

(Recorded Service) Welcome to our First New Year 2022 hybrid worship in-person and online during the COVID-19 pandemic season. We are grateful to God for keeping us alive, for the blessings of life, for the privilege of worship and fellowship with others. We gather with all who are seeking for meaning and comfort in this strange and challenging time. We offer healing prayers to God especially for Donna Ramsey, Nelson Greene Jr., Katie Clayborne, Gwen Black, Harriet King Duncan, Saunders Miller, Denise Brown, Lelia Crowders, John Lewis; John Schnick, John Schnick Jr. We pray for Joan Maurer who died and is resting at the bosom of the Lord. We offer thanksgiving prayers for our spiritual leaders, for President Biden, and leaders of nations. We welcome all who are worshipping with us for the first time.

Music **Come This Far By Faith**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWiCeB2yMhs>

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be His Kingdom, Now and forever. Amen.**

The Officiant and People Pray

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.

Officiant and People

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

The Collect: Second Sunday After Christmas

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

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST LESSON. Jeremiah 31:7-14

Angela King

⁷For 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." ⁸See, 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. ⁹With 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. ¹⁰Hear 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." ¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They 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. ¹³Then 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. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying the church

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 84

Cris Abad

- 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.
- ⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹⁰ For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- ¹¹ No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹² O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

Glory to the father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and be forever.

SECOND LESSON. Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Dr. Ernest Ogbozor

³ 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,⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying the church

People: Thanks be to God

Music: Alleluia, Alleluia, Worthy is the Lamb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVFzxazTQNM>

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 Rev. Carolyne Adhola

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹³ 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.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ 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.”¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,²⁰ “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.”²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.²² 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.²³ 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.”

Priest: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Music: Joy to the World.....AH #197

Sermon

The Very Rev. Collins Asonye

Dedication and Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant 2022

Prayers of The People Form III

Dr. Cossette Livas

People and Officiant pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed victims of terrorism around the world, victims of gun violence, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fire, and car accidents eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom

Let us pray for those on the Prayer List.

Deborah Daniel

The Collect for the Poor and Marginalized

Nadine Goff

Risen Christ, as you dwell with us open our eyes to see the needs of your world, open our ears to hear the cries of the poor, of the suffering, the marginalized. When we do not recognize you in those we meet, call to us by name as we walk beside them. Show us renewed life in unexpected places, when we are blinded by our assumptions and limited by our human vision. We pray for all who cannot imagine resurrection because their own lives are fraught with violence and oppression, sorrow, and grief. We ask in the name of the father, Son and holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Collect for Health Care Workers

Mtipe Koggani

We pray for our world in the grip of Coronavirus pandemic, for people who are gravely ill and for those who grieve the deaths of the ones they loved. We are grateful beyond words for people who continue to work in health care, aged care, and other essential services risking their own health for the care of others. When the time of pandemic passes, encourage us to remember what we have learned about what is truly of value in life. We ask in the name of the Father, Son and holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Collect for Commitment and Renewal

Dolores Johnson

Living Christ move us to walk in partnership with creation seeking the liberation of your people knowing that your Spirit will accompany us. Reassure us and renew us, as we recommit to lives of service lived without reservation, embracing your passion for justice and peace. Risen Christ, on this day may our world change because of your life in us. May our prayers stay with us in the season of Advent and stir us to make real our dreams for a world reborn. We ask in the name of the Father, Son and holy Spirit **Amen**

A Prayer for Mission

Barbara Wells

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Prayer for Outreach

Chuck Crowders

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So, clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; In Jesus Name. **Amen.**

Silence

The Priest says the concluding Prayer.

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 forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Priest, stands and says

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.*

The Peace:

Offertory: The Altar Candles are lit and prepare the Table

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

People **And also with you.**

Music Jesus the Light of the World **AH 217**

The Holy Eucharist The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

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.

Proper Preface for Sunday as appointed.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord,

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Celebrant and People

**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.

Celebrant Continue

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 He was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 sharing of the body and blood

Let us pray. Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Go...to live fully to love wastefully to be all that you can be.

Go... with the love of Divine Presence enfolding you, the peace of Jesus Christ within you, and the breath of the Holy Spirit inspiring your life. **Amen.**

Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth. Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn: Go Tell it on the Mountain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ruGHkSWX84>

Important Announcement:

Christmas and New Year's Worship Schedule

- Christmas Eve: Friday, Dec 24 – Festival Holy Eucharist Service Time 7pm
- Sunday Worship: Sunday, Dec 26 – Festival Holy Eucharist Service 10AM
- New Year's Eve: Friday, Dec 31 – Festival Holy Eucharist Service Time 7pm
- Sunday Worship: Sunday Jan 2 – New Year's Festival Holy Eucharist & Dedication Service 10AM