

The Eve of the Nativity
Holy Eucharist Rite II with Children's Pageant
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025 at 4 p.m.



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Sunday Worship 8 & 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.



Christmas Day (Thursday, Dec. 25): Online Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. (No in person service)

Sunday, Dec. 28: ONE service at 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with joyful carols courtesy of the Gathering Hour Band

Wednesday, Dec. 31: Online Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. (No in person service)

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The Word of God Entrance Rite



6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

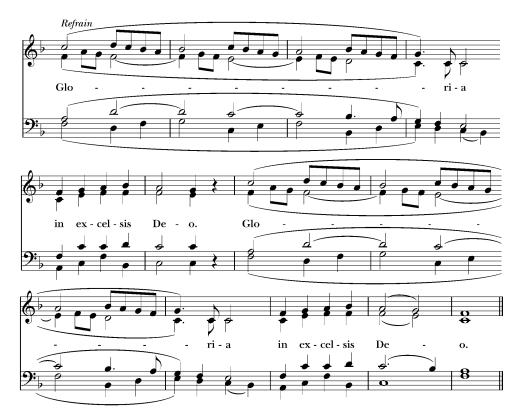
COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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**.

SONG OF PRAISE Angels we have heard on high





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7 *The people sit.* A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the har across their shoulders.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96 Remain seated. We will read the Psalm in unison.

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

²Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

⁶Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

¹⁰Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *

He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

11Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹²Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the LORD when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

¹³He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for the pageant.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

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.

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358) All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

All things have been clothed in grace by the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ; all the earth has been enlightened in his dawning. Trusting in His light and grace, let us pray for all people in need and for all the world, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the churches, which united they may be faithful in witness to your Son come among us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the leaders of nations, that they may turn from ways of fear and warfare to the ways of your wisdom and grace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the poor of the earth, for victims of violence and tyranny, that their suffering be ended, and that they may come to know joy. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For all families, that they may be renewed in joy, receive the word of mercy into their hearts, and become places of hospitality to the stranger. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For this congregation, that we may be renewed by the light and grace of your incarnate word. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died, that their efforts continue to inspire our action and that they may rest in your care until that day when all shall rise again in your new Creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Rejoicing in the company of Mary, mother of our Lord, and of all the witnesses of the incarnation, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

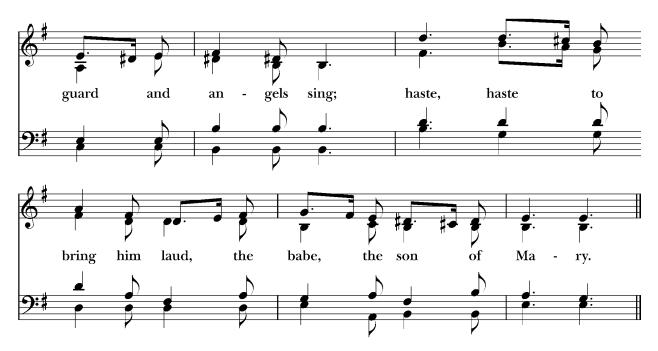
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE & OFFERING

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OFFERTORY HYMN What child is this, who, laid to rest (Greensleeves) (H 115)





DOXOLOGY: 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

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 372)

The People remain standing.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

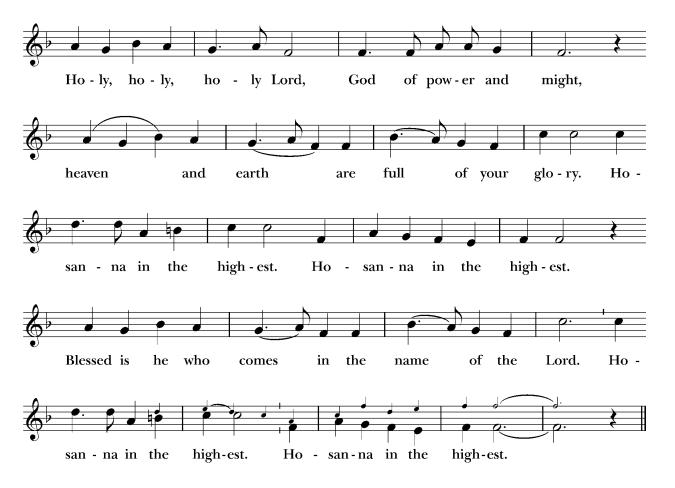
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 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:

SANCTUS S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (BCP p. 367)



The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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, 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. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

People and Celebrant

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364) Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION (BCP p. 364) *The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please take a candle from the baskets provided after you receive Communion or a blessing.





POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

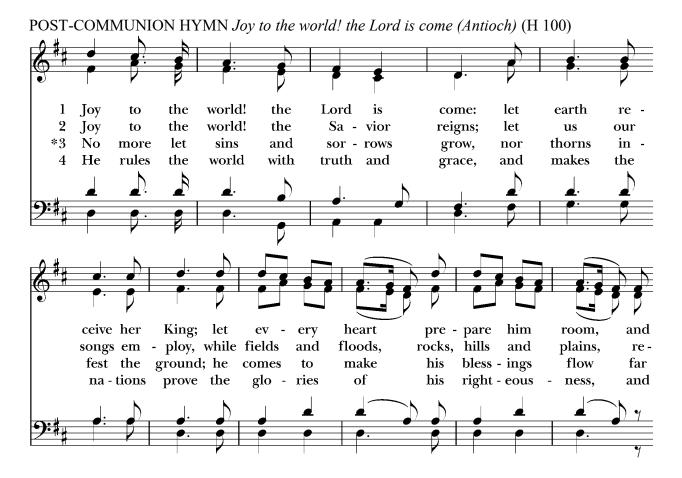
After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

BLESSING





DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Flowers and Greenery Dedications

In thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren *Marvin & Gloria Long*

In thanksgiving for children & grandchildren

Barbara & Chuck Weidler

In memory of Patricia High Allison & Scott Shapard

For our Family and Friends and the gift of Jesus Christ our Lord Frank & Judy Quattrochi

In memory of Joel Robert Poinsett

Alicia Easton

In memory of Dennis & Daisy Kahn

Denise Kahn

In memory of Herb & Betty Carnahan Flint, Leah, Henry, & Oliver Carnahan

In honor of Kenneth Pilgrim, Laurence Dash Mignon Murray

In memory of our families *Fr. Jim & Anne Horton*

In thanksgiving for Valorie Horner, Gini Lott, Marion Lott, Julia Sea Jim & Ruth Lott

In memory of Michael Glenn, D'ann Bonnell, Albert & Mildred Dudo Cheryl Glenn

In memory of Carl, John Leslie Darter Restoff

In thanksgiving for Christmas decoration Robert Ramos In memory of Frances Cox Tommy Cox

In memory of Glenn Buis

Ann Buis

In memory of Paul Rowls

Jo Rowls, Amy Burns, Emily Rappaport

In loving memory of Glenn Buis, Stan Elliott, Beverly Frank, John Grassia, Mary Holstein, James Landers, Madeleine Moeser, Hal Roach, Marilyn Scott

Music Dedications

In memory of David Yeomans

Sheila Yeomans

In memory of Caleb Scott Mashburn

Victor & Debra Mashburn

In memory of Alvin K. Cochran, Dr. John P. Tipton, Helen Cohagan Tipton *Julianne Tipton Cochran*

To the Glory of God Verlyn & Jackie Stahlecker

In thanksgiving for our family & friends

John & Karen Bradbury

In memory of Sharon Nelson, Robert & Susie Dunn Debora Clark

In thanksgiving for serving in this parish

Debora Clark

In memory of Gary L. Tate, Nancy & Jim Summers, Bishop Sam B. Hulsey Priscilla Tate

In thanksgiving for Christmas music Bradley Volk In memory of Charlie Shapard *Allison & Scott Shapard*

In memory of Evelyn & Dick Day, Letitia Butler Spencer, Tola & Bruce Butler Evie & Geoffrey Butler

In memory of Kelly Nanna, Margarite & Bill Healy, Ava & George Nanna Susan & Jerry Nanna

In honor of our family Fr. Jim & Anne Horton

In memory of Norman J. Hair, Oletha Chance, Raymon Chance Loraine & Lebron Chance



