



Holy Eucharist Rite II

The First Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 2021



Welcome to Christ Church

Welcome to worship this morning! Whether present in our brick-and-mortar worship space, or through the miracles of [FaceBook](#), [Zoom](#) or our [website](#), we are gathered as the one Body of Christ, seeking solace and strength, pardon and renewal.

In the Christmas season, we give thanks for the wonder of Emmanuel, God with us in Jesus Christ.

This worship bulletin and the hymnals guide our participation in the service this morning. Let us sing and pray out loud with gusto wherever we are!

*Loving God and neighbor, in joy and hope,
as Jesus teaches*

Organ Prelude Carol Prelude on Quem pastores Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Please stand as able.

Opening Hymn 79 (ST 1, 2, 3, 5) O little town of Bethlehem Tune: *St. Louis*
Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893) // Music: Lewis H. Redner

THE WORD OF GOD

Please remain standing as able.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Please be seated.

Welcome

First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Lector

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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13-21

A Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 196-197

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *

praise your God, O Zion;

14 God has strengthened the bars of your gates; *

and blessed your children within you.

- 15 God has established peace on your borders; *
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 God's command is sent out to the earth, *
and the word of the LORD runs very swiftly.
- 17 God gives snow like wool; *
scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 God scatters hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against the cold of the LORD?
- 19 God's word is sent forth and melts them; *
God's stormwinds blow, and the waters flow.
- 20 God's word is declared to Jacob, *
God's statutes and judgments to Israel.
- 21 The LORD has not done so to any other nation; *
to them God's judgements have not been revealed.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lector 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Gradual Hymn 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Tune: *Picardy*

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de Provinces de France*, 1860

The Gospel**John 1:1-18****Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.**Celebrant** 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.

At the conclusion of The Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.**The Sermon****The Reverend Nick Morris-Kliment**

The sermon is followed by a brief moment of silent reflection.

Please stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

All

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.

Please stand or kneel as able.

Prayers of the People

Church of England

Intercessor In peace let us pray to the Lord. Gracious God, Christ our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor There was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress. Holy God

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Inspire us to bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen us to work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that Christ may be born in us today. Holy God,

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Holy One, angels and shepherds worshipped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a brief sign of Christ's peace, with one another in the building and those online.

Please be seated.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

Offertory Carol 99 Go tell it on the mountain Music: *Go Tell it on the Mountain*
Words: African American Spiritual, 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967)
Music: African American Spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (1935-2009)

Please stand or kneel as able.

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

Book of Common Prayer, pp. 367-369

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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 say this to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All Amen.

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that
Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

*All are invited to come forward to the Lord's Table. The Congregation receives Communion in one
kind (the bread only) at the foot of the steps up to the free-standing altar. If you prefer a blessing
rather than the bread, please cross your hands over your chest.*

Music During Communion Welsh Carol Prelude on *Suogan* Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Please stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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.

Concluding Blessing

Celebrant May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

Closing Hymn 93

Angels, from the realms of glory Tune: *Regent Square*
Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

After the Closing Hymn, the Celebrant and Crucifer process to the back. Please sit to enjoy the postlude before the dismissal.

Organ Postlude

Chorale Fantasia on In dulci jubilo, BWV 729
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand as able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Christ our Savior has come, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Join us on [Zoom](#) for coffee hour.

The flowers and gifts on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those on the [Christmas Memorial Flowers list](#).



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