The Sermon: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

#### Offertory Hymn ~ 81 vs. 1-4, 8

(during this hymn a collection is taken)

O come, Redeemer of mankind, appear, thee with full hearts the Virgin-born we greet; let every age with rapt amazement hear that wondrous birth which for our God is meet.

Not by the will of man, or mortal seed, but by the Spirit's breathed mysterious grace the Word of God became our flesh indeed, and grew a tender plant of human race.

Lo! Mary's virgin womb its burthen bears; nor less abides her virgin purity; in the King's glory see our nature shares; here in his temple God vouchsafes to be.

From His bright chamber, virtue's holy shrine, the royal Bridegroom cometh to the day; of twofold substance, human and divine, as giant swift, rejoicing on his way.

All praise and glory to the Father be, all praise and glory to his only son, all praise and glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, both now, and while eternal ages run.

Words: Ambrose of Milan (339-397), From Veni Redemptor gentium, Latin; Translation: David Thomas Morgan (1809-1886)

Holy Communion is administered from Reserved Sacrament Communion Anthem/Motet: "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day"

(J. Gardner)

**Closing Prayers and Blessing** *Please stand as the choir and clergy depart.* 

**Organ Postlude** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 3) Directive, 2020

The following protocols will be enforced: Temperature Checks upon arrival; Wearing of Masks, Designated Seating; the Use of an Offering Box; Physical Distancing- Three (3) feet apart; No physical exchange of the Greeting of Peace; Sanitization of Hands before entering the Cathedral and before Communion.



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#### **CHORAL MATINS**



The First Sunday after Christmas Day Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 9:00 A.M.

### **Organ Prelude**

(All stand as the Cathedral Choir & Clergy enter the Cathedral)

### Introit Hymn ~ 67

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say; Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Words: anonymous, from Latin and German; Translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

## **Versicles and Responses ~** (*Fletcher*)

#### Venite

#### Psalm 147:12-20

- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.

- 17 He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 52:7-10 Lector: **Dr. Sherlock Bradshaw** 

Te Deum Laudamus (Chant)

**The Second Lesson:** John 1:1-14 Lector: **Mr. Victor Small** 

Jubilate Deo (Chant) The Creed, Lesser Litany, Lord Prayer, Responses and Collects.

The Collect ~ The First Sunday after Christmas Day Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

**The Anthem ~** "All bells in paradise" (J. Rutter)

The Notices

#### Hymn ~ 642

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,

the little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me for ever and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Words: vs. 1-2 Little Children's Book for Schools and Families, c1885 and vs. 3 John T. McFarland (1851-1913), from Gabriel's Vineyard Songs, 1892, alt.