



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2023 10:30 AM





GOOD MORNING!

We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today.

Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you *are* here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack.

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Fill out a pew card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to be placed on on the weekly email, *Parish Tidings*, for the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook, or watch when you can on Vimeo! facebook.com/episcopalloudon or vimeo.com/episcopalloudon



MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Our service begins on page 78 of the Book of Common Prayer

OPENING HYMN

God rest ye merry gentlemen

Hymnal 105

The officiant says

Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**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 officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all

We prepare for our time together.

We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.

The bold portions are the parts the congregation says together. Remember that “liturgy” means worshipping together. It is important that we make our responses in a good, strong voice.

The **Confession of Sin** helps us examine our hearts, and hear of God’s forgiveness.

goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*

BCP 82

The officiant says

Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.

All say together

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of
his hand. ***

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Venite, which is simply Psalm 95 used as a canticle, takes its name from the Latin for the opening word of the Psalm, "Come."

The congregation may be seated.

PSALM 147:13-21

BCP 805



How pleas - ant it is to hon - or God with praise, hal - le - lu - jah.



- 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.

Antiphon

- 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?

Antiphon

- 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!

Antiphon

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 61:10 - 62:3

Lector A reading from the Book of 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 12, *The People of God*

BCP 89

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *

praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord,*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous,*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord,*
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

THE SECOND LESSON: GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lector A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians

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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Love came down at Christmas

Hymnal 84

THE GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 1:1-18

Lector A reading from the Gospel of John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning

We stand to indicate the importance we place of Jesus' words and actions. The **Gospel** book comes into the midst of the people and all turn toward the reader.

The **Apostles' Creed** and the Nicene Creed are both ancient statements of faith. In Morning Prayer, we use the Apostles' Creed.

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase "**Lord's Prayer**" is not used in the New Testament. It is similar to Jewish prayers: it begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

Parish Announcements

This center section of your bulletin is for you to tear out & take home with you.
Keep the announcements, prayer lists, calendars, & Diocesan news on hand all week!

CHRISTMAS GRATITUDE

Thank you to all those who make our Christmas services so lovely: the altar and flower guilds; the choir; Amanda; and all the service ministers - acolytes, eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, chancellors, and coffee hour hosts.

To all of you who make every Sunday possible, we can't say it enough. Thank you, thank you, thank you for ministering in this place.

Bible Study Offering

Beginning **Wednesday, January 3rd**, Tony Adams will facilitate a Bible study offering on **The Acts of the Apostles**. If you wish to participate, please contact Tony at (423) 884-3024 or adamsaj@aol.com.

From tiny beginnings among Jesus' disciples, the church exploded into a worldwide force in just a few years. How? Jesus left His followers with a mission, and the Spirit of God moved mightily through them to fulfill it. Luke's account of how the gospel was carried from Jerusalem to Rome – despite every conceivable obstacle – assures us that God will also help us discover and live out our mission in the world.

We'll meet via ZOOM video-conference, Wednesday mornings from 11:00 am to noon.

Prayer of Dedication for the New Year

O Unchanging God,
Let us pass through this new year
with faithful hearts,
that we might in all things
please your loving eyes.
Amen.

~Every Moment Holy, Vol III: The Work of the People

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Prayers & Thanksgivings

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Tracy; Daphne; Ulla; Sarah; Judy K.; Kyle, Cathy & Callie; Ashley; Debbie; Nancy C.; Jack H.; Randy; Rame; Ingham; Wayne; Sharon; Larry; Rick & Mali; Diana N.; Sandy; Peggy Ann; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1/3 - Wayne Tolbert
1/6 - Tony and Oralee Adams
Paul Fiebke, Sr.
1/10 - Andrew & Cath Wilkinson
1/13 - Sarah Reynolds
1/16 - Diane Van Koughnett
1/18 - Erllys Ploeger
1/20 - Paul Fiebke, Jr.
1/30 - Janet Cardwell

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

Claire	Sandy
Rob & Sherry	Lynnette
Cheri	the Garretts
Sara	Jane
Sue	Millie
Shannon	Jim
Donna	Mel
Charles	

DIOCESAN PRAYERS

For The Future of the Human Race: O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

For Your Calendars

TODAY

Worship Leader: Kelly Johnson
Lector: Bill Perry
Usher: Art Stewart & Monty Ross
Chancellor: Art Stewart
Coffee Host: Jackie Buttinelli
Video: Bob Cantine
Counters: Carolyn Parker & Monty Ross
Altar Guild: Kathleen Bailey
Flower Guild: Judy Hadjian & Kathleen Bailey

