



The First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024 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!

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MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Our service begins on page 75 of the Book of Common Prayer

OPENING HYMN

How bright appears the morning star

Hymnal 497

The officiant says

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.. *Luke 2:10-11*

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

Dost thou in a manger lie

Hymnal 97

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.

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.**

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

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

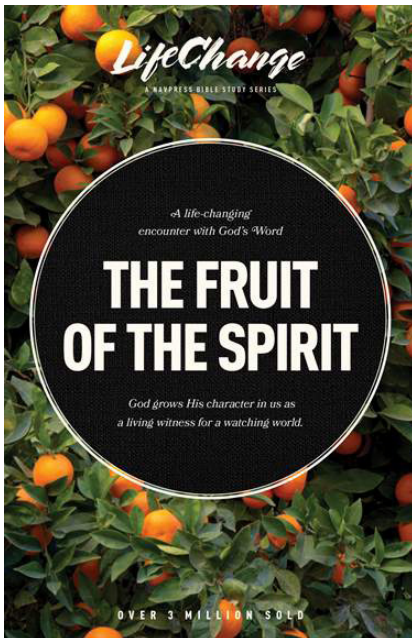
The 2025 sign up poster is on the Parish Hall bulletin board, ready for you to pick your Sunday!

You can remember and honor loved ones in their life - those living and those passed - by making a special donation/dedication for altar flowers.

Drop your completed envelope with \$50 cash or check in the offering plate or mail to the church. It is through your generous giving that our Flower Guild is able to adorn the entire church with the beautiful flowers that we will all enjoy at our Sunday services.

New Year Bible Study Offering

Beginning Wednesday, January 8th, Tony Adams will facilitate a Bible study offering on The Fruit of the Spirit. It's not too late to join! Just contact Tony at (423) 884-3024 or adamsaj@aol.com.



The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In this topical Bible study, we will look at each fruit of the Spirit one session at a time in the order that Paul presents them. Each session will focus on one key passage of scripture that fully describes the fruit being considered.

We'll meet on Zoom, on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am for 10 sessions (January 8 - March 19, excluding Ash Wednesday).

Handouts will be provided by Tony, and come from the study book. You will need a bible (some are available in the parish hall library, if needed.)

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Prayers & Thanksgivings

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Aaron; Sara; Killian; Becky; Stephen; the Hentchel family; Maurie; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12/30 - Mel Hines

1/3 - Wayne Tolbert

1/6 - Tony and Oralee Adams
Paul Fiebke, Sr.

1/10 - Andrew & Cath Wilkinson

1/16 - Diane Van Koughnett

1/18 - Erlys Ploeger

1/20 - Paul Fiebke, Jr.

1/30 - Janet Cardwell

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

Claire	Sandy
Rob & Sherry	Cheri
Jane	Shannon
Jim	Mel
Wayne	Diana N.
Jack	Ashley
Raynella	Ed & Jean
Kim E.	Joe
Beverly	Grace
Bob & Betty Anne	Johnny
Rame & Janey	Karen H.

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 & 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

TODAY

Worship Leader: Tony Adams
Acolyte: Dawson Hope
Lector: Alice Anderson
Usher: Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley
Coffee Host: Jenny Lucas
Chancellor: Betsy Schwindt
Video: Mark Blakley
Counters: Carolyn Parker & Alice Anderson
Altar Guild: Beverly Baumgardner
Flower Guild: Judy Hadjian & Kathleen Bailey

Jan 5th

Acolyte: Drew Hawley
EM: Bonnie Smith
Lector: Jackie Buttinelli
Ushers: Art Stewart & Dawson Hope
Coffee Host: Monty Ross
Chancellor: Art Stewart
Video: Bill Schwindt
Counters: Jean Cardwell & Nelda Griffith
Altar Guild: Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley
Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts

Jan 12th

Acolyte: Mark Smith
EM: Dawson Hope
Lector: Jackie Curtiss
Ushers: Andy Hadjian & Garry Lucas
Coffee Host: Bill & Virginia Perry
Chancellor: Dave St. John
Video: Bob Cantine
Counters: Carolyn Parker & Andy Hadjian
Altar Guild: Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley
Flower Guild: Dianna Stimpson

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 12/30 Office Closed

Tuesday, 12/31 New Year's Eve

Wednesday, 1/1 Office Closed
Happy New Year!

