

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

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PLEASE ENJOY THE SERVICE MUSIC BUT REFRAIN FROM SINGING AT THIS TIME.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*
“Angels, from the realms of glory” verse 1, 2 and 4

HYMN, 93

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant continues with the Collect for Purity

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.**

PRAYER

BCP, 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Sung*

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 *The People sit.*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21 *said by all*

Laudate Dominum

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN/SONG

HYMN, 107

"Good Christian friends, rejoice!" verse 1 & 3

THE HOLY GOSPEL *The People stand*

JOHN 1:1-18

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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. (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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

AFTER THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

"Glory to God!"

THE SERMON

FR. ROMAN ROLDAN

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People respond to all the petitions with

Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude with

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord Our God.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. All saying,

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.

The Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins,

**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.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

At this time simply bow, wave, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying “peace be with you” or “good morning”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SONG/HYMN

“Of the Father’s love begotten” verse 1-3

HYMN, 82

THE DOXOLOGY *The people stand*

“What star is this, with beams so bright” verse 5

HYMN, 124

The musical score is presented in two systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

System 1:

To God the Fa-ther, heav'n - ly Light, to Christ, re - veal'd in earth - ly night,

System 2:

to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our e - qual and unceas - ing praise. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

RITE II - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 unto our Lord God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, 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.

The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface, which concludes

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 AND BENEDICTUS

KERRI ELROD

Sung

**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 say

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 Blessed Dunstan and 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.

Celebrant and People say **AMEN**

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

People and Celebrant, kneeling

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is said

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE INVITATION TO A SPIRITUAL HOLY COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The presider says the following prayer:

**Our Jesus,
We believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
We love you above all things,
and long for you in our souls.
Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our hearts.
As though you have already come,
We embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you;
never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.**

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

THE COMMUNION HYMN

“While shepherds watched their flocks by night”

HYMN, 94

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

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 AND DISMISSAL

The Priest blesses the people, who respond

Amen.

The Celebrant, dismisses the people, who respond

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF MISSION

"The first Nowell" verse 1 & 6

HYMN, 109

NOON HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHURCH

Will resume January 7th due to the holidays.

Join us again on Jan. 7, 2021 at 12:00pm (Noon) for worship.

No RSVP is needed

CHURCH OFFICES WILL CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS ON:

December 31st & January 1st

COFFEE WITH THE RECTOR AND MOST SMALL GROUP STUDIES WILL BE ON HOLIDAY RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 2021.

COMING UP IN JANUARY

JAN. 3 EPIPHANY SUNDAY— The Children will premier an epiphany Pageant Play during the 9am worship for viewers in-church and online.

JAN. 17 TAIZE AT 4:00PM— Join us for meditative prayers and song in the New Year.

JAN. 24 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 11AM— Join us via Livestream for our Annual Parish Meeting. See where our year ended and our vision for 2021.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birth of our daughter, Lane Johanna given by her parents Carol and David Cooper.