



CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2023
10:30 PM



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

December 24, 2023

Beginning at 10:30 pm, we have special music,
with guest guitarist, Tanja Mirić.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Angels We Have Heard on High

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

U to vrijeme godista (traditional Croatian Christmas song)

Once in Royal David's City

Away in a Manger

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

In the Bleak Midwinter

What Child Is This?

* All pieces arranged by Tanja Miric

Tanja Mirić, native of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been playing the guitar for over three decades. Her academic credentials include a B.M. from Mississippi College, M.M. from Southern Methodist University and D.M.A. from University of Minnesota.

Dr. Mirić received numerous awards for her guitar playing and academic excellence. She was honored as a presidential scholar, recipient of the B.G. Walden Memorial Scholarship and was a Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges honoree.

Among her musical achievements are first place awards at Mississippi Music Teachers Association, Mississippi Federated Music Club and Mississippi Guitar Festival competitions. As a member of Duo Mirić she won the college duo and overall college division at the University of Texas at Brownsville Ensemble Festival, 2006. Duo Mirić was the featured artist in residence for the St. Louis Classical Guitar Society and was selected to perform at the Guitar Foundation of America Ensemble Showcase, Louisville, KY, Fort Worth Guitar Festival (TX), and Schubert Club Courtroom Concert series (Saint Paul, MN).

Dr. Mirić is a published author of over a dozen books featuring arrangements for solo guitar and guitar duo.

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 first prayer, said by the celebrant, is the **Collect for Purity**. A collect is a particular form of prayer, which names some attribute of God or something God has done, asks for something specific and then closes with praise to God. For centuries, this collect for purity was said silently by the priest. The Prayer Book of 1552 made this prayer a public one said aloud by the priest for all the people gathered.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Processional Hymn
Adeste Fidelis

Hymnal 83

The Celebrant says

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Celebrant says 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.**

Hymn of Praise

Angels we have heard on high (v. 1,4)

Hymnal 96

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector A Reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

Psalm 96

Lector We will say the Psalm in unison.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *

We respond to each reading: the **Psalm** is our response to the Old Testament, the hymn our sung response to the **Epistle** (the second reading), and the sermon and creed are our response to the **Gospel**.

sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from
day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be
moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.**

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

The angel Gabriel

Hymnal 265

The Gospel Lesson: *All stand*

Luke 2:1-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

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

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.

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.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Amy Morehous

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**

A **Sermon** or a shorter teaching called a homily follows the Gospel. Since 1549, a sermon has been required at every Eucharist service.

We use the **Nicene Creed** on Sundays, and the Apostle’s Creed for Baptism. Both are ancient statements of faith.

**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

Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray, “Glorious Lord, grant us your peace.”

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: Make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil.

Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation.

Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation

Why do some people bow their head for part of the creed? Some bow at “he came down from heaven” as a sign of reverent respect for Jesus’ incarnate presence with us.

Our prayers change each week, along with the lectionary. Please feel free to add those on your heart, either silently or aloud, at the appropriate place.

burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you.

Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of all the cities to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.

Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely, and especially **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.**

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings.

Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection.

Glorious Lord,
Grant us your peace.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

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

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

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!

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-teleconference, Wednesday mornings from 11:00 am to noon.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

On Sunday, December 31st, at both 8:00 and 10:30, we will celebrate Morning Prayer to close out 2023.

We hope to see you tomorrow morning, at 10:00am, when we'll have our Christmas Day service.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The church office will be closed December 25-January 1. We'll be back in the office on Tuesday, January 2, ready to begin 2024!

Sunday, December 24, 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

12/4 - Ruth Hennessy
12/11 - Gregg & Rosemary Kitts
12/12 - David St. John
12/17 - Jerry Ploeger
12/18- Jenny Lucas
12/22 - Paul & Jeanette Fiebke
Will & Nancy Heathcote
12/23 - Vicky St. John
12/24 - David Baumgardner
12/25 - Keytha Graves
12/26 - Jessica Harper
Michael Mott
12/27 - Rame Coombes
12/30 - Mel Hines

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

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

DIOCESAN PRAYERS

For Peace: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

For Church Musicians and Artists: O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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For Your Calendars

4:30 pm

Acolyte: Andrew Wilkinson
EM: Jane Mocolac
Lector: Bill Perry
Ushers: Kathleen Bailey &
Monty Ross
Chancellor:

10:30 pm

Acolyte: Dawson Hope
EM: Holly Pate
Lector: Jerry Ploeger
Usher: Ginny Tolbert
Chancellor:

Dec 25th

Acolyte/EM: Kelly Johnson
Lector: Wendy Reichenbach
Usher: Kathleen Bailey

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 12/25

10:00am - Christmas Day Service

Thursday, 12/28

3:30pm - AA (*women only meeting*)

Sunday, 12/31

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 ...

Dec 25-29: Office Closed

Jan 3: Act Bible Study begins

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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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 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

BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an
offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light

Arr. Manning

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

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings

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.**

This Christmas season, we will follow **Eucharistic Prayer D**, from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 372.

Prayer D is adapted from the Liturgy of Saint Basil, dating to the late 300s CE. A variation of it is also used by Greek, Slavic, and Coptic churches, making it authorized among Christians more than any other Eucharistic prayer.

The Liturgy of the Table

The second part of the liturgy moves to the Table. It is based on Jewish fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Should I stand or kneel?

Either is correct. In the early church, standing was usual. Some prefer to kneel as a gesture of reverence. Choose whichever feels prayerful for you.

Why are some parts of the liturgy chanted? Chanting - or singing - part of the liturgy dates back to the 9th century. In our liturgy, both the celebrant and the people chant or sing.

When we gather together we remember Jesus. Through repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with his disciples, we ourselves join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, but we enter into the story as we too take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

The Celebrant and people

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for
us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the Faithful

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy

The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer in all capital letters. It is the people's affirmation of all that has gone before, and has been a practice since the 2nd century.

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.

This is the "Sancta Sanctis" - the Invitation to Communion.

Receiving Communion

All are welcome at God's table. Hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. For now, wine is available both in individual cups and from the chalice. Please partake in the way you feel comfortable. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

You have fully received communion if you receive either the bread or the wine.

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.

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.**

Communion Hymn *In the bleak midwinter*

Hymnal 112

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.**

Please sit or kneel, as you prefer.

*As we sing, the altar party will bring the light forward.
Please pass it to your neighbor as a sign of hope and joy.*

Postcommunion Hymn
Silent Night

Hymnal 111

Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

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.**

The Blessing - a priestly blessing first began with Bishops in the 4th century, then spread in practice by priests, when the Bishop was not present.

Recessional Hymn

Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal 99

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

In dulci jubilo

J.S. Bach



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

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Jim & Martha Brown

Ben Kubesh

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