

# **A** ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S **EPISCOPAL** CHURCH

## **THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY CHRISTMAS**

25 December 2025, 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

We welcome all to today's service.



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### **Services:**

Sundays, 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

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## The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able and join us in singing.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Away in a Manger* ..... L27 LEVAS

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low-ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for

1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky \_\_ looked  
2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus, Look  
3. ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
3. thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Words: Anonymous

Music: James R. Murray (1841-1905); arr. Edythe Ethelynn Woodruff (b. 1970). Used by Permission.

OPENING ACCLAMATION..... BCP 355

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY..... BCP 355

Celebrant      Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, 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.*

SONG OF PRAISE *Glory to God*..... S280 Hymnal

*Sung by 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.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. .

***Amen***

*Please be seated for the readings.*

THE LESSON: ..... Isaiah 52:7-10

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

**H**ow beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord

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

THE RESPONSE Psalm 98 ..... *Cantate Domino*

*The Psalm is read responsively by verse.*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.**

**3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of  
the nations.**

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of  
Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of  
our God.**

**5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

**6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

**7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

**9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

**THE EPISTLE .....** Hebrews 1:1-4

Reader            A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

**L**ong ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader                    The word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and reading of the Gospel.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *What Child is This* ..... 115 Hymnal

*Unison or harmony*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2. Why lies he in such mean estate, where  
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come,  
  
Mary's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -  
  
an - them sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

THE GOSPEL ..... John 1:1-14

Gospeler      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People      Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**I**n 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.

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

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

SERMON..... The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson

THE NICENE CREED ..... BCP 358

*Please stand as you are able and join in saying 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:  
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

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

*Celebrant* Dear sisters and brothers, God has pitched a tent in our midst. God's word has taken our flesh. That all may know God's presence, bringing us together, it is fitting that our flesh should call to God in holy words of petition saying: Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* That the feet of each of us might be made beautiful through our proclamation of peace at table, desk, and lathe, as well as in every place where violence threatens, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Intercessor* That the word which conquers darkness might enlighten the blindness which keeps Christ's followers separated and at odds, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Intercessor* That our celebration of God's first-born might inspire and quicken in us protection and nurture in all human life, and especially the children, let us pray to the Lord .

*People* ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Intercessor* That God's dwelling among us might lead us to shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, support those who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Intercessor* That the power of the word might fill our hearts and minds, so that the gospel be preached with greater courage and strength, to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Intercessor* That the love of God, following upon love, might work for the healing of the sick, especially Hariett, Mandisa, Christien, Wayne, Paul, Clive, Matt, Pamela, Khalif, Lisa, Peggy, Roddy, Christine, Jaime, Carol, Jim, Brady, and all those with long-term needs, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Intercessor* That the souls of the departed, especially all those remembered by our Christmas memorials, may rest in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*People*      ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant* O God, source of light and sound, your word dispels our darkness, and your light speaks to our hearts. As we praise you, we beg that your power overwhelm us, that all the world might find us more perfect ministers of your presence. Thus, may you be glorified this Christmas Day and forever in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*People*      ***Amen.***

**THE CONFESSiON OF SiN.....BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All*            ***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.*

Celebrant 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*

*Please stand as you are able.*

THE PEACE ..... BCP 360

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE ..... BCP 376

THE DOXOLOGY 380 v.3 ..... Hymnal  
*Sung by all.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A ..... BCP 361

*Please stand as you are able.*

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.  
***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***  
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

PROPER PREFACE ..... BCP 361

*The Celebrant says the Proper preface.*

SANCTUS S130 ..... Hymnal

*Celebrant*

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:

*Sung by 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.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION ..... BCP 362

*The people stand or kneel. Then the celebrant continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.....BCP 363**

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 ..... BCP 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive communion.*

*Please let us know if you need gluten-free communion.*

*If you are unable to come to the altar,  
let the usher know and we will bring communion to you.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER ..... BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Said by all in unison*

***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.***

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

*Please join in saying:*

***O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

THE BLESSING ..... BCP 366

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

*Please stand and join in singing.*

POST COMMUNION HYMN *Angels we Have Heard on High* ..... 96  
Hymnal

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle is in bass clef, and the bottom is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the music, corresponding to the notes. The score includes a 'Refrain' section at the end.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

## THE DISMISSAL..... BCP 339

Deacon            We have just received the body of Christ. Now let us be the body of Christ as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE



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## Prayer List

**Those with immediate needs:** Hariett, Mandisa, Christien, Wayne, Paul, Clive, Matt, Pamela, Khalif, Lisa, Peggy, Roddy, Christine, Jaime, Carol, Jim, Brady

**Those with long term needs:** Joe, Carmella, Grace, John, Robert, Travis, Aimee, Jennifer, Jane, Carmen, Olivia, Laura, Morgia, Thelma, Elly, Stanley, those affected by the wars in the Middle East, the Sudan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Myanmar, the Philippines, Georgia, Armenia, China, Latin America and our troops at home and abroad.

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## THANK YOU FOR SERVING TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Candine E. Johnson
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Art Knight
Music Director · Organist	William P. Fenimore III
Choir	Catherine Clemons, Sharon Eggleston, Linda Horneff, Patrick Jjemba, Sarah Johnson, Elijah Mansaray, Monica Mundy, Emma Waring
Usher	
Eucharistic Minister & Intercessor	The Rev. Dcn. Art Knight
Reader	Karen Williams
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Altar Guild	Gail Powers, Arlene Adams, Sidney Bacon, Christine Haliburton, Candi London
Flower Guild	Arlene Adams, Edie Bennett, Catherine Clemons, Laura DeRose, Lillie Kumar, Emma Waring
Fellowship	Jean Astmann, Tennyson Sobers, Laura DeRose, Emma Waring

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BART'S

<b>Sunday, December 21</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00 am New Hope Church <b>9:00 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:00 am Holy Eucharist</b> 3:00 pm Grace Community Church
<b>Monday, December 22</b> <i>Thomas the Apostle</i>	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 7:30 NA
<b>Tuesday, December 23</b> <i>Tuesday of Advent 4</i>	10:00 am Overeaters Anonymous 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 7:30 pm Scouting
<b>Wednesday, December 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose <b>7:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>Thursday, December 25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<b>10:00 am Christmas Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose 6:30 pm AA
<b>Friday, December 26</b> <i>Saint Stephen</i>	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Altar &amp; Flower Guild</b> 12:00 pm (Noon) AA – Primary Purpose
<b>Saturday, December 27</b> <i>Saint John</i>	
<b>Sunday, December 28</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas</i>	9:00 am New Hope Church <b>9:00 am Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>10:00 am Holy Eucharist</b> 3:00 pm Grace Community Church

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