*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Sanctus, S-129**

Robert Powell

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God... BCP p. 341

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* AMEN.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Agnus Dei, S-163**

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**Prayer of Humble Access**

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn 465**      Eternal light, shine in my hearts      *Ach bleib bei uns*

**Ablutions Anthem**      *Jesu, Thou the Virgin Born*      Medieval English Carol  
Adult & Youth Choirs      arr. Gustav Holst

Jesu of a maiden thou wast born, to save mankind that was forlorn,  
All for our sins. *Jesu fili virgine, miserere nobis.*

Within a cradle he was laid; both ox and ass with him played  
With joy and bliss. *Jesu fili virgine, miserere nobis.*

Then for us he shed his blood, and also died he on the rood,  
All for our sins. *Jesu fili virgine, miserere nobis.*

And then to hell he took the way to ransom them that there did lay,  
With joy and bliss. *Jesu fili virgine, miserere nobis.*

**Postcommunion Prayer**      *People and Celebrant*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost feed us,  
in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby  
of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate  
in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works  
as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom,  
with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn 124**      What star is this, with beams so bright      *Puer nobis*

### **Dismissal**

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Organ Postlude**      *Noel Étranger*      Louis-Claude Daquin