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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday after Christmas

December 28th, 2025

10:30 am

We welcome ALL:
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Families and Children
Young and Old
Our Unhoused Neighbors
The Alcoholic and Addicted
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God welcomes you for exactly who you are.

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HOLY EUCHARIST

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 93

Angels from the realms of glory

REGENT SQUARE

Please stand

ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

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

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

Celebrant The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;

People *And we beheld his glory.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

SETTING: E. S. BARNES



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
3. Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fath - er, un - to thee we raise,



and the moun - tains in re - ply e - cho back their joy - ous strains.
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new born King.
boun - teous source of ev - 'ry joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:

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

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
 Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM ISAIAH
Please be seated.

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I WILL GREATLY REJOICE IN THE LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 147:13-21
Said in unison

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.
 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
 17 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?
 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

NOW BEFORE FAITH CAME, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 84

Love came down at Christmas

GARTAN

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

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

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

THE SERMON *Please be seated*

The Rev. John Allen

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III

BCP 387

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
 People *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially Sean, Presiding Bishop, and Terry, our Bishop;
 priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any illness, grief or trouble,
 especially those on our Calvary Prayer List;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Those for whom our prayers have been requested: David, Zander, Bonnie, Mark, Nick, Sandra, Shelby, Sandy, Phillip, Ruth and family, Ben, John, Michael, Greg, Eva, Bob, and Rusty.

THE PEACE *Please stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated*

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

O Holy Night
Harvey Turner, Tenor

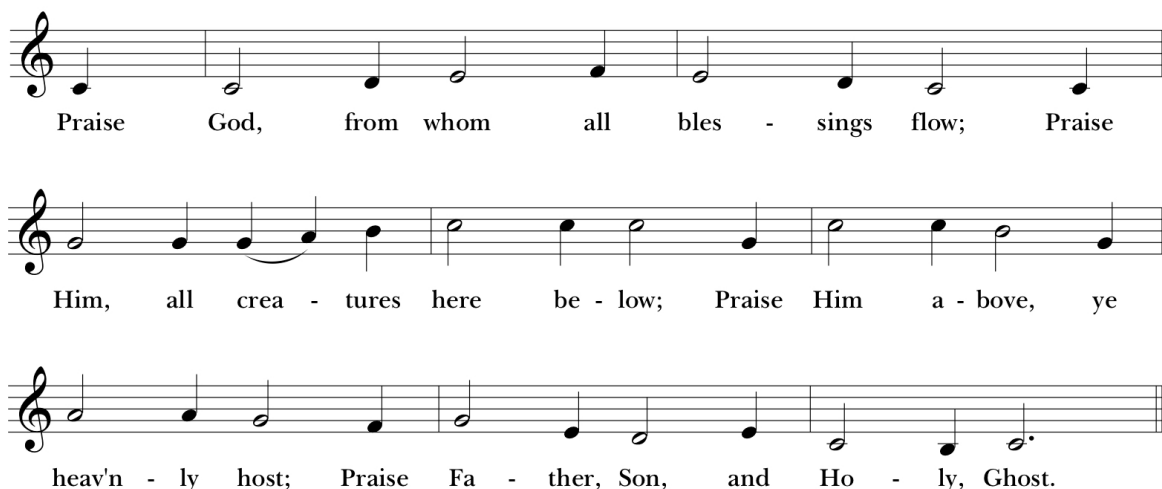
A. ADAM

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope--the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise his holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

THE DOXOLOGY *Please stand*

PUER NOBIS



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise

Him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly, Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER A
The people remain standing. The Celebrant continues


People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-128

The people stand or kneel



The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

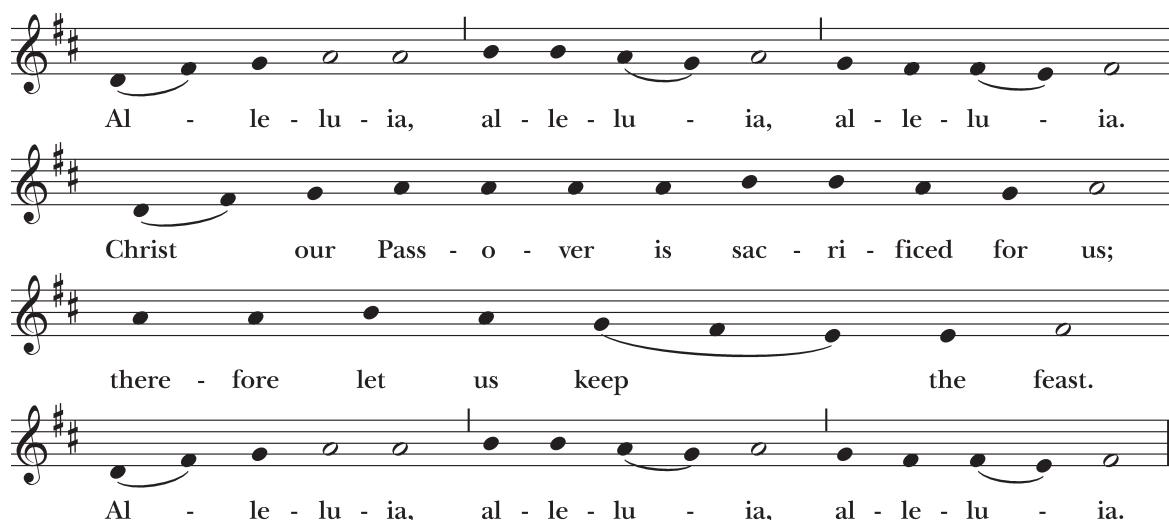
BCP 364

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-154



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THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM

In the Bleak Midwinter
Darian Wright, Tenor

ARR. K. L. SCOTT

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
 Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
 Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
 Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
 In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
 The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim,
 worship night and day,

Breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
 Enough for Him, whom angels fall before,
 The ox and ass and camel which adore.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
 Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
 But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
 Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
 If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
 Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

COMMUNION HYMN 115

What child is this

GREENSLEEVES

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 for ever. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 99

Go tell it on the mountain

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

TODAY WE WELCOME

The Rev. John Allen

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