



# **The Second Sunday After Christmas**

**January 5, 2025 10:30 am**





## GOOD MORNING!

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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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# HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

*We prepare for our time together. We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.*

### Entrance Hymn

*The First Nowell*

**Hymnal 109**

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

**BCP 355**

*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.**

### Gloria

**Hymnal S-202**

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give

**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.

thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.  
 4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that  
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the  
 right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou  
 on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
 high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the

### The Collect of the Day

BCP 162

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

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

*Lector*      A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,  
“Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the  
earth,

among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,

readings for the day.  
It summarizes the  
attributes of God as  
revealed in the scripture  
for the day.

Reading and  
commenting on scripture  
goes back to the earliest  
services of Christianity.  
Following the pattern  
of Jewish synagogue  
worship, readings follow  
a set pattern for what  
will be read when. This is  
known as a lectionary.

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

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the Lord.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 84:1-8**

**BCP 707**

*Lector*        We will read the Psalm in unison.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of  
the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.**
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.**
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \***

**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

### **The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

*Lector*      A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

### **Sequence Hymn**

*Angels from the realm of glory*

**Hymnal 93**

### **The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12**

*All stand*

*Priest*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born

Meaning literally "a letter," the name **Epistle** was given to the first of the two New Testament readings in the eucharist. The majority of these passages are taken from the epistolary literature of the New Testament, such as the letters of Paul to communities of Christians in various places.

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.

king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Bo Townsend

**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  
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

As we continue our rejoicing in the incarnation of  
Christ, let us lift up our prayers to God asking humbly  
for God's mercy and grace saying, Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayers.

For the people of God throughout the world; that our  
joy in Christ's presence might inspire our unity in  
mission as the undivided body of Christ.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nation and those holding civil authority; that

Originally the entire  
service was viewed as  
our confession of faith.  
But, since the Sixth  
Century, the church has  
recited the **Nicene Creed**  
at the Eucharist. The  
word creed comes from  
the Latin credo for "I  
believe."

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.

The Prayers of the People are followed by the **Confession of Sin**. We ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone.

they might exercise their authority with wisdom and equity, seeking to serve only the common good.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For our local communities, that we might endeavor to make them places where we and our neighbors can live with dignity and purpose.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For the natural world, the vehicle of God's abundance; that we might be effective stewards and ceaseless advocates for its sustainability.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those in our lives who are suffering and in distress; that Christ's healing presence might be made manifest in their lives. Especially we pray for **Elizabeth; Aaron; Sarah; Killian; Frances & Becky; Stephen; the Hentchel family; Maurie; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters**.

*The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings.*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For those who have died; that they may rest in your loving care and that we may be reunited with them in the coming age.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Loving God, who hears our cries and knows our needs before we are even aware of them; answer our prayers and lead us into goodness and light that we might be your people and the body of Christ. **Amen**.

## **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*

# Parish Announcements

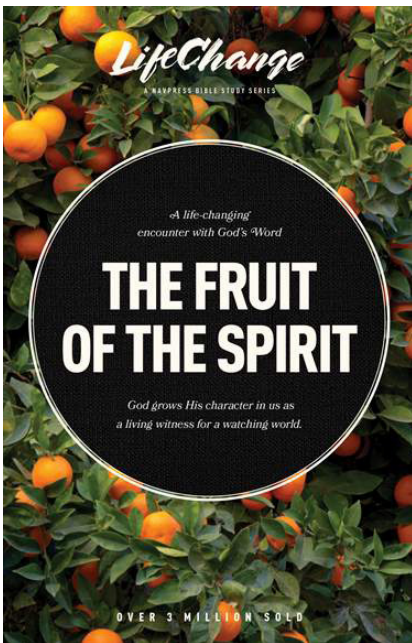
This center section of your bulletin is for you to tear out & take home with you.  
Keep the announcements, prayer lists, calendars, & Diocesan news on hand all week!

## CELEBRATING TODAY

Today we welcome The Rev. Bo Townsend back to Resurrecion. Please greet him this morning with our famous hospitality.

