



First Sunday After Christmas

December 29, 2024

Prelude

Please stand as you are able

Opening Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

H82

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!
- 2 O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!
- 3 Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!
- 4 Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

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.

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 forever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Lay reader; A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah...

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...

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13-21

¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he blesses your children within you.

¹⁴ **He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat.**

¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.

¹⁶ **He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.**

¹⁷ He hurls down hail like crumbs — who can stand before his cold?

¹⁸ **He sends out his word, and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.**

¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

²⁰ **He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!**

The Second Lesson Galatians 3:23-25 & Galatians 4:4-7

Lay reader: A reading from Paul's letter to Titus...

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...

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Let All the Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

H324

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Gospel John 1:18

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

"Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Mike Seiler

(A period of silence follows. The Presider leads the people in the confession of our faith.)

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 and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 Deacon leads the People in the Prayers)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(The people may add their own petitions)

A period of silence follows.

The Presider concludes the Prayers with the following:

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(A period of silence follows. The Deacon leads the people in the confession.)

People 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.

Presider 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.*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Congregational Song Let There Be Peace on Earth *(text is on the inside of the hymnal back cover)*

Presider The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

People And whenever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all.

Stewardship Summary

Linda Brockwell

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Please stand or kneel for the Eucharistic prayer as you are able

Offertory Sentence Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Music

**People Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye, Heavenly host;
Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**



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Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider 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.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

All Sanctus S127
**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 Presider 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,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider 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 St. Alban 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 forever. **Amen.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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.**

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Alleluia.

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

Presider 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Presider The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Communicant **Amen.**

Deacon The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Communicant **Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

H497

- 1 How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar;
the host of heaven rejoices; O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!
Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices:
Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw thou near us;
great Emmanuel, come and hear us.
- 2 Though circled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a pitying eye
upon his helpless creature; the whole creation's Head and Lord,
by highest seraphim adored, assumed our very nature;
Jesus, grant us, through thy merit, to inherit thy salvation;
hear, O hear our supplication.
- 3 Rejoice, ye heavens; thou earth, reply; with praise, ye sinners, fill the sky,
for this his Incarnation. Incarnate God, put forth thy power,
ride on, ride on, great Conqueror, till all know thy salvation. Amen, amen!
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be given
evermore, by earth and heaven.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

Dismissal Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Please remain in your seat until the videographer raises an arm to indicate the recording has ended.



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What Child Is This?

Family & Friends Prayer List

Diane Seal for recovery and healing
 Kathleen O'Hagan for healing and strength
 Patricia Drake for comfort and strength
 Jason for comfort and healing
 Susan Shippy for healing and recovery
The above name will stay on this list for up to four weeks. If someone needs to remain on this list for a longer period, or to have others added to this list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing List Beth Sanders

Peter Podell
 Hartley Bennett
 Sandy Schlegel, Betty Hanson
 All first responders
 All Healthcare workers
 All funeral directors and staff
 Peace for the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine and Russia

Military Prayer List

All members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas

U.S. Air Force	Colby	Harlan
	KayLee	Thomas
U.S. Army	Andrew	
U.S. Navy	Caleb	Landon

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom;

Prayer Service Schedule

Morning Prayer and Breakfast - Second Thursday in the month - 7:30 am
 Anglican Rosary - Every Thursday at 1pm in the St. Alban's Chapel
 Taizé Service - 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Nave

Sunday 12/29

Acolyte
 Altar Guild
 Usher
 Lector
 Bishop's Committee

Rev. Mike Seiler

Michael Campbell
 Erica Baxter
 Kelly Ryan
 Linda Brockwell
 Fred**/Kelly

Announcements



Upcoming:

- 12/29 Project SALT Luncheon
- 12/31 Stewardship Pledges are due
- 1/05 Blessing of the pledges
- 1/05 Epiphany
- 1/05 Birthday Celebrations
- 1/05 Rustic Ranch Service 1 pm
- 1/06 Epiphany Mass
- 1/09 Prayer Service/Breakfast
- 1/12 BCM Meeting
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Day
- 1/21 ECW Meeting

Reminding everyone that *Adult Forum* meets at 9:00. All men and women are invited.

Project SALT Food for January 5: Canned Fruits and Vegetables:



<i>Bishop</i>	The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall
<i>Vicar</i>	The Rev. Mike Seiler
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Debra Loder
<i>Music Director</i>	Caroline Markham
<i>Office Manager</i>	Ellen Richards
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Kelly Ryan
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Fred Poteet
<i>Treasurer</i>	Linda Brockwell

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