

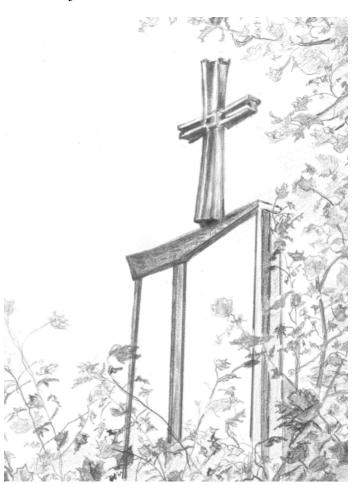
# HOLY TRINITY PARISH

DECATUR, GEORGIA



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

JANUARY 4, 2026 - 10:30 A.M.





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Sign language interpreting is offered for our 10:30 service.



Assisted Listening Devices are available for all services in the Nave. An usher is happy to help you with one.



Our nursery, staffed by trained, caring professionals, serves infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

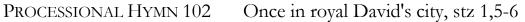


Our children's worship resources shelf, located in the narthex, includes materials to help children 3-10+ enter into our liturgy. Included parent info sheets explain how to use these items to support children's worship.



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#### VOLUNTARY





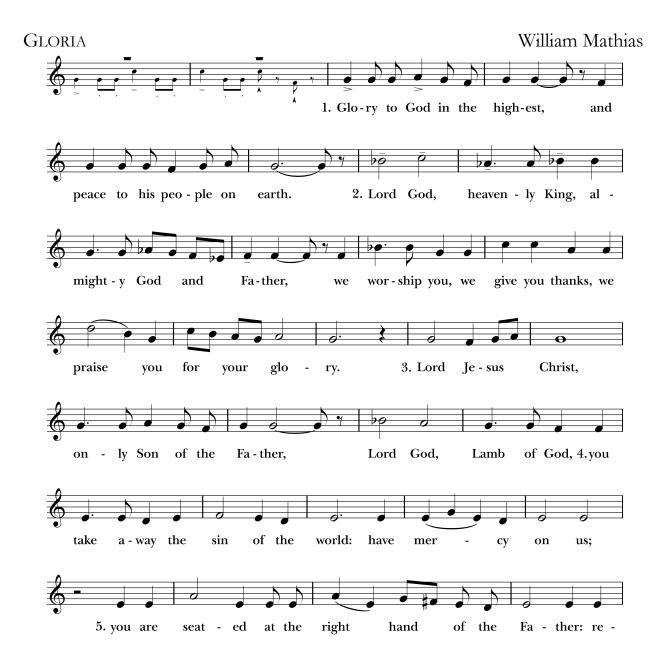
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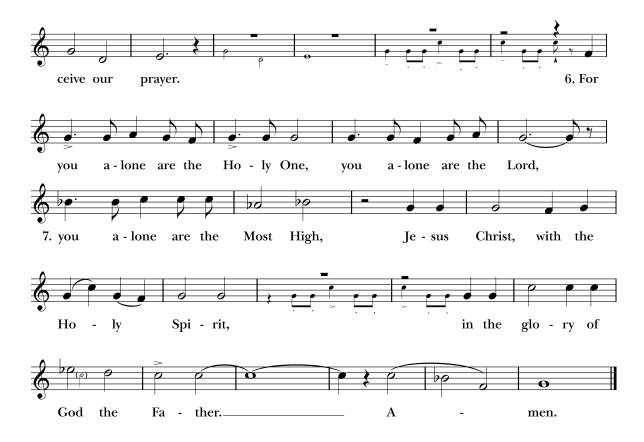
**BCP 351** 

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

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

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**.





#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**.

## 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 84:1-8 (sung by the choir)

Plainsong, Tone VII.3

- 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 Anointed.

#### 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.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 82, stz 2 Of the Father's love begotten

O that birth for ever blessèd, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

#### **MATTHEW 2:1-12**

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

## 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

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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

Dear people of Christ, in this season of celebration of our Lord's birth, that we may find peace, joy, and contentment, let us pray for all those in need of our prayers, saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

We pray to you, O Lord, for the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world. We pray especially for Rob, our bishop; Greg, Rhett, and Ellen, our priests; Will, our minister of music; our vestry and staff, and for all ministers and people.

silence

Lord in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, O Lord, for peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light and peace of love.

silence

Lord in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, O Lord, for all those in need: the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, those who are hospitalized, those who are imprisoned, and all those for whom this season is one not of joy but trial and sadness. We pray especially for refugees and immigrants, for those in prison, those awaiting execution, and all lives marred by violence, crime, and death.

silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, O Lord, for the sick, that their illnesses may be turned into health and their sorrow into rejoicing. We pray especially for Lee Echols, Ellen Purdum's brother; Roy and Debby Johnson; Alice Chambers, friend of Mayo Moses; Dee, Mark, and Luis's great granddaughter Carter, friends of Alvin Moses; Kay Holditch, daughter of Ernie and Blanche Holditch; Victoria Phillips, relative of Anthony Grant; Sarah Lindsay, friend of Lewis Thorp; Lisa Shore-Staats, friend of Rosemary Jean-Louis; Mekia Goodbee, friend of Rosemary Jean-Louis; Geta Reid; Jane and Berry Skelton, Leslie King's sister and brother-in-law; Diane Smarro, Belinda Watkins' sister, and Greta Betty.

silence

Lord in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Please remain in prayer with those who have come forward.

We pray for all those preparing to receive the sacrament of baptism, and in this parish especially for Brady Thompson and Iris Peterson, who will be baptized next Sunday.

We pray to you, O Lord, with thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. May we, like them, remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory. We pray especially for Liane Muller, *sister of Alicia Philipp*.

silence

Lord in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

Priest

Almighty God, mercifully hear the prayers of your people. May your power overwhelm us, that all the world might find us the more perfect ministers of your presence. Thus may you be glorified this Christmas and forever in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**.

#### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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**.

#### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to give online, use your phone's camera to scan this QR code.



## Anthem

## Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Philip WJ Stopford

Lully, lulla, lully, lulla Lully, lulla, lully lulla By by, lully lullay

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child

By by, lully lullay

Oh sisters, too
How may we do?
For to preserve this day
This poor youngling
For whom we sing
By by, lully lullay?

Herod, the king In his raging

Charged he hath this day

His men of might In his own sight

All young children to slay

That woe is me Poor child for thee! And ever morn and day For thy parting

Neither say nor sing By by, lully lullay

Presentation Hymn 115

What child is this, stz 3

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

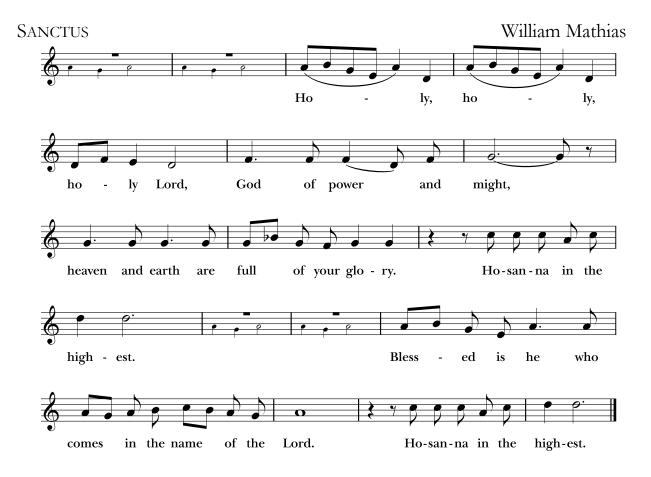
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



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,

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

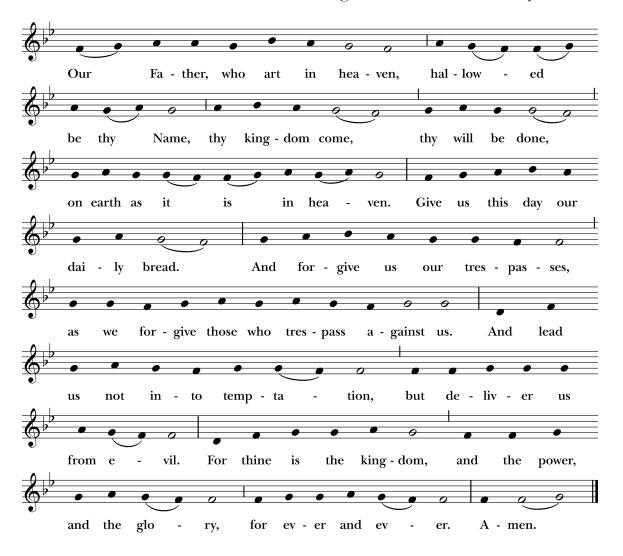
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

