

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Second Sunday after Christmas

8:30 and 10:30 am • January 5, 2025

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

### 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: 102. Once in royal David's city *Irby*

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.



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# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*After the Children's Moment, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7–14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 84:1-8. *Quam dilecta!*

8:30 *We will recite the canticle antiphonally by whole verse.*

10:30 *We will sing the psalm in unison*



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of / hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my / God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your / house! \*  
they will always be praising / you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in / you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.
- 6 They will climb from height to / height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in / Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my / prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of / Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O / God; \*  
and look upon the face of your A- / noointed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give

you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: 92. On this day earth shall ring

*Personet hodie*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13–15, 19–23

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358 | CG 9

## 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 ANTHEM:

Where Is This Stupendous Stranger?

Thomas Gibbs, Jr.

Where is this stupendous stranger? Prophets, shepherds, kings, advise. Lead me to my Master's manger, show me where my Savior lies. O Most Mighty! O Most Holy! Far beyond the seraph's thought: art thou then so weak and lowly as unheeded prophets taught? O the magnitude of meekness! Worth from worth immortal sprung; O the strength of infant weakness, if eternal is so young! God all bounteous, all-creative, whom no ills from good dissuade, is incarnate, and a native of the very world he made.

## 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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THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45





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 COMMUNION HYMN: 247. Lully, lullay

*Conventry Carol*

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.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366 | CG 27

**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: 98. Unto us a boy is born!

*Puer nobis nascitur*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE VOLUNTARY

*We welcome Andrew Lang as our guest Organist and Choirmaster today, and thank him for his service with us.*

## NATIVITY PRAYER LIST

*For the sick in our community:* Alice, Bear, Betty, Bill, Carl, David, Ger, Ilia, Jan, Jane, Joan, Karen, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, 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 who are expecting a child:* Hannah and David

*For those who have died:* Norris Thurston, Chloe Chiavacci, Bill Lutz, Kelsey Norris, Belinda "Billie" Hurmence, Audrey Black



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

*Wardens* Sarah O'Connor (Senior Warden-Nominee). David  
McKinnon (Junior Warden-Nominee)

*Members* David Dykes, Hannah Harris, Roy Immelman, Charles  
Malone, Yvette Smith, Sam Wesonga, Robert Joines,  
Susan Kelley, Morghan Bosch, and Lillis Ward.





## QUICK LINKS

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

CELEBRANT & PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Andrew Lang, Organist and Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Viola Baldwin (8:30) David Tyeryar, Lloyd Childers (10:30)
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Jeremy Clos
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Helen Armstrong (8:30) Owen & Julian McKimmon (10:30)
TORCHES (10:30)	Logan Lee, Beatrice Tarry
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Gail Till
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Hannah Harris

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The Rev. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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