

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

521 29th Street, Oakland, CA 94609

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

January 3, 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas

Rev. Jim Dahlin, Celebrant & Preacher

Sunday Morning Worship: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8742688428>

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Prelude: **Chopin Prelude Db**

Call To Worship *"We Have Come Into His House"*

1 We have come into His house, gathered in His name to worship Him; x 2
We have come into His house, gathered in His name to worship Christ, the Lord,
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

2 So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship Him; x 2
So forget about yourself, concentrate on Him and worship Christ, the Lord
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

3 Let us lift up holy hands, magnify His name and worship Him; x 2
Let us lift up holy hands, magnify His name and worship Christ, the Lord
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

The Opening Sentence

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

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

Song of Praise - Gloria

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.

The Collect

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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 Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

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."

See, 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.

With 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.

Hear 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."
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They 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.
Then 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.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

- 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!

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I

remember you in my prayers. 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: We Three Kings

**We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star**

(chorus)

**O star of wonder, star of night
Stary with royal beauty bright:
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign**

(chorus)

**Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
Worship Him, God most high**

(chorus)

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
Heav'n sings alleluia, alleluia the earth replies.**

(chorus)

The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Congregation: Glory to You, Lord Christ

After the wise men 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." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, 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."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "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." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 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. 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Jim Dahlin

(Brief period of silence)

The Nicene Creed [*Stand*]

**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 Form IV

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

Don Anderson, Shari Baugh, Marquis Baylor, Mary Borders, Auta Boykins,
JoAnn Campbell, Maria Campbell, Joan Daniels, Olivia Davis, Nancy
Duranteau, Kelem Fabrice, Blanche Gaines, Andrea Green, Nathaniel
Hickman, Irene Hunter, Judy Ireland, Cherry Lash, Dolores McLeod, Rene
Moreno, Anne Price, Charlie Ramsden, Joetta Jones-Redmond, Deborah
Reeves, Clifford Reeves, Robert Silverman, Elaine Simmons, Ajamu Smith,
Suzi Taylor, Terry Waltz Kurfess

Please unmute yourself to add your own petitions.

We pray for new and expectant mothers everywhere, especially Rachel, Ami,
and their families.

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Please unmute yourself to add your own thanksgivings.

God, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may
be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your
eternal kingdom.

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of the lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please unmute yourself to give the peace

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Announcements

None for this week - a lot next week.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem *“Make Us One, Lord”*

Make us one, Lord, Make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let your love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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 forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

**I heard the bells on Christmas day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!**

**And thought how as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along, the unbroken song
Of Peace on earth, good will to men.**

**And in despair I bowed my head,
There is no peace on earth I said,
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, Good will to men**

**Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
God is not dead, nor does He sleep
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With Peace on earth, Good will to men!**

Dismissal

Rev. Deacon Frank Sterling

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Announcements:

Nan Parsons Celebration of Life Service

January 23, 11am

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8742688428>

Meeting ID: 874 268 8428

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Annual Meeting - St. Augustine's

Sunday, January 24

Immediately following the service

We will say goodbye to outgoing vestry members, elect new vestry members and review the last year at St. Augustine's, while looking forward to 2021 - spiritually and financially.

A Message from the Food Pantry Volunteers:

St. Augustine's Food Pantry needs volunteers!

During the pandemic, St. Augustine's Food Pantry program, One Good Meal, has continued to serve needy community members with bagged groceries on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. We are asking for volunteers who can commit to serving for at least one Saturday a month from 9am--12:30.

If you are interested, please contact **Sujie Shin**: sujie.shin@gmail.com

Pledge Cards for 2021

Thank you for financially supporting this church! It's inspiring to see people support this beautiful church! Please continue participating in the beautiful work God is doing at St. Augustine's and fill out a pledge card for 2021!

521 29th St. Oakland, CA 94609.

Or, <http://staugepiscopal.org/church-groups/donation>.

Or, you can login to [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and send money to St. Augustine's by sending it to this email address: staugustinechurch57@gmail.com

Or, if you happen to be driving by on essential business, you can put it in our mailbox next to the elevator (it's locked and secure!)

Pray for St. Augustine's

Weekly Bible Study, Wednesdays at 2pm

From experts to novices, all are valued at Bible Study

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<http://www.lectionarypage.net>

Evening Prayer, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6pm

Morning Prayer, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7am

Free Conference Call (425)436-6377 then enter 628527#

Daily office in your Book of Common Prayer or at this site: <https://dailyoffice.app>

Zoom Tutorial

If you'd like to learn more about Zoom, here is a great, simple tutorial:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>

Monday Evening Social Hour, 7pm

Hang out with church members! Usually falls during halftime of Monday Night Football. Drop in and say hi or stay and chat!

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Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Next Week: January 10-16

January 11 - Linda Joseph

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January 14 - Dr. Newton Gordon

January 14 - Celia Roberts

January 16 - Carolyn Gaines

January 16 - George Higgins

January 11 - Dr. Newton & Michele Gordon - Anniversary