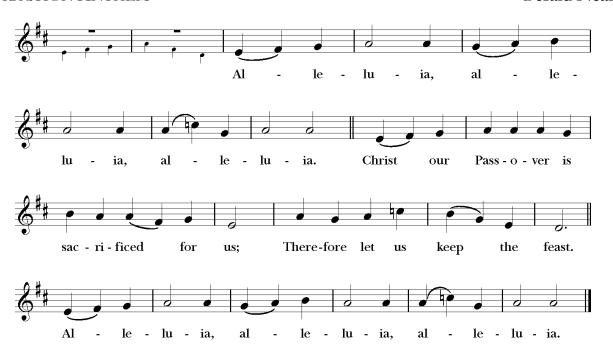
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary 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, **AMEN**.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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





#### **INVITATION**

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

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The safe and normative method for receiving communion is to eat the consecrated Bread and then drink the consecrated wine from the chalice. Intinction (dipping) is best reserved for the sick and the very young. To receive via intinction allow the minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it in your hands. Please do not dip the bread into the wine yourself.

All baptized Christians of any age and tradition are invited to receive Holy Communion, and no one who comes to the altar will be turned away. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament cross your arms over your chest.

AT THE ALTAR RAIL - you are welcome to stand or kneel.

AT THE FLOOR STATION - the bread is gluten-free.

IF YOU NEED COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOU - please let an usher know.

Love came down at Christmas HYMN 84 love all love - ly, 1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love di-vine; 2 Wor-ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di-vine; 3 Love shall be our love be mine, to - ken; love be yours and and an love was born at Christ - mas: gels gave the sign. star Je - sus, where-with sa - cred sign? wor - ship we our but for love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.



#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.



**DISMISSAL** 

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## The Upcoming Week at HTP

#### Sun Jan 4, 2026 - Second Sunday after Christmas

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes for All Ages

10:30am Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

#### Mon Jan 5, 2026

6pm Lauda Musicam of Atlanta Rehearsal, Choir Room

#### Tue Jan 6, 2026 - The Feast of the Epiphany

1pm Yoga, Narthex

6pm Epiphany Service & Burning of the Greens

7pm Finance Budget Meeting #1, Comer Center

#### Wed Jan 7, 2026

9:15am Preschool Chapel, Chapel

10am Women's Bible Study, Comer Center

11am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Chapel

2pm Park Springs Eucharist

5:30pm Wednesday Night Supper, Tisdale Hall

6:30 pm Men Under 50 Bible Study, Comer Center

7pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

#### Sat Jan 10, 2026

5:30pm Epiphany Pageant and Party

#### Sun Jan 11, 2026 - First Sunday After Epiphany

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

9:15am Christian Formation Classes for All Ages

10:30am Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

3pm PORCH Monthly Food Drive, Tisdale Hall

6pm Finance Budget Meeting #2, Comer Center

#### **Announcements & Updates**

#### Epiphany Pageant & Festive Supper - January 10, 2026

Make plans to join us for an Epiphany Lessons & Carols service on January 10, 2026, at 5:30 pm. This service includes a fun, creative, low-stress pageant, with just one rehearsal, immediately prior, starting right at 4pm. Children will then enjoy a snack break from 5-5:30 pm, prior to the service. Feel free to invite friends, neighbors, or anyone who may like to take part. A festive supper and party will follow right after the service, at approx. 6:30pm. Contact Amy Wells (children@htparish.com) with any questions.

#### Epiphany Worship and Burning of the Greens

Join us at 6 p.m. on January 6 for Holy Eucharist on Epiphany, followed by the burning of the greens. Please bring a small branch from your own Christmas tree to add to our bonfire.

#### **Newcomers Classes in 2026**

This year HTP will offer a three-part series of classes for newcomers during the formation hour on Sunday mornings. Each four-week set of classes will be taught by one of the clergy, focusing on hearing one another's stories of faith, church and vocation; who we are as The Episcopal Church, in theology and liturgy; and the history and practices of being this particular congregation of Holy Trinity Parish.

While these classes will be geared towards folks who are new to the parish and/or to The Episcopal Church, anyone is welcome to join us. If you are new or newish and wondering which classes would be helpful to you—especially if you are considering becoming an Episcopalian or being confirmed—please reach out to Mo Ellen, Fr Rhett or Fr Greg.

January 18 and 25, February 1 and 8: Who We Are as The Episcopal Church with Fr Rhett.

