



St. George's
Episcopal Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

JANUARY 3, 2021
10:30 AM

The Rev. Ann McLemore, *Interim Rector*

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, *Music Director*

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

TODAY is the Second Sunday of the Christmas season. Christmas is not one but twelve days of celebration and rejoicing, which we began on Christmas Eve. May you have a joyous Christmas season!



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish.

Today we are thrilled to welcome THE REV. ANN McLEMORE as our new Interim Rector!

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

H – 1982 Hymnal

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Because Austin has moved into Stage 5 of the CDC's COVID-19 risk-based guidelines, in which all gatherings of any size are discouraged, today's worship service will be led from the homes of the worship leaders, rather than from the church.

PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu (Beloved Jesus), Op.122 No.2
Johannes Brahms

MI-YOUNG KIM

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

On This Day Earth Shall Ring (verses 1-2)

H 92

Verses

1 On this day earth shall ring
2 His the doom, ours the mirth;

with the song chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,
when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;

born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.

Refrain

Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,
Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Words: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; tr. Jane M. Joseph (1894-1929). Music: *Personent hodie*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582.

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

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

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?



Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.



Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 214

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

Reader A reading from the prophet 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.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-8

QUAM DILECTA!

Please join in reading the psalm in unison.

- 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.**

Reader A reading from the letter 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.

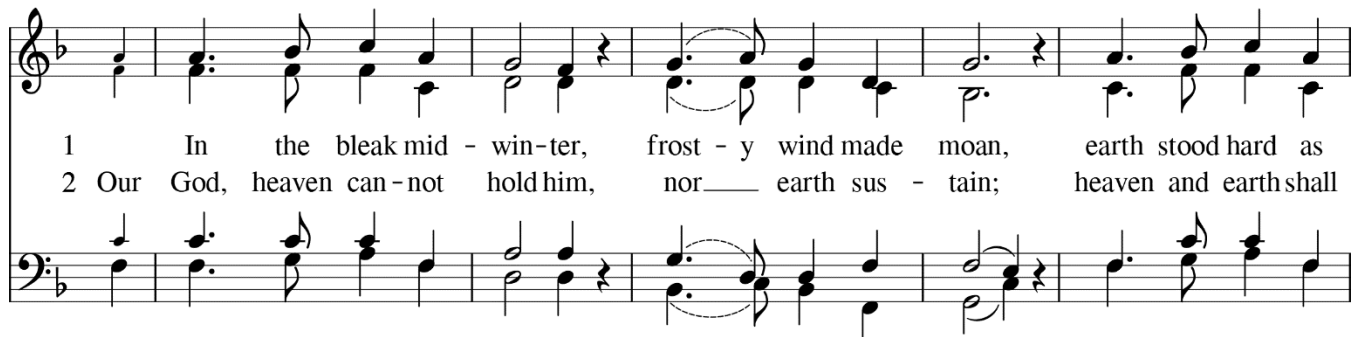
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to 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.

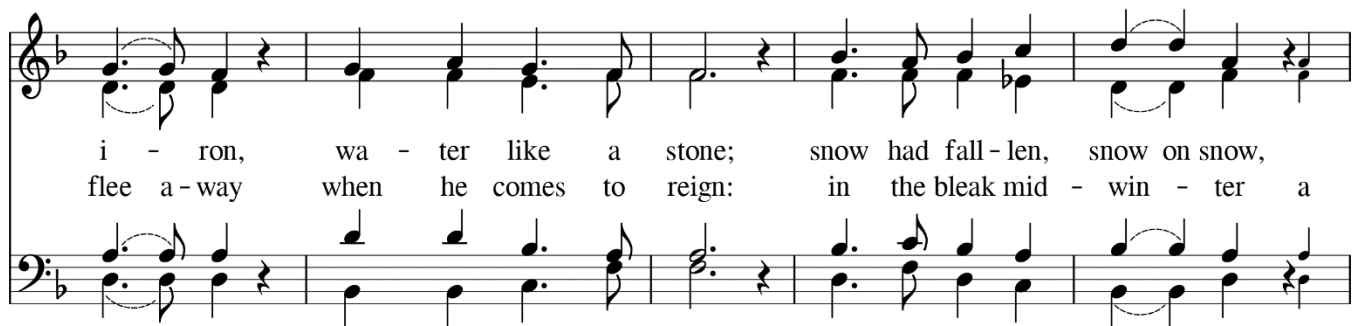
SEQUENCE HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter (verses 1-2)

