

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

December 26 & 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gathering “**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**”

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 th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

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 th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [refrain]

Gloria

Reading from Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them.

When he prays, he is heard;

he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;

he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 128 1-2, 3, 4-5)

“Blessed are those that fear the Lord and walk in His ways.”

Reading from Colossians 3: 12-21

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another;

as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,
singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Alleluia and Acclamation

***“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”***

Gospel Reading from Luke 2: 22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses,

They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord,

just as it is written in the law of the Lord,

Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,
and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,
in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel,
and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death
before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the temple;

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus

to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,

He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”
The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted
—and you yourself a sword will pierce—
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.
She was advanced in years,
having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.
She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.
And coming forward at that very time,
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.
When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Homily

Presentation of Gifts **“Cry Out With Joy and Gladness”**

Cry out with joy and gladness and announce the day of the Lord!
Alleluia! Hosanna! Give glory and praise for Jesus the Savior is born.

And he comes in the Spirit of wisdom. He comes bearing justice and right.
He comes for the poor and the lowly. He is Jesus, Son of light. [refrain]

Now the creatures of God dwell together: The wolf is the guest of the lamb;
The calf marches next to the lion and is led by the Child's hand. [refrain]

Now the mountain of God is made holy. All war and destruction shall cease;
The earth has been filled with the wisdom of the newborn Prince of Peace. [refrain]

Sanctus
“**Holy, Holy, Holy**”
Memorial Acclamation
“**Save us, Savior of the World...**”
The Great Amen
Lamb of God

Communion “**Jesus Christ, Bread of Life**”

Jesus Christ, Bread of Life, fill us with your love,
Jesus Christ, Bread of Life, fill us with your peace.

Thankfully, here we bring simple bread and wine,
For the life of the world, once and for all time [refrain]

Faithfully, we recall, gathered here as one,
Bread of Life, cup of peace, which we now become. [refrain]

Are not all hearts aflame when we break this bread?
Are not all one in Christ, by his blood he shed? [refrain]

Joyfully we partake in this holy food.
Offering all we have, praise and gratitude. [refrain]

Benediction and Sending Forth

Going Forth “**Canticle of Simeon**”

In peace, dismiss your servant, Lord, your vow to me has been fulfilled;
My eyes have seen the saving grace, your promise for all nations willed.

A glorious light has been revealed in love, to shine in every land:
The pride of chosen Israel, made manifest by your own hand.

Give glory to our God on high, to Jesus Christ, all glory raise,
And glory to the Spirit sing in never ending thanks and praise.