

# *First Sunday of Christmas*

*December 27, 2009*

*Celebrant: The Reverend Janet Fullmer*  
*Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
The Dalles, Oregon

## **The Word of God**

### **The Opening Hymn**

*O come, all ye faithful*

Hymnal 83

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;  
*Refrain* *O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,*  
*O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only-begotten Son of God the Father; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger, we would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

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### **The Acclamation**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

### **Song of Praise**

*Angels we have heard on high*

Hymnal 96

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain.*

*Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958) CCLI2949699*

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant* 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 forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

*Psalm 147:13-21*

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- 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.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \* to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

*Love came down at Christmas*

Hymnal 84

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;  
love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.  
Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?  
Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine,  
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*People* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily**  
*Silence*

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

**The Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for all members of 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; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon. We pray for all who serve in your church;

***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.***

We pray for this parish family, for our friends and family, and especially for those we love who are not with us this day; we pray for the New Orleans Rebuilding and Haiti Mission Teams, our Sunday School students and teachers, and all who reach out to others to give them light and life and hope. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

We give you thanks for our many blessings, (*Congregation adds thanksgivings*) and we seek your strength to serve you faithfully.

***That your kingdom may be known throughout the earth.***

We pray especially for Tim, Karen, Susan, Emma, Carolyn, Janet, Sandy, Anne, Caroline, Dale. Please add your own intercessions at this time. (*Congregations add petitions*)

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

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(*Congregation adds petitions*) *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Peace** *Please stand*

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

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life*

*The Thank Offerings this quarter are being given for SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) and education needs in the Holy Land.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory**

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

Hymnal 87

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

*Refrain*      *Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## **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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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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.

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:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**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, forever 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All are welcome to receive; Please come forward for the elements or for a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

### **The Communion Hymns**

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

LEVAS 152

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

*Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood  
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*Taste and See*

LEVAS 154

*Refrain Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
O Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for He has been so good to me. *Refrain*

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise His name.  
I called the Lord and He answered me; from all my troubles He set me free. *Refrain*

Worship the Lord all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good; in Him we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

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**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may bless the people*

**The Recessional**

*Joy to the World*

Hymnal 100

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven , and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

*Deacon* [Dismissal]

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

*Servers today~ Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;  
Acolyte: Mike Fowler and Don Dickinson; Worship Leader: Ron Fullmer; Eucharist Minister: Sandy Kice;  
Lector: Barbee Hodgkins; Prayers of the People: Marilyn Roth and Diane Adams; Altar Guild: Alice Rohrbacher;  
Altar Bread: John Langfeldt; Coffee Hour: Pat and Mike Fowler; Greeter: MaryEllen Lowe.*

*Thanks to all for the Poinsettias, given to the Glory of God, in thanksgiving for the gift of His Son, and in memory of friends, family and loved ones.*

***Blessings this Holy Christmastide***

**PLEASE PRAY:**

For friends and family, including Betty, Gretchen and Rustin, Tim Rippee, Susan, Carolyn and Emma, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Joan, Lynn, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Matthew Ketchum, Albert South, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

***NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:  
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84:1-8;  
Ephesians 1:3-6; Matthew 2:12***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

***OFFICE CLOSED ~~~MONDAY & TUESDAY***

**HAITI AIR:** The airplane in the narthex is awaiting your sign-up in the windows, to indicate support and prayers for the Haiti team and the mission trip to Cap Haitien in January 2010. Eight people from St. Paul's will be traveling to Haiti in person~ but all of us join the team on the mission as we pray and lend other support for the mission. We are very thankful for all of the support showered upon this mission; and we have place a basket for any additional donations behind the plane. Please put your name on a window of the plane, and know that you'll be going with us in this plane. Thanks!

**FROM THE DALLES TO IRAQ:** Please remember to add to the box of school supplies we are gathering to send to Amy and Gavin for the orphanage they are supporting. ALSO, more boxes will be sent to Sgt. Albert South who would appreciate nutritious snacks of any kind. The already filled boxes are blessed and on their way, and the new ones await you!

**REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD**

\*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles.

\*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support ERD- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world.

\*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**THANKS** –Thanks to Pat and Mike Fowler for coffee hour today. May we spread the joy and fellowship we share at St. Paul's as we share the light and cheer of the Good News!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