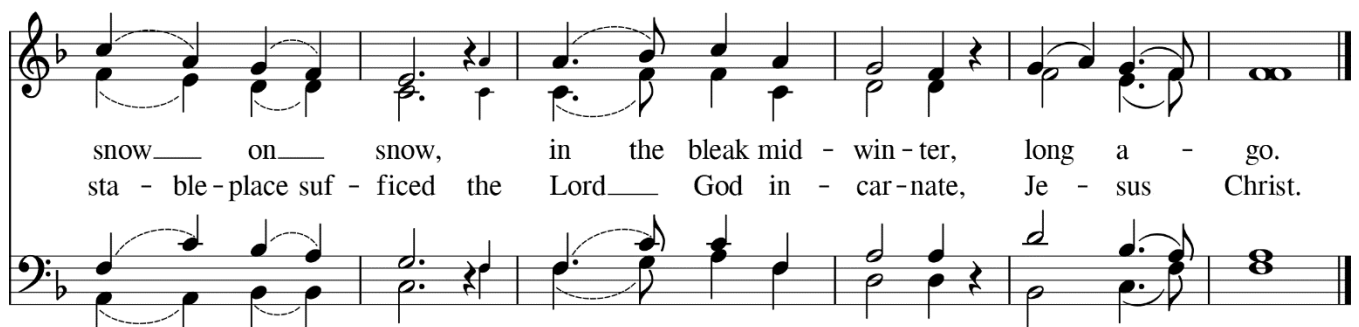
H 112



1 In the bleak mid-winter, frost-y wind made moan, earth stood hard as
 2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain; heaven and earth shall



i-ron, wa-ter like a stone; snow had fall-len, snow on snow,
 flee a-way when he comes to reign: in the bleak mid-win-ter a



snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter, long a-go.
 sta-ble-place suf-ficed the Lord God in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Music: Cranham, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

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

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP 387

Intercessor Father, we pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria, and for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for Donald our president, Joe our president-elect, Greg our governor, Steve our mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

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

Intercessor Have compassion on August, Gladys, Charles, Eva, Ralph, Kirk, the Gil Family, Divesh, Rosie, Mary, Ada, Ben, David, Rochelle, Jon, Tom, those suffering from COVID-19, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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

Intercessor Give to those who have died from COVID-19 and to all the departed eternal rest;

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

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

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

Intercessor We give you thanks for the birth of Jackson to Anne and Josh; for Mark, Jackson, and Andrea as they celebrate their birthdays; and for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

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

(Silence)

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

People **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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Officiant Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY *Recognition and thanksgiving for gifts of time, talent, pledges and other donations*

Offerings can be given online at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship (click DONATE).

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;



praise God all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove ye heaven - ly host;



praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Music: J. M. Wade. Used by permission.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

H 99

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;
 go tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born!

Verses

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, —
 2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth —
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, —

Repeat Refrain

be - hold through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light. —
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth. —
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. —

Words: Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (b. 1901).
 Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935).

DISMISSAL

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Child of Mercy
 David Haas

MI-YOUNG KIM

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After the service, please join us for our [Zoom Coffee](#) (passcode: Christmas),
a brief time of Christmas fellowship with other St. George's parishioners.

THE POINSETTIAS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Josh Beckham,

in loving memory of
Anne Garcia and Mike Simms.

Fred and Michele Blood,

in loving memory of
Georgia, Zee, and Joel Higdon,
and Laura, Harold, and Stephen Blood,
and in thanksgiving
for Ainsley, Carson, Pierce, Spencer Piper,
Michael, Hayden, Tyree, Cody, Tory, and Tim.

Raul V. and Nancy Carrera,

in loving memory of
Lazaro and Amalia Carrera,
and Kelley and Shirley Meyer,
and in thanksgiving for
Chloe, Ashley, Joe, and Ben.

Mark Casstevens,

in thanksgiving for
my favorite nephew Dylan.

Dale Curry,

in loving memory of
Lous Curry and Gerald Gafford.

Herb Dickson and Sandra Villalaz,

in loving memory of
our sister Yolanda Maloney
and our uncle Orvil Morrison,
and in thanksgiving for
the Zoom Church Crew for keeping us linked
to service, music, and our community.

Elaine Hosage,

in loving memory of
Byron and Frances Hoon.

Mikail McIntosh-Doty,

in loving memory of
Don and Norene McIntosh,
and in thanksgiving
for Anna Doty.

Carolyn and Walter Moreau,

in thanksgiving for
Adam and Gabriel Moreau.