### It's not too late to join!

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](mailto: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

**Kim; Aaron; Sarah; Killian; Frances & Becky; Stephen; the Hentchel family; Maurie; and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest.**

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**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

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

### 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 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.**

***For the Mission of the Church:* Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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# For Your Calendars

TODAY

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

Jan 12th

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

Jan 19th

Acolyte: Monty Ross  
EM: Jackie Buttinelli  
Lector: Judy Egan  
Usher: Drew Hawley & Keytha Graves  
Coffee Hour: Ginny Tolbert  
Chancellor: Betsy Schwindt  
Counters: Bill Schwindt & David St. John  
Video: Mark Blakley  
Altar Guild: Keytha Graves & Drew Hawley  
Flower Guild: Betty Martin

## Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 1/6

7:00pm - AA (open meeting)

Wednesday, 1/8

11:00am - Fruit of the Spirit Zoom Study

Sunday, 1/12

8:00am - Morning Prayer Service

10:30am - Morning Prayer Service

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*Email [office@episcopalloudon.com](mailto: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 . . .

January 8th: Fruit of the Spirit Zoom study begins

January 17th: Prayers & Squares quilting group resumes

January 18th: Resurrection Men meeting

January 20th: Office Closed in observation of Martin Luther King Day

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

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# Check it out!



The Knoxville area Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, an Episcopal men's group dedicated to the spiritual growth and service of its members, focusing on prayer, study, and service, invites men from the Knoxville area parishes to gather at the Diocesan House on Saturday, January 18, beginning at 9:00 am for a time of prayer, community building, and spiritual sharing. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. RSVPs are not required but are appreciated. Please email RSVPs and questions to Bob Wadley at [bob@stjamesknox.org](mailto:bob@stjamesknox.org).

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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.*

## **Announcements & Blessings**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Private confession is not required in our church. However, for those particularly in need of unburdening themselves of past wrongs, private confession is offered. It can be an especially comforting way to turn away from past wrongs and set out on a new path. But most of the time we only need this time of prayer together as a community to recall our sins and to ask for God's forgiveness.

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

## Offertory Anthem

*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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

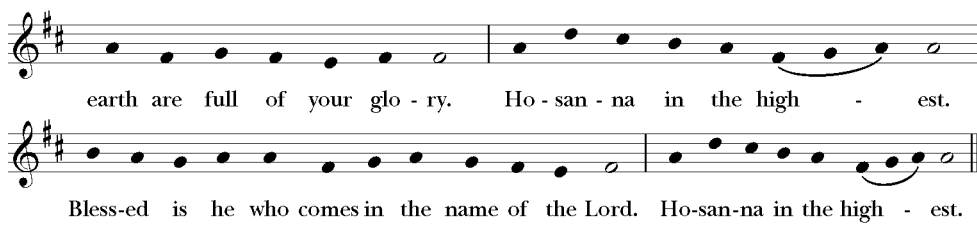


### The Liturgy of the Table

Now we come to the second part of the service with the Liturgy of the Table. It is based on Jewish Fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance. But this second half of the service is not communion in and of itself. It is the whole service, both parts, that make up the Eucharist.

From the Latin for “holy,” the **Sanctus** is a hymn of adoration and praise based on the song of the





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*

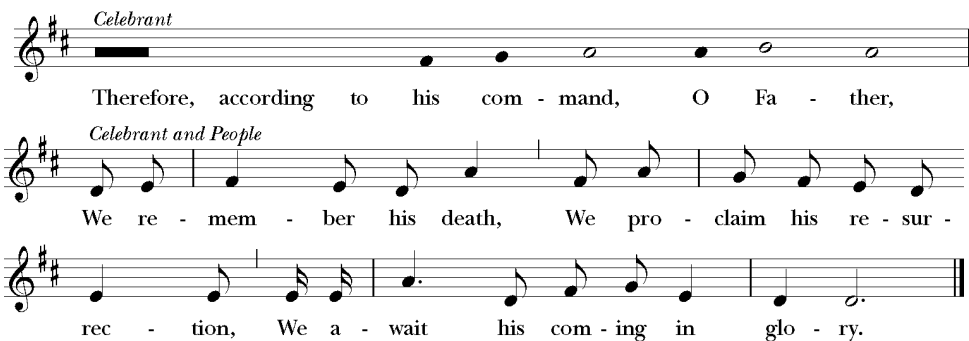
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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."