Jan 7th

Acolyte: Seth Reichenbach
EM: Judy Egan
Lector: Jackie Curtiss
Ushers: Art Stewart & David St. John
Coffee Host: Monty Ross
Chancellor: Art Stewart
Video: David Morehous
Counters: Jean Cardwell & Nelda Griffith
Altar Guild:
Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts

Jan 14th

Acolyte: Dawson Hope
EM: Jackie Buttinelli
Lector: Keytha Graves
Ushers: Drew Hawley & Keytha Graves
Coffee Host: Vicky St. John
Chancellor: David Baumgardner
Video: Bob Cantine
Counters: Carolyn Parker & Ginny Tolbert
Altar Guild:
Flower Guild: Dianna Stimpson

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 1/1
New Year's Day

Tuesday, 1/2
1:00pm - EfM Class

Wednesday, 1/3
11:00 - Acts Study begins on Zoom

Thursday, 1/4
3:30pm - AA (women only meeting)

Sunday, 1/7
8:00am - Holy Eucharist Service
9:30am - Choir Practice
10:30pm - Holy Eucharist Service

Email office@episcopalloudon.com to have your ministry or committee's activities or meetings added to the parish calendar (and to let us know if you'd like it to appear here).

COMING UP ...

Jan 9: Open Table Tuesdays resume

Check your Parish Tidings and keep a look out for upcoming details!

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Check it out!



Forma is a ministry of Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). This network for Christian formation celebrates, equips, supports, and connect leaders who form followers of Jesus Christ. The 2024 Forma Annual Conference, a Way in the Wilderness, will be held **January 22nd through 25th** in a new, “radically hybrid” format. You can join as an individual through Zoom, host a gathering in your area, or attend in person at Kanuga Conference Center Retreat or Camp Allen Conference Center Retreat.

If you are interested in learning more about attending or hosting a local gathering, contact Canon Beverly Hurley Hill at bhurleyhill@dioet.org or (205) 213-6640 so that we can leverage our diocesan membership.



40th Annual Diocesan Convention

Friday, February 9th, 2024
St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Knoxville
&
Saturday, February 10th, 2024
Episcopal School of Knoxville

The annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee is the legislative body for the Diocese. Each year, parishes across East Tennessee send delegations to convention to consider resolutions, elect diocesan leadership, hear reports from diocesan committees and other working groups, pass the annual diocesan budget, and find inspiration and training from an array of in-person and online affinity groups and workshops.

The convention, meeting in early February of each year, rotates between each of our three regions: the South East region (Chattanooga), the Middle East region (Knoxville), and the Upper East region (Kingsport/Johnson City).

Visit diocesconvention.org for more info.

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**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and 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.**

SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God's help.

The **Peace**, is a very ancient way for people to greet one another. When the celebrant says: "The Peace of the Lord be always with you," everyone responds: "And also with you." Then we share God's peace with one another.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 213

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 PEACE

BCP 360

All stand. The officiant says to the people

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Then the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

HYMN

What child is this?

Hymnal 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 ushers bring the people's offerings to the officiant.

Officiant: All things come of thee, O Lord;
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

All stand or kneel.

Officiant and people

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth
your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplication to
you; and you have promised through your well-beloved
Son that when two or three are gathered together in his
Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O
Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and
in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

The officiant concludes, saying

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Romans 15:13

TODAY'S ART



Saint John the Baptist Bearing Witness

Annibale Carracci

Italian (1560-1609)

Oil on copper

c. 1600

The Met, New York

Among his innovations, Annibale launched the vogue for landscapes in which nature was carefully studied but transformed by the imagination into an idyllic setting for religious or mythological stories.

The main figure's large almond eyes derive from the study of ancient sculpture. Annibale's painting depicts John heralding the arrival of Christ, to whom he points and whom he will baptize the next day.

This beautifully preserved oil on copper has been part of several illustrious collections, including the Farnese family's in Parma and the Orléans collection in Paris.

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/438813>

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REFRESHING SOULS | BRIDGING COMMUNITIES | ENGAGING PEOPLE IN SERVICE

Thank you for joining us today! We hope to see you again soon.

We invite you to join us for worship at 8:00 or 10:30 am each Sunday.
If you can't make it in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook!
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- ? Wonder why we do what we do?
- Questions about what we believe and how we worship?

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- ? Questions about our service?
- ? Curious about Church of the Resurrection?
- Wondering how we're being the church in these days?

We welcome you to visit us at our website or call us
at the number below.



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