

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

First Sunday after Christmas

8:30 and 10:30 am • December 29, 2024

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

THE VOLUNTARY: Christmas Selection from *Orgelbüchlein*

J. S. Bach

### THE ANGELUS

*The Angelus is a traditional litany that recalls the Incarnation, consisting of scriptural verses and prayers centered on the Annunciation. While more commonly seen in Roman Catholic practice, it can also be incorporated into Episcopal devotion as a reminder of Christ's presence and the significance of Mary's "yes" to God's call.*

*Leader* The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

*Response* **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

*Leader* Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

*Response* **Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Leader* Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

*Response* **Be it done unto me according to your word.**

*Leader* Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

*Response* **Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Leader* And the WORD was made flesh,

*Response* **And dwelt among us.**

*Leader* Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

*Response* **Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Leader* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
*Response* **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 93. Angels from the realms of glory *Regent Square*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355 | CG 3

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SONG OF PRAISE: Gloria in excelsis Deo BCP 356 | CG 5

10:30 96. Angels we have heard on high, vv. 1 and 3 *Gloria*



1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing through the night,  
3. Come to Beth-le-hem and see him whose birth the an-gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re-ply ech-o-ing their brave de-light.  
come, a-dore on bend-ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.

*Refrain*



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



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

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*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.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Children aged 3–11 are invited to come forward for the Children's Moment. There is no Children's Formation today, so afterward they may return to their seats in the pews.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 147:13–21. *Laudate Dominum*

*We will recite the canticle antiphonally by whole verse.*

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!

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 82. Of the Father's love begotten

*Divinium mysterium*

THE HOLY 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.

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.]

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we continue along the path of the Savior's birth, we gather in Bethlehem to celebrate his arrival. We lift up our prayers for peace and goodwill, saying, Incarnate God, hear our prayer.

May the universal church, especially the members of this congregation, be like the Angels heralding the birth of Christ, and proclaim the inclusive love and exuberant grace of God to the world. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit be like Elizabeth and find healing and joy infusing their bodies and souls in unexpected ways. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we be like the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks, ready to leap into action, as we offer our care and compassion for a hurting creation. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we be like Zachariah and allow God's hand to cover our mouths when it is best that we not speak, and instead listen and pray. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we be like Joseph and dream of a just and equitable creation, a dream that sees the presence of the incarnate God in all things, and in our dreams, invites us to be a part of the new creation. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we be like Mary and Joseph, staying connected to our spiritual ancestors, and remembering those we love who have died. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

May we, like the wise men, seek light, follow the star and not be afraid of where the Holy Spirit is calling us in the year ahead. Incarnate God, **hear our prayer.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360 | CG 13

## THE PEACE

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: 79. O little town of Bethlehem

*Forest Green*

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*The First Nowell*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures  
 here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. No - well, No - well, No -  
 well, No - well, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367 | CG 29

SANCTUS

BCP 371 | CG 43

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
 earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bles - sèd is — he who comes in the name  
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FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP 364 | CG 47

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:30 Agnus Dei: *Greensleeves*, arr. Mark Schweizer



O Lamb of God, O Ho-ly Child, who takes the sin of the world a-way;



Have mer-cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.



This, this is your bod-y giv'n, your pre-cious blood, the gift of heav'n.



Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body,  
 because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**



**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN: 81. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

*Es ist ein Ros*

THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE VOLUNTARY: Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich  
("The day is so full of joy")

J. S. Bach

NATIVITY PRAYER LIST

*For the sick in our community:* Alice, Bear, Betty, Bill, Carl, Chloe, David, Ger, Ilia, Jan, Jane, Joan, Karen, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Michelle, Nancy, Norris, Roy

*For our friends, family, and neighbors:* Anthony, Charlie, Danielle, Edward, Emma, Evonne, Fori, Florence, Gemma, Jane, Jeff, John, Kate, Licia, Michael, Michelle, Richard, Ron, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Shannon, Tim

*For those expecting a child:* Hannah and David

*For those who have died:* Belinda "Billie" Hurmence, Audrey Blackwood, Stephen Denz, Pam Clos Parks



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

*Wardens* George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

*Members* David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Roy Immelman, Charles Malone, Allison Martin, Sarah O'Connor, Yvette Smith, Perry Suk, Sam Wesonga

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## QUICK LINKS

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*We thank the following people for their service today:*

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist
LECTORS	Annette Hughes (8:30)
	Marcia Perry, Becky Christian (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Steve Dearth (8:30)
	Harlan Hagge, George Douglas (10:30)
ALTAR GUILD	Mary Hillmer, Robin Rhaney, Julia Cavalier
ALTAR FLOWERS	Emily Phillips
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
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