



the **Church**  
of **St Peter** and  
**St Simon**-the-Apostle

**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**December 29, 2019**

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### **Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am.**

Celebrant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine  
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.  
Collect BCP p 113. For the readings see 10:30 am.



### **Choral Eucharist at 10:30 am.**

Celebrant & Homilist: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine  
Assisting: The Reverend Jennifer Matthews/The Reverend Michael Perry  
Mass Settings: Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus – *Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*  
*Agnus Dei, Missa Corde Natus Ex Parentis* - HEALEY WILLAN

Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.  
Children going to church school are invited to gather by the font during the opening hymn.  
Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the Church.

The service begins on page 230 of the green *Book of Alternative Services*,  
or on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

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**Prelude** *Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her* [*From Heaven on high I come here*],  
BWV 606 J.S. BACH

### **Gathering of the Community**

**Hymn 136** *While Shepherds Watched*

WINCHESTER OLD

#### **The Greeting**

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **unto whom all hearts be 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.**

*Celebrant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. 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.

*All* **Lord have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Gloria - Hymn Book #679**

MERBECKE

*Celebrant* Glory be to God on high,  
**and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, who hast given us thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we being regenerate and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## **Proclamation of the Word**

**Old Testament Lesson** *Isaiah 63.7-9*

Read by Isabelle Robinson

*Reader* The Old Testament Lesson is written in the 63<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the 7<sup>th</sup> verse.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 148** *Please remain seated.*



- 1 O praise the ' Lord · from the ' heavens: / praise ' -- him ' in the ' heights.
- 2 Praise him, all ye ' angels of ' his: / praise ' -- him ' all his ' host.
- 3 Praise him ' sun and ' moon: / praise him ' all ye ' stars of ' light.
- 4 Praise him ' all ye ' heavens, / and ye waters that ' are a'bove the ' heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the ' Name · of the ' Lord; / for he commanded ' and they ' were cre'ated.
- 6 He hath made them fast for ' ever and ' ever: /  
he hath given them a ' law which ' shall not · be ' broken.
- 7 Praise the ' Lord · from the ' earth, / ye ' dragons and ' all ' deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, ' snow and ' vapour, / wind and ' storm, ful'filling his ' word;
- 9 Mountains and ' all ' hills; / fruitful ' trees and ' all ' cedars;
- 10 Beasts and ' all ' cattle; / creeping ' things and ' feathered ' fowls;
- 11 Kings of the earth, and ' all ' peoples; / princes and all ' judges ' of the ' world;
- 12 Young men and ' maidens to'gether; / old ' men ' and ' children;
- 13 Let them praise the ' Name · of the ' Lord; /  
for his Name only is excellent, and his ' glory a-bove ' heaven and ' earth.
- 14 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his ' saints shall ' praise him: /  
even the children of Israel, even the ' people that ' serveth ' him.

**Epistle** *Hebrews 2.10-18*

Read by Isabelle Robinson

*Reader* The Epistle is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, beginning at the 10<sup>th</sup> verse.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the

sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** *Unto Us A Boy Is Born*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Unto us a boy is born! King of all creation,  
came he to a world forlorn, the Lord of every nation.

Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses;  
but the very beasts could see that he us all surpasses.

Herod then with fear was filled: 'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!'  
All the little boys he killed at Bethlem in his fury.

Now may Mary's son, who came so long ago to love us,  
lead us all with hearts aflame unto the joys above us.

He the Source and he the End! Let the organ thunder,  
while our happy voices rend the jocund air asunder!

**The Holy Gospel** *Matthew 2.13-23*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 13<sup>th</sup> verse.

*All* **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 fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' 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 Christ.  
*All* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Homily

### Nicene Creed

*Celebrant* I believe in one God,  
*All* 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 the 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; through whom all things were made: who for us 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, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped 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** *Please kneel or stand, as able.*

Led by Ian Corlett

### Confession and Absolution

*The Celebrant invites the General Confession.  
Silence is kept. Please kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
*All* Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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 honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Absolution is pronounced.*

### The Peace

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

*All* And with thy spirit.

*We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you – a handshake, slight bow or other form of greeting. Please respect the wishes of those who prefer not to shake hands.*

## Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory Hymn 151** *All Poor Folk and Humble*

OLWEN

*During the hymn collection will be taken.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* God of light, in the birth of thy Son we see thy glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in thy love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All** **It is meet and right so to do.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface. Then all sing:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - - -  
5 - ly, Lord God of hosts, hea - ven and  
9 earth are full - of - thy glo - ry: Glo - -  
13 - ry be to thee, O Lord most High. Bless - ed - is he that com - eth -  
18 in - the name - of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to

suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

*All* **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee,  
Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer – Sung Hymn Book #684**

MERBECKE

*Celebrant* We do not presume,

*All* **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 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.**

**Agnus Dei**

*Choir* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us (repeat).  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

## Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine. Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health. You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer.*

*Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.*

*Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.*

**Hymn 122** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

**Motet** *Lully, Lulla, Lullay*

PHILIP STOPFORD

Lully, Lulla, Lullay, by, by, lully, lullay.

O sisters two how may we do for to preserve this day?

This poor young ling for whom we sing by, by lully, lullay. Lully...

Herod the king in his raging, charged he hath this day.

His men of might inn his own sight all young children to slay. Lully...

That woe is me, poor Child for Thee, and ever morn and day.

For thy parting neither say nor sing, by, by, lully, lullay. Lully...

Words from a Traditional Carol

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of Divine life always follow the way of thy Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

**whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Announcements** *Please be seated.*

**Hymn 156** *The People That in Darkness Sat*

DUNDEE

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude** *A Medley of Traditional Carols*