**Memorial Acclamation**

**Hymnal S138**



*Celebrant*  
Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,  
*Celebrant and People*  
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

seraphim as recorded in Isaiah's vision of the Lord in the year King Uzziah died.

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. While the bread and wine remain the bread and wine, they are not unchanged. The significance of the bread and wine for those partaking of them changes radically. Though they remain ordinary bread and wine, the elements of communion become the outward signs of inward grace. That grace, or gift from God is Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

**The Lord's Prayer** follows. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection. In the Lord's Prayer we ask for daily bread meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the bread also symbolizes God's presence, which is something that is also essential to our getting through the day.

### *The Celebrant 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 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 for ever.

### Hymnal S-147



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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S-154**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*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 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.**

**Receiving Communion**

We partake in the Eucharist and are spiritually nourished, but it is not for our benefit alone. Communion enables us to return to the world with renewed vigor for proclaiming the Gospel in our words and in our lives. In the Eucharist, Christ's presence both nourishes us and challenges us.

**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 Hymn**  
*Oh, sleep now, holy baby*

Hymnal 113

**Post Communion Prayer**

*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.**

**WE GO INTO GOD'S WORLD**

**The Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people*

**Postcommunion Hymn**

*All glory be to God on high*

Hymnal 421

**The Dismissal**

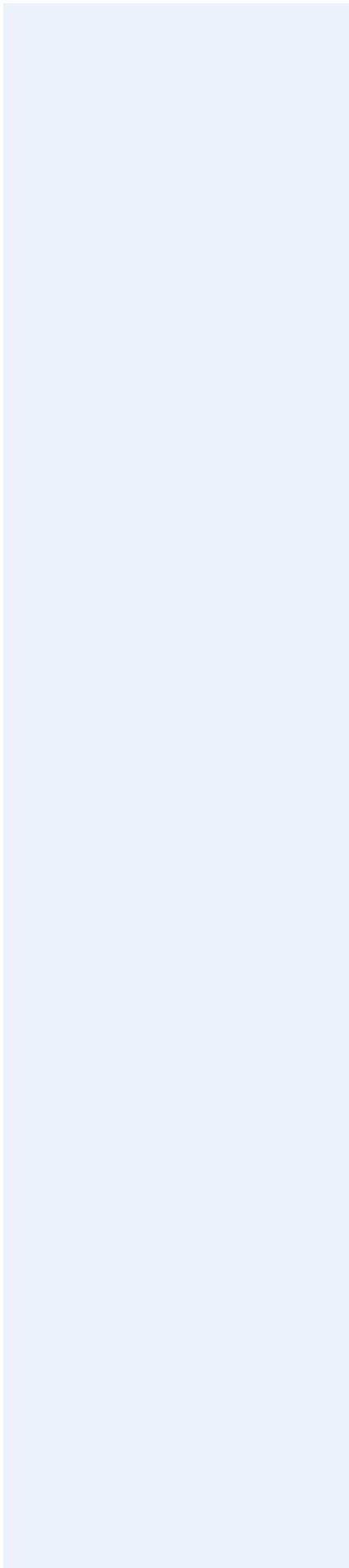
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*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Post Communion**

**Prayer** - a prayer of thanksgiving after communion that also seeks God's help for Christian service. This prayer expresses the transition of the Christian's attention from the mystery of sacramental participation to the engagement of Christian ministry.

**Dismissal** - As the celebration ends, we are charged to "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world, but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us in thanksgiving for all God's good and gracious gifts.





# Today's Art



## Star of Bethlehem

1879-80

Elihu Vedder (American, 1836-1923)

Oil on canvas

Milwaukee Art Museum

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Elihu Vedder spent most of his professional life in Italy, where he developed a distinctly personal artistic vision that blended personal fantasy with religious mysticism and often cryptic symbolism. Here, the artist married his love of the Italian landscape with the biblical story of the appearance of the star of Bethlehem to the three wise men. Instead of a literal star to which the three magi and surrounding shepherds react, however, Vedder included a vision of the visitation in the manger, replacing the figure of the Christ child with a bright light that beams downward and guides the men to their destination.

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