

**The Episcopal Church of the
Annunciation
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The First Sunday after Christmas**



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*“Our Mission is to bear witness to God’s love and invite, encourage, and prepare
God’s people to share that grace with others.”*

Prelude

Processional Hymn 100

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

Joy to the World

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ, while fields and
floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Presider 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.**

Glory to God: *Gloria in Excelsis*

Hymnal S280

1 Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.	3 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,	6 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, 7 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. <i>Amen.</i>
2 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.	4 you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; 5 you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.	

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

The First Reading

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

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!

The Second Reading

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn L27

1 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.

2 The cattle are lowing, the
baby awakes, but little Lord
Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look
down from the sky, and stay
by my side until morning is
nigh.

Away in a manger

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I
ask thee to stay close by me
for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in
thy tender care, and fit us for
heaven to live with thee there.

The Holy Gospel

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:1-18

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.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

BCP 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: 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

Intercessor

The Confession

BCP 360

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory *An offering of money is collected and brought to the altar with the bread and wine.*

The Offertory Hymn 115

What Child is this

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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.

Sanctus Hymn S130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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.

Then 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 364

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following 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.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Your response is "Amen" just before placing the bread/wine to your lips.

Communion Hymn 109

The first Nowell

After Communion, the Presider may say to the Eucharistic Visitor

In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share one Bread, one Cup. Amen.**

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

Recessional Hymn 99

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

Go tell it on the Mountain

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

BCP 366

Postlude

The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy

A Christmas Blessing

During this Christmas season, May you be blessed With the spirit of the season, which is peace; The gladness of the season, which is hope; And the heart of the season, which is love.

The Christmas poinsettias and greenery are given with Thanksgiving ...

By Cal Beck for Cal & Sharon Beck's 43rd Wedding Anniversary. By Roy & Betsy Nibeck for our family.

By Paul McCabe for family, friends and the many blessings of ECA and the people that make this parish so special.

The Christmas poinsettias and greenery are given in Memory of ...

Jim Pinkston; Mr. & Mrs. James Pinkston, Sr; and Mr. & Mrs. John Trentham from Brenda Pinkston.

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