

***First Sunday after Christmas
December 30, 2018
Holy Eucharist, Rite II***

Processional	<i>Angels, From the Realms of Glory</i>	Hymn #93
Opening Acclamation	The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)-355	
Collect for Purity	BCP-355	
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	S-280	
The Collect of the Day	insert	
First Reading	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	insert
Psalms	Psalm 147	insert
Second Reading	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	insert
Sequence Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	H #79 (vs. 1-3)
The Gospel	John 1:1-18	insert
The Sermon	The Rev. Donna J. Gerold	
The Nicene Creed	BCP-358	
Prayers of the People	BCP-392	
The Confession and Absolution	BCP-393	
The Peace	BCP-360	
Welcome, Announcements and Offertory		
Anthem	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	by Christina Rossiatti
At the Presentation	Doxology	H#380 (v.3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C	BCP-369
<i>Sanctus</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	BCP-364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP-364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i> WLP#866
Communion Hymns	
	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i> H #90
	<i>What Child Is This</i> H#115
Prayers of Thanksgiving	BCP-365
Recessional	<i>God Rest You Merry Gentlemen</i> H#105
Dismissal	

Ministries for the Day

Celebrant	the Rev. Donna J. Gerold
Acolyte	Cindy Clark
Healing Ministry	Kristin Anderson
Chalice	Candace Springer & Brooks Jones
Lectors	Susan Galloway & Nancy Totman
Prayers	Kristin Anderson
Music	Ina M. Meyer & the Choir
Greeters	Gloria Austin & Lee Bettis
Altar Guild	Aglia Dolan & Nancy Totman
Flower Guild	Wesley Chesnut
Hospitality	ECW

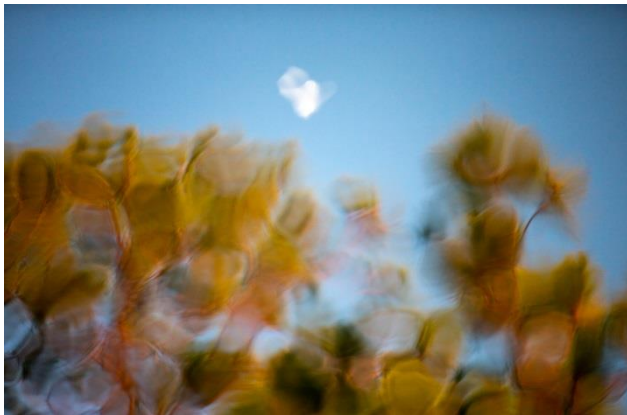
Following the service please join us in Benedict Hall for coffee hour

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FULLNESS

In the epistle lesson for today, Paul testifies that in the fullness of time – when everything was ready, when the world was ripe – God sent his Son – Jesus, the Incarnation of God’s love – born of a woman – flesh and blood just like you and me – so that we might become children of God. St. Augustine explains the purpose of the Incarnation by saying that God became human so that humankind might become God, what the Second Letter of Peter describes as “participants of the divine nature.” (1:4) And John in our gospel for today points out that Christ Jesus, the Word of God, is full of grace and truth, and that from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.



The fullness of our Christmas customs celebrates the overwhelming fullness of God’s self-giving love in the Incarnation. The fullness of delight that comes from all the seasonal goodies, the visits of family and friends, the gifts, the music of the

carols, the lights in and on our houses and trees, the cards and notes in the mail, the special church services indicates that we want to be a part of incarnating that love in the world today. There is an ebb and flow in all creation. Emptiness is the other side of fullness. What comes in the fullness of joy on Christmas goes with the emptiness, the grief, the despair of Good Friday. With so much loss and pain wherever we look throughout the world, it behooves us who experience the fullness of God’s love in this Christmas season to share our hope with those who are empty.

Sharing out the fullness of God’s love and grace that we experience in our lives is what fuels God’s economy – that is how we incarnate God’s love to a hurting world – that is how we radiate the light of God’s presence in the darkness of life – that is how the whole creation becomes illumined with the fullness of the glory of God.

Pat Horn, Author

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The Lord is in His Holy Temple

*Welcome! We are glad to have you worship with us today.
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God for our blessings and for the beauty of this place.*



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