

**The First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2025
9:00 a.m.**

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Welcome to St. Patrick's: If you are new to our parish or visiting with us, we are so glad you are here. Please sign our guest book in the narthex or fill out a pew card. Thank you for worshipping alongside us. *Questions? Email us at church@pats-dublin.org*

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St. Patrick's Mission Statement: St. Patrick's joyfully welcomes and includes you in a journey of Christian faith through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick's Vision Statement: St. Patrick's continues to grow as a joyful community of faith. Through worship, friendship, education and outreach, we live a Christ-centered life, caring for

Prelude *How bright appears the morning star* D. Buxtehude

Opening Hymn 497 *How bright appears the morning star*

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Celebrant then says,

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 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn of Praise 87 *Hark! The herald angels sing*

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.**

A reading from the book of the prophet 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

- 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!

A reading from Paul's letter to the 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 82, vv. 1 & 3 *Of the Father's love begotten*

The Gospel: John 1:1-18 *(All stand.)*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
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, 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...and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble. ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to all 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. Especially...
who celebrate their birthdays this week and ... who celebrate their
anniversary this week.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem *The Cherry Tree Carol* Traditional

The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection, are brought to the Altar. (Please stand.)

Doxology

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B with Expansive Language

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na". The score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, and quarter notes, rests, and slurs. The lyrics are placed below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The lyrics are: "in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style, with chords and single notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music ends with a double bar line.

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Presider

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 St. Patrick and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Hymn 109, vv. 1 & 6 *The First Nowell*

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.*

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons are invited to the Altar.

*If you choose to receive communion,
you may do so in one of the following ways:*

- *Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.*
- *Intinction is strongly discouraged, however if you choose to intinct please simply leave the wafer in your hands. The chalice bearer will dip the wafer for you then hand it back to you.*
- *Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable.*
If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.
- *If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.*
- *If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.*

Communion Hymn 89, vv. 1,2&4 *It came upon a midnight clear*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Eucharistic Visitor Sending

Officiant

We send you out in the Name of God to those who can't be here today bearing the body of Christ so they may be the body of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 99 *Go tell it on the mountain*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

J. L. Foster

*Thank you for joining with us in worship this morning!
We invite you to continue your Sunday morning experience,
with fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!*

Today's Ministry Team

Presider: The Rev. Canon John R. Johanssen

Preacher: Dr. Kelsey Sicker

Deacon: The Rev. Vahagn Azizyan

Music Director: Jennifer Bell

Streaming: Peter O'Neill

Lay Reader: Doug Pittsenbarger

Lector: Valerie Pittsenbarger

Greeters: Hal & Mary Bradley

Coffee Hour: Tawyna Lewis, Danielle Raymond

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV): Dick Gehman, Kim Nelson

Altar Guild: Val Pittsenbarger, Shannon McCarthy, Julie Myers

Counters: Amy Collins, Jim Brown

Hospitality Table: Roy & Lissa Barker