



CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2023 10:00 AM





**Altar flowers are given to
the Glory of God and In
Loving Memory of**

Chuck Murphy

John, Mary Anne, Harold, & Lucy, by the Stahrs

Susan & Ben Kubesh

Jim & Martha Brown

Ben Kubesh

Our Loved Ones, by the Ploegers

and

In honor of all the men and women who serve
in the Armed Services, by Tony Adams

Christmas Day

December 25, 2021

*We are delighted to welcome all visitors in our service today.
You are welcome at this table, and in this place.*

Liturgy of the Word

All stand for the entrance of the ministers into the church.

Hymn *Joy to the world* v. 1, 2 & 4 Hymnal 100

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Hymn *Angels we have heard on high* v. 1&4 Hymnal 96

Collect of the Day

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.

First Reading Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;

all day and all night
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the Lord,
take no rest,

and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The Lord has sworn by his right hand
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain
to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink the wine
for which you have labored;

but those who garner it shall eat it
and praise the Lord,

and those who gather it shall drink it
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,
prepare the way for the people;

build up, build up the highway,
clear it of stones,
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,
“See, your salvation comes;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”

They shall be called, “The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord”;

and you shall be called, “Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.”

Psalm 97 *Remain seated, say in unison.*

- 1 The Lord is King;
 let the earth rejoice; *
 let the multitude of the isles be glad.**
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, *
 righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**
- 3 A fire goes before him *
 and burns up his enemies on every side.**
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; *
 the earth sees it and is afraid.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, *
 at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**

- 6 **The heavens declare his righteousness, ***
 and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 **Confounded be all who worship carved images**
 and delight in false gods! *
 Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, ***
 because of your judgments, O Lord.
- 9 **For you are the Lord,**
 most high over all the earth; *
 you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 **The Lord loves those who hate evil; ***
 he preserves the lives of his saints
 and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 **Light has sprung up for the righteous, ***
 and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, ***
 and give thanks to his holy Name.

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Sequence Hymn *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

Hymnal 107

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:8-20

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.

Sermon

The Rev. Amy Morehous

A moment of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed *All stand*

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Prayers of the People

Welcome! Let your presence among us be reflected in our lives

Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

With the gift of angel song and joyful spirits, we rejoice at your coming among us. Sustain us, your people, with joy deep in our hearts. Give our bishops, priests, deacons, and all our faithful leaders a renewed sense of purpose and direction, that they may lead us in the way you would have us go.

Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Give the leaders of the nations an urgency for peace and brotherhood, that the world you entered be blessed by good tidings.

Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Shower people throughout the world with your blessings of beauty and purpose, freedom and plenty.

Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Open our hearts to the needs of those around us who are hungry or lonely, who struggle with the burdens of living, whose spirits are restless for you.

Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Make whole those who suffer today with illness, with anxiety, with despair. May we care about them and care for them as our brothers and sisters.

Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Gather to your heart those who have died, who are now welcomed into your eternal embrace and surrounded by your glory.

Amen. Welcome, Lord, welcome.

Confession BCP p.359

Peace BCP p.360

Holy Communion

Hymn *Away in a manger* Hymnal 101

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D BCP p. 372

Sanctus BCP p. 373

Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Invitation to Communion

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, and the usher will direct you forward to the communion rail. Please remain standing to receive communion, and then return to your seat by the side aisle, so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

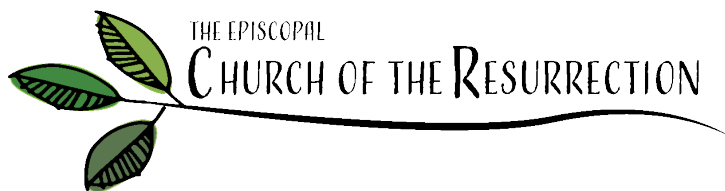
Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one 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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal BCP p. 366

Hymn *Hark! The herald angels sing* Hymnal 87



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