The Pewitt family,

in thanksgiving for
our St George's family.

Jan Phillips,

in loving memory of
Don Phillips, Jr.

Suzette Puckett,

in loving memory of
Rich Harney,
and in thanksgiving for
Cadence, Adelaide, and Ainsley.

Frances and John Rickard,

in loving memory of
Marjorie Bell Rickard
and John Ware Jacobson,
and in thanksgiving for our family.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

August Dolan-Henderson
Gladys Dykes
Charles Foster
Eva Harpst
Ralph Hausser
Kirk Hoffman

The Gil Family
Divesh Manohar
Rosie Martinez
Mary Parker
Ada Pewitt
Ben Sears

David Treviño, Jr.
Rochelle & Jon Winkle
Tom Wooten
Those suffering from COVID-19

For those who have died and their families, especially:

Those who have died from COVID-19

For those facing difficult circumstances

For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

Maddison Worcester

Those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Mark Corcoran (Jan 3)
Jackson Lucy (Jan 6)
Andrea Sparks (Jan 8)

Those who celebrate anniversaries:

Those with other thanksgivings, especially:

The birth of Jackson McGonigle to Anne and Josh McGonigle

In the Anglican cycle of prayer:

The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Church of the Cross, Lake Travis
Epiphany, Burnet
Good Shepherd, Austin

Names newly added to the list of prayer requests are in bold.

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com.



THE SUNDAY BANNER – January 3, 2021

- ❖ **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR** – Immediately after the service each Sunday, you are invited to join our [Zoom Coffee Hour](#) (password: Christ) to share a brief time of fellowship with other parishioners.
- ❖ **WELCOME TO THE REV. ANN McLEMORE** – We are thrilled to welcome the Rev. Ann McLemore today as our Interim Rector!
- ❖ **EPIPHANY** – Please join us at **7:00 pm this Wednesday, January 6th** to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, as the Twelve Days of Christmas draw to a close, and we celebrate Christ’s being revealed to the world.
- ❖ **WOMEN’S BOOK GROUP** – Please join us for our next meeting on **Saturday, January 9th**, from **3:00 to 5:00 pm**, via **Zoom**. We will discuss *Half of a Yellow Sun*, by **Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**. All St. George’s women are welcome to attend – even if you haven’t read the book! We hope you can join us for interesting conversation and our book discussion. The Zoom invitation will be sent out to the group’s email list prior to the meeting. To be added to the list, or with any questions, please contact Sandra Villalaz at **512-762-8349** or sandra.villalaz48@gmail.com. Happy reading!
- ❖ **2021 PLEDGE** – It’s not too late to make a pledge to support St. George’s in 2021! You can [pledge online](#) or by mailing your pledge card to the church office. (Contact Jennifer in the church office at stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com if you need a pledge card.) For more information or to pledge online, visit our website at www.sgchurch.org/stewardship.
- ❖ **2021 FLOWER/CANDLE DONATION CALENDAR** – St. George’s [2021 Online Flower/Candle Donation Calendar](#) is available. To give altar flowers for one or more Sundays in 2021, or altar candles for one or more months, visit the [Online Donation Calendar](#) and enter your name and dedication next to the week or month of your choice. You can give flowers or candles in memory or honor of a loved one, in celebration of an important event, or in thanksgiving for a blessing in your life. **A donation of \$35** is requested. To give electronically, visit the [St. George’s Donation page](#), scroll down to “Designated Gifts” / “Altar Guild,” and enter the amount of your donation. Make checks payable to St. George’s, with “Altar Flowers/Candles” in the memo line, and mail it to the church office.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER IN TIMES OF TRANSITION

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

BCP 260

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, January 4		<i>Elizabeth Ann Seton, Monastic and Educator, 1821</i>
Tuesday, January 5		<i>Sarah, Theodora, and Syncletica of Egypt, Desert Mothers, 4th – 5th cent</i>
Wednesday, January 6	7:00 pm	Epiphany Service <i>The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Thursday, January 7		
Friday, January 8		<i>Harriet Bedell, Deaconess and Missionary, 1969</i>
Saturday, January 9	3:00 pm	Women's Book Group <i>Julia Chester Emery, Lay Leader and Missionary, 1922</i>
Sunday, January 10	10:30 am	Liturgy of the Word <i>William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645</i>

THOSE WHO SERVE

Officiant/Preacher – The Rev. Ann McLemore

Organist/Pianist – Mi-Young Kim

Media Coordinator – Brad Dieringer

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