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The Holy Innocents

January 2, 2022 - Zoom

We Gather

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Why Holy Innocents? (Matt)

Bell x 3

Opening Song: Song: Refugee King - ([Liz Vice & Madison Cunningham](#))

Away from the manger they ran for their lives
The crying boy Jesus, a son they must hide
A dream came to Joseph, they fled in the night
And they ran and they ran and they ran

No stars in the sky but the Spirit of God
Led down into Egypt from Herod to hide
No place for his parents no country or tribe
And they ran and they ran and they ran

Stay near me LORD Jesus when danger is nigh
And keep us from Herods and all of their lies
I love the LORD Jesus, the Refugee King
And we sing and we sing and we sing x2 Hallelujah

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Opening Words

We gather this afternoon in the name of the Triune God.

Invitation to Confession

On this day when we recall the murder of innocent lives,
let us stand before our just and holy God,
and remembering the violence and injustice of our world,
confess our sins in penitence and faith.

silence is kept.

You are the God of the weak and the vulnerable.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You judge the tyrant and the cruel.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You wipe away the tears of the broken-hearted.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Church of England, alt.

Assurance of Grace or Absolution

Collect

Let us pray... Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice
in your holy Reign of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Church of England., alt.

Poem

chosen by Benjamin Hertwig

We Proclaim

The Hebrew Scripture:

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH 31:15-17 (NRSV)
Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalms 9:1-2, 7-11, 13-14 (Translation by Wil Gafney)

I will give thanks to the God Who Saves with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will rejoice and exult in you;

I will sing praise to your name, Most High.

God WHO is Majesty sits enthroned forever,
she has established her throne for judgment.

**She judges the world in righteousness;
she judges the peoples with equity.**

She Who is Faithful is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**They trust you, they who know your name,
for you do not forsake those who seek you, Redeeming God.**

Sing praises to the Holy One enthroned in Zion.

Declare her deeds among the peoples.

Be gracious to me, Gracious One.

See what I suffer from those who hate me.

You lift me up from the gates of death, so that I may tell of all your
praises and rejoice in your salvation * in the gates of the city of Zion.

Gospel Acclamation: Gloria – VU #37

Round Dm Gm C F Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

3 4

Dm Gm C F Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew (2:13-18): 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 fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of

Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."...
...The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Repeat Acclamation

Video: The Cotton Patch Gospel (Clarence Jordan)

Conversation

Feel free to unmute and briefly share any ways the Spirit is speaking through what we've heard today and how we may be called...

Affirmation of Faith: Immigrant Apostle's Creed (Rev. Jose Luis Casal)

Let us affirm our faith in God as we say together:

**I believe in Almighty God,
who guided God's people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Moses and Miriam, Joseph, Hagar, Daniel and Ruth
the God of refugees and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,
who fled his homeland with his parents when his life was in danger.
When he returned to his own land
he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power.**

**Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured
and unjustly condemned to death.**

**But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,
To offer us citizenship in God's Reign.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all ethnicities and peoples.**

**I believe that the Church is meant to be the secure home
for foreigners and displaced peoples.**

I believe that the Communion of Saints

**embraces all God's people in all their diversity.
In the face of cultures of violence and death,
I believe that we will be resurrected to life everlasting.**

Source: <https://claytonfaulkner.com/2017/10/20/weekly-worship-thought-the-immigrant-apostles-creed/>, alt.

The Prayers of the People

Jessica Ziakin-Cook

...Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray as Jesus taught us (*in a language or translation of your choosing*)...

Our Father...

We Are Sent

Closing Song: The Coventry Carol ([Sting - from Durham Cathedral](#))

Lully, lulla, thow little tyne Child

By, by lully, lullay,

thow little tyne Child

By, by, lully, lullay.

sisters too, how may we do,

For to preserve this day

This pore yongling for whom we singe:

By, by, lully lullay?

Lully, lullay, thow little tyne Child...

Herod, the king, in his raging

Chargid he hath this day

His men of might in his owne sight,

All yonge children to slay.

Lully, lullay, thow little tyne Child...

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Doxology

Glory to God, **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

Go caring for the sojourner in our land and in the world.
Like living stones, precious in God's sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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