



**Anglican Church of Freiburg
First Sunday after Christmas
Eucharist
26th December 2021**

Silent Preparation

Please take time to remember where you are,
and why you are here.
Give thanks and become still
in the presence of God

Prelude

The Opening

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on
your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge
him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs
3:5-6)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
**As it was in the beginning,
is now and shall be for ever.**

Opening Hymn: SoF 408 O come, all ye faithful

1. 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:
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

2. God of God,
light of light,

lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
 Very God,
 Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
 sing in exultation,
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
 Glory to God
 in the highest:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

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Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hidden:
 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.
 All **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
 'You shall call his name Jesus,
 for he will save his people from their sins.'
 Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
 through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Confession

All **Almighty God,**
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we acknowledge and lament our many sins
and the wickedness we have committed time
after time,
by thought, word and deed against your divine
majesty.
We have provoked your righteous anger
and your indignation against us.
We earnestly repent,
and are deeply sorry for these our wrongdo-
ings;
the memory of them weighs us down,
the burden of them is too great for us to bear.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this time forward
we may always serve and please you in new-
ness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 who in his great mercy
 has promised forgiveness of sins
 to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith
 turn to him:
 have mercy on you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and bring you to everlasting life,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Summary of the Law and the Prophets

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we
beseech thee.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Readings

Psalm 148

Refrain: **O praise the name of the Lord.**

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; ♦
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you his angels; ♦
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; ♦
praise him, all you stars of light.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, ♦
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, ♦
for he commanded and they were created.

**6 He made them fast for ever and ever; ♦
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ♦
you sea monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, ♦
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**

9 Mountains and all hills, ♦
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, ♦
creeping things and birds on the wing;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, ♦
princes and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and women,
old and young together; ♦**

let them praise the name of the Lord.

13 For his name only is exalted, ♦
his splendour above earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants, ♦
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**

Alleluia.

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord.

O glorious God,
your whole creation sings your marvellous work;
may heaven's praise so echo in our hearts
that we may be good stewards of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Old Testament reading is taken from 1 Sam
2:18-26**

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God
Our hearts and our minds are open

But Samuel was ministering before the Lord—a boy wearing a linen ephod. Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the Lord give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the Lord.” Then they would go home. And the Lord was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the Lord.

Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. So he said to them, “Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. No, my sons; the report I hear spreading among the Lord’s people is not good. If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the Lord, who will intercede for them?” His sons, however, did not listen to their father’s rebuke, for it was the Lord’s will to put them to death.

And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: SoF 155, vv. 1 - 2 Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

1. 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!’

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold Him come,
offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel,
Hark! the herald angels sing
'Glory to the newborn King!'

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The GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 2: 41-52

Glory to you, O Lord

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

Hymn: SoF 155, v. 3 Hark! the herald angels sing

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
ris'n with healing in His wings,
mild, He lays His glory by;
born that man no more may die;
born to raise the sons of earth;
born to give them second birth,
Hark! the herald angels sing
'Glory to the newborn King!'

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Preface

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you, and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
All **Amen.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once
offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satis-
faction for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to
continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he
comes again.
Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,

and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation,
 this bread and this wine,
 according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy
 institution,
 in remembrance of his death and passion,
 may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.
 In the same way, after supper, he took the cup;
 and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, say-
 ing:
 Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new coven-
 ant,
 which is shed for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.
 All **Amen.**

The Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.

**O Lamb of God
 who takes away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.**
**O Lamb of God
 who takes away the sins of the world,
 have mercy upon us.**
**O Lamb of God
 who takes away the sins of the world,
 grant us thy peace.**

Sharing of Communion

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 which was given for you,
 preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for
 you,

and feed on him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which was shed for you,
preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed
for you, and be thankful.

Hymns during the distribution of Communion

Adoramus te Christe, benedicimus tibi,
quia per crucem tuam redemisti mundum,
quia per crucem tuam redemisti mundum.

*[We adore you, Christ and we bless you
you whom by the Holy Cross have redeemed the
world.]*

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Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.
Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.

[Praise the Lord, all nations.]

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Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

[Where charity and love are, there God is.]

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After All Have Participated

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an
earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,

and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Lord and heavenly Father,
we offer you through your dear Son Jesus Christ this
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our
sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
And here we offer and present to you, O Lord,
ourselves, our souls and our bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice;
fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: SoF 314 Joy to the world

1. Joy to the world - the Lord has come:
let earth receive her King,
let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!

2. Joy to the earth - the Saviour reigns:
your sweetest songs employ,
while fields and streams and hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

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

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Announcements
(see below)



The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

An End-of-Year Blessing

May the God who gave us this year
and the Saviour who walked at our side each day
and the Spirit who filled us with life abundant,
grace the coming year with peace and hope and joy,
All: **Amen.**

The Postlude

Wed, December 29, 2021	Evening Prayer on Wednesdays 9pm (for 20-30min) (Please use the usual Sunday service link.)
Thu, December 30, 2021	Women's Prayer Group 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm via zoom (Please get in touch to receive the link.)
Sun, January 2, 2022	Look forward to our next Morning Worship with Rev'd. Vinod Victor The Second Sunday of Christmas 11:30 hrs, Zoom link see website and in person in the church 😊



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