## Prayers of the Parish January 4 (feel free to tear off and take home with you) Sunday

For those who are ill or in need: Lee Echols, Ellen Purdum's brother; Roy and Debby Johnson; Alice Chambers, friend of Mayo Moses; Dee, Mark, and Luis's great granddaughter Carter, friends of Alvin Moses; Kay Holditch, daughter of Ernie and Blanche Holditch; Victoria Phillips, relative of Anthony Grant; Sarah Lindsay, friend of Lewis Thorp; Lisa Shore-Staats, friend of Rosemary Jean-Louis; Mekia Goodbee, friend of Rosemary Jean-Louis; Geta Reid; Jane and Berry Skelton, Leslie King's sister and brother-in-law, Diane Smarro, Belinda Watkins' sister, Greta Betty

For those who have died: Liane Muller, sister of Alicia Philipp

#### Monday

For those who are ill or in need: Jamie Jayanna and family; James; James; Leslie Funt, Albert Nim-Dixon's friend; Debra Kay, Nana Freret's friend

Anglican communion cycle of prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa; the Diocese of Upper Shire – the Church of the Province of Central Africa; the Diocese of Shyira, the Diocese of Shyogwe – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; the Diocese of Sialkot – the Church of Pakistan (United); the Diocese of Singapore – Church of the Province of South East Asia; the Diocese of Sittwe – the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

#### Tuesday

For those who are ill or in need: John Ohrenberger, Celia and Fred Hughes' son-in-law; Andrea, Giulia Galvin's sister; Margaret Hertlein; Ellen Bishop and Family; Bill Williams, Ed Watkins' brother-in-law; Charles Berkeley, Ed Watkins' cousin, Katie Johnson's father, Kathy Garner; Daniel; Grant Knox

For the Vestry and Officers: Cindy, David, Ellen, Greg, Hope, Julia, Mollie, Nathan, Stacy Diocesan cycle of prayer: The Clergy and People of the Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta; East Atlanta Convocation; Christian educators; Parish staffs, choirs, acolytes; North Atlanta Convocation; for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction; Bishop Victor and the people of our companion and partner, Diocese of Cape Coast

#### Wednesday

For those who are ill or in need: The Spence family, friends of Helen Blier, Jimmy Pirkle, Ada Smedley's cousin; Rosalind and her daughter Rachelle; Jim; Nancy Qarmout; Doreen Lewis, Jeanne Knox's friend; Katy Pope, Linda Pope's daughter

For the Staff: Will, Ellen, Amanda, Christian, Amy, Kate, Mike, Heather, Shaun

**Parish birthdays:** 1/4 Barbara Ramsay; 1/5 Townes Purdy, Daniel Strusz; 1/6 Amy Wells, Shelley Jones, Robert McCullar; 1/7 Helen Smith, Debby Johnson; 1/8 Bobbi Thios; 1/10 Chuck Reece, Sarah Merrill

#### Thursday

For those who are ill or in need: Gail McClellan; Sharon, friend of Lynne Pickens; Jim; Zack Spratlin, Chotsy Waites' neighbor

For preschool staff, teachers, students and parents

Parish wedding anniversaries: Susie and Chuck Girardeau

#### Friday

For those who are ill or in need: Anthony Grant; Donna Warfield; Beth; Bill Clark; Gail Wasdin, *Chotsy Waites' sister*, Gracie Kennedy, *Ginna Evans' friend* 

**Parish baptism anniversaries:** 1/6 Keith Crofford; 1/7 Oliver Smith, James Coblentz; 1/8 Melodie Rose Walker, Steve Eidson, Beatrice Eidson; 1/10 Charlie Booker, Maya Lee

#### Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright

The Rev. Greg Tallant

Rector

The Rev. Rhett Solomon Assoc. Rector The Rev. Ellen Echols Purdum Min. for

Ellen Echols Purdum Min. for Evangelism & Member Integration

Will Buthod Minister of Music
Amy Wells Children's Minister
Christian Foster Youth Minister

& Sack Lunch Ministry

Ellen Hopkins Financial Secretary
Heather Horne Parish Administrator

Mike Shortell Facilities Manager
Amanda Vaughn Communications

Minister

Shaun Gibbons Children's Choir Director

#### Vestry

Cindy Stein, *Sr. Warden* Ellen Bishop, *Jr. Warden* 

Mollie Arkin Hope Baker Stacy Reece Greg Smedley David Triemer Julia Gable, *Clerk* 

Nathan Penner, Treasurer

#### Menu Bulletin – January 4, 2026 – 2 Christmas

#### The Word of God

Procession Hymn 102, stz 1,5-6

Once in royal David's city

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Sequence Hymnal 82 Of the Father's love begotten, stz 2

Sermon

Nicene Creed BCP 358

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Confession and Absolution
Peace
BCP 360
BCP 360

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Presentation Hym 115 What child is this, stz 3

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

Sanctus BCP 367 (S-128)

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Communion Music

Hymn 84 Love came down at Christmas Hymn 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place

Postcommunion Prayer

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Blessing & Dismissal

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Procession Hymn 109, stz 1-3

The first Nowell