Thursday, 1/2
3:30pm - AA (women only meeting)

Sunday, 1/5
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 8: Fruit of the Spirit Study begins
Jan 18: Resurrection Men meeting
Jan 25: Daughters of the King meeting

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

Check it out!



Bishop Brian Cole invites you to consider volunteering for diocesan convention. We need YOUR help to make this diocesan convention a success. Never been to convention? Want to see what goes on behind the scenes? Thinking about being a delegate and want a taste of convention? Want to participate with convention but only stay for part of the day? Consider volunteering to experience convention and help make this a year to remember. Volunteers receive all the fun snacks, swag, and lunch as visitors and delegates.

“Hi, I’m going to talk to you today about a way to be engaged in our upcoming diocesan convention in February of 2025. We will gather at the Episcopal School of Knoxville for a convention whose theme will be ‘Imagine Our Possibilities.’ It’s a timely theme as we consider what is and what might be for us as the people of God in this diocese.

And one way that we prepare for convention is with lots of volunteer support, along with our staff and Bishop & Council and clergy and lay delegates. It takes volunteers for us to take on and put on a convention. So consider the ways in which you might want to participate, either prior to convention or the actual experience of being at convention.

If you’re willing to serve as a volunteer, there’s no cost to be there. We also give you snacks and food, and you get to work with really good people. So consider at the end of this [article] there will be a way for you to fill out a link to say yes, I’d like to volunteer. We will follow up with you on that.

It matters that the ways in which we show up, it’s true in the New Testament community that we, as members of a body of Christ, we need each other in a parish and in the diocese, in all the ways in which the church shows up. We do it in a variety of ways, and I would encourage you to take on that volunteer spirit.

That’s true for this state and for this region, and to offer that same kind of spirit to us now in the life of the church. When we gather together to make decisions, we do so in a transparent way, in a way where we listen to each other, learn together, and let the spirit guide us, and your volunteer support and help will allow us to be at our best as we prepare to make decisions, to pray together, to worship together, to go forth into God’s Kingdom in this diocese now.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for possibly giving your all for the Diocese of East Tennessee. Thanks.”

You can get more information and sign up to volunteer at <https://www.dioceseconvention.org> then click on About and select Volunteer!

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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.**

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

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**, 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 PEACE

BCP 360

All stand. The officiant says to the people

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

The officiant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblation of our life and labor to the Lord.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for ourselves and the world, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, your love spoke the world into existence and abides with us still. Give your church the hunger to know you, the will to study you, and the heart to be your action in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of all nations, bless this nation and all nations this coming year with peace and abundance. May we find new ways of being together in service for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of all light, make this a season of good news for all those in the world who are persecuted and bereaved.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord who is constant, grant healing to those who suffer from anxiety and depression, from disease and illness, and from all manner of things that affect our body, mind and spirit. We pray especially for **Aaron; Sarah; Killian; Becky; Stephen; the Hentchel family; Maurie; all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest; and those we add, silently or aloud.**

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord deliver all the dying into the comfort of your eternal kingdom, where suffering is gone and where love and restoration are found.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving to you for the love with which you have formed the world, its creatures and us your people; we end our prayers with the hope of living this life in deep awareness of you, O Father; you, O Son and you, Most Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

The Bishop of Norwich composed this prayer of **General Thanksgiving**, inspired, some think, by a private prayer of Queen Elizabeth I, issued in 1596.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let all mortal flesh keep silent

Hymnal 324

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

The '**Benedicamus Domino**' has been used in the church as a dismissal since about 1000.

You are invited to stay following worship for coffee & goodies, and to connect with other parishioners in the Parish Hall.

TODAY'S ART



Mary, Jesus, John the Evangelist from the Braque Family Triptych

c. 1450

Rogier van der Weyden

Netherlandish (1399/1400 - 1464)

Oil on panel

The Louvre, Paris

Centre panel of the Braque triptych. The work was a turning-point in art north of the Alps. It was one of the first times that saints were depicted in this manner: midway up high, against a background of a worldly landscape, suggesting the universal scope of Christ's message.

The legend over Christ's head reads: "ego sum panis vivus", or "I am the living bread". It is a phrase from John 6.

The legend over Mary's head reads: "Magnificat anima mea Dominum: Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo", or in English "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". It is a line from the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55).

Above John it reads: "Et Verbum caro factum est Et habitavit in nobis", in English: "And the Word was made flesh, And dwelt among us". That text is from John 1:14 and was also used in the Angelus, a catholic prayer.

<https://www.artbible.info/art/large/325.html>

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

