

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory. **Isaiah 62:2**

Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Psalm 148:4

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law

Galatians 4:4

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. **Luke 2:30-31**

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Offertory

Men's Quartet

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

+Introit Hymn 148

“Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple”

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one true God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Prayer

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord

Prayer

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+Hymn 138

“Who Would Think That What Was Needed”

Prayer for Wholeness

O Thou! The Breathing Life of all,
Creator of the Shimmering Sound that
touches us.

Help us breathe one holy breath
feeling only you - this creates a shrine
inside, in wholeness.

Help us let go, clear the space inside
of busy forgetfulness: so the
Name comes to live.

Declaration of Grace & Gratitude

Passing the Peace

Blessing the World

Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

First Pew

Welcome and Parish Life

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THE WORD OF HOPE

Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Luke 2:22, 25-31

Reflection

“Mine Eyes Have Seen”

Hymn 129 (v. 1, 3)

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Shepherds Rise and Go”

Credo

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Charge and Benediction

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Sending Hymn 546 (v. 1)

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We can all see God in exceptional things, but it requires the culture of spiritual discipline to see God in every detail.

Oswald Chambers

Love is seeing God in the person next to us, and meditation is seeing God within us.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

If you want to see God, just open your eyes.

Anthony Douglas Williams

Prayer of Wholeness

Neil Douglas-Klotz

+Hymns

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Sunday 27 • First Sunday of Christmastide

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

Sunday 3 • Second Sunday of Christmastide

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship via Facebook Live!

5:00 p.m. Community Meal at Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING. Please join in our Christmas offering to support two important project partners: the Coalfield Development Corporation in southern WV, founded by our own Brandon Dennison with its many powerful people and business development initiatives; and the VERBO church and school in Bluefields, Nicaragua helping respond to the many needs among its Community. Indicate Christmas offering in the memo line of your check or in the comments section of your online contribution.

COMMUNITY MEAL on January 3 will consist of “to-go” boxes for our friends in need. Go to PerfectPotluck.com, coordinator Wright, password 5777 to sign up. This month’s specialty will be meatball subs with side salads, fruit, snacks and drinks. Donations should be at SPC by 3:15 that Sunday.

ALL GATHERINGS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING have been suspended until further notice. Please contact the church if your committee or team is planning to meet electronically so we can add it to notices and calendar.

Christmastide

First Sunday

December 27, 2020

11:00 a.m.

The Swan

Did you too see it, drifting, all night, on the black river?

Did you see it in the morning, rising into the silvery air

An armful of white blossoms,

A perfect commotion of silk and linen as it leaned
into the bondage of its wings; a snowbank, a bank of lilies,

Biting the air with its black beak?

Did you hear it, fluting and whistling

A shrill dark music - like the rain pelting the trees - like a waterfall

Knifing down the black ledges?

And did you see it, finally, just under the clouds -

A white cross Streaming across the sky, its feet

Like black leaves, its wings Like the stretching light of the river?

And did you feel it, in your heart, how it pertained to everything?

And have you too finally figured out what beauty is for?

And have you changed your life?

Mary Oliver

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