

Christmas Day
The Holy Eucharist
Rite II



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

333 South Drexel Avenue
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The Rev. Craig Foster, Deacon

*At St. Alban's Episcopal Church, we seek to be transformed
by the Holy Spirit by welcoming the stranger, striving for justice,
loving God and neighbor and promoting peace.*

December 25, 2022
10:30 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful – John F. Wade

ENTRANCE HYMN

Good Christian friends, rejoice – Hymnal 1982, #107

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355

The people standing, the Presider says

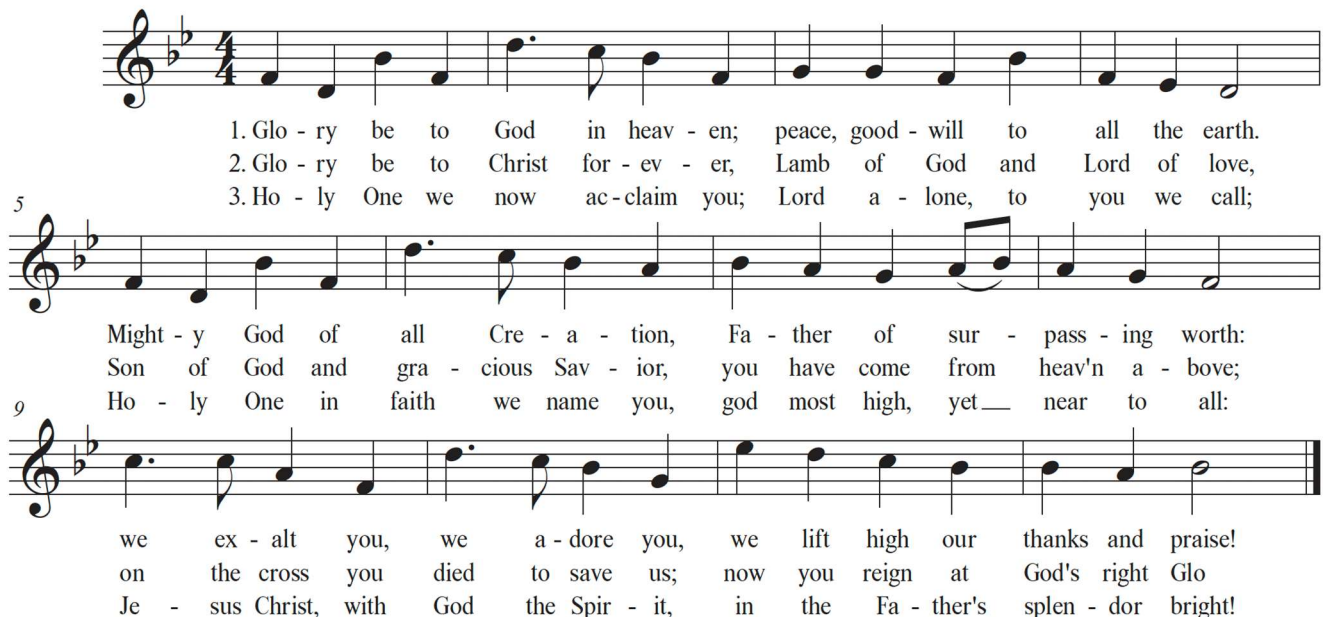
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (+)¹
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider 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.

GLORIA



1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love,
3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;
5 Might - y God of all Cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
9 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, god most high, yet near to all:
we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise!
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right Glo
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright!

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879
Text: ELW Setting 10, 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

¹ At this symbol it is appropriate to make the sign of the cross.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How 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 Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

- 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.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long 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 Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word. Let it

5
burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred. Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we

10
sing for the good news that ____ you ____ bring.

Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

Text: ELW Setting 10; 2006, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Lee Anne Reat

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Book of Common Prayer, pg. 358

*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:²
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

Deacon Let us pray to God, who came among us in the birth of Jesus:

Leader Gracious God, as a star rose, and drew people from great distances to Bethlehem that they might greet the Christ-child; Draw us, your Church, and all of your people to you – that we might be the Church and the People who you call us to be.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

² At the following words it is appropriate to bow as a sign of reverence.

As you gave Mary your Holy Spirit, filling her with the delight of your Presence; Fill us with your Spirit, and renew our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As Gentiles streamed to Jesus' Light, and Kings to the brightness of his rising; Draw our nation, our President, and all in authority, to God's brightness.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As angels sang 'glorias' to you and proclaimed peace on earth, and goodwill among all peoples; Bring us your peace, and bring an end to all terror and strife.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As shepherds were drawn away from their flocks by night; Draw those who do not know you yet to the knowledge and love of you.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As Jesus was born in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn; Be especially present with those who have no where to lay their head, those who are vulnerable, and those who are hungry.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As the Holy Family gathered together in Bethlehem, and traveled together to far off lands; Bless all families, especially the families of our parish, and protect those who travel.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As your son came to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, and the gift of Life Eternal; Give to the departed eternal rest and let Light perpetual shine on them.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, especially Rollin; Robert; Allen; Mike's Family; Pelham Family; Anne; Barry; Mark; Hal, Ann and Laurie; Laura W.; Bill; Jessica; Jill; Devin; Edward and

Mary; Sholom and Family; Larry; Lisa; Steve; Tad; Charlie; Nancy; Khadijah; P. Alexander; Maria; Pete and Linda; Mike and Mary, for those serving in the military, including Abbey, Anne, Aaron, Peter, Greg, Sean, and Tyler, for those serving in places of danger, especially Jake, Sarah, Steven, Anne, Sam, Ben, and Maria.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who have died especially Andy Pelham; Mike; Lee Davis; Pete Lowder; Dr. George and Isabel Williard; Mr. Raymond and Mrs. Mary Jane Kilbourne (Lindenberg) in whose loving memory wreaths, trees and altar flowers are given.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Presider O Lord our God, may the Light and Hope of this season, and of your Son's Incarnation, reassure our hearts that you are among us, that you hear our prayer, and that you will be with us always, even to the end of the age. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth we pray. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence for examination and reflection is kept

*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.*