



**GOOD MORNING & WELCOME**

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

**\*\*Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices  
before the start of the service. Thank you.\*\***

**The Rev. Nathan D Carr – Vicar  
The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate  
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon  
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director  
Daisy Leyva-Lara – Children's Coordinator  
Victoria Moon – Nursery Attendant**

**Serving Today:  
Cantor – Doug Rogez  
Greeters / Oblationers – Sarah Greenley and Glen Fields  
Lay Readers / Chalice Bearers – Stuart Chai,  
Nancy Steward and Sharon Ellington  
Acolytes – Esther Carr and Ezra Carr  
Children's Activities – Victoria Moon**

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# First Sunday After Christmas – Year B

## Feast of The Holy Name

*Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – December 31, 2023 – 10:15 AM*

### The Word of God

#### Prelude

#### Processional

1. Hark! the herald angels sing  
glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
glory to the newborn King!

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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

The Hymnal, S280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,

#### The Hymnal, #87

late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! [Refrain]

3. Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
Light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! [Refrain]

**you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

### **Collect of the Day**

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## **We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God**

### **The First Lesson**

**Numbers 6:22-27**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

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

### **Psalm 8**

***Domine, Dominus noster***

- 1 O Lord our **Governor**, \*  
    how exalted is your Name in all the **world**!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and **children** \*  
    your majesty is praised above the **heavens**.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your **adversaries**, \*  
    to quell the enemy and the **avenger**.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your **fingers**, \*  
    the moon and the stars you have set in their **courses**,
- 5 What is man that you should be **mindful** of him? \*  
    the son of man that you should seek him **out**?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the **angels**; \*  
    you adorn him with glory and **honor**;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your **hands**; \*  
    you put all things under his **feet**:
- 8 All sheep and **oxen**, \*  
    even the wild beasts of the **field**,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the **sea**, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the **paths** of the sea.

10 O Lord our **Governor**, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the **world**!

## The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

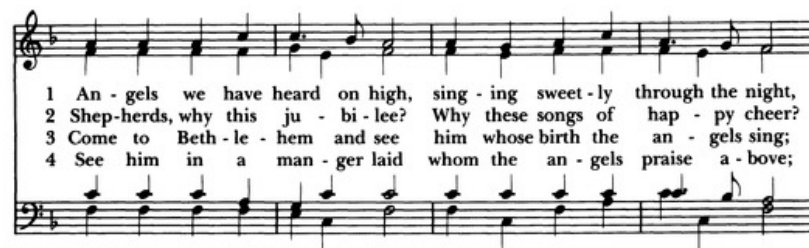
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

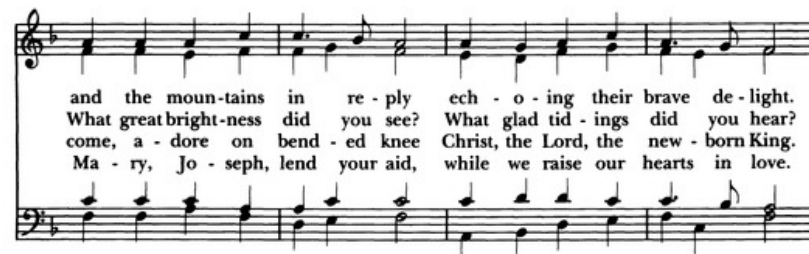
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

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Christmas



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



*Refrain*  
 Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

Deacon  
 People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:15-21

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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Nathan Carr

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

Form IV

BCP 388

*Celebrant:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**People      Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**People      Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**People      Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**People      Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, including all on our prayer list and our recently added, Gary and Kathleen Lee, and bring them the joy of your salvation

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**People      Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy  
**People      Hear our prayer.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

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 Celebrant may add sentences from scripture*  
*Please stand*

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

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

#### **Blessing Prayer**

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Offertory**

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

#### **Offertory Anthem**

***Slumber, O Holy Jesu***  
**Victoria Thomason, soloist**

**by Dale Wood**

*Slumber, O Holy Jesu,  
Slumber, Thou Holy Child:  
Angels shall guard and keep thee.  
Slumber, sweet infant mild.*

*Darkness shall turn to dawning;  
Peace be to thee my child.  
Jesu, within thy mercy  
would I fore'er abide.*

*Jesu, thou art my Saviour,  
Jesu, be thou my guide.*



*Lowly I kneel before thee:  
Peace shall in me abide.  
Slumber, Holy Jesu, Slumber now.*

**Doxology**

**The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP 367**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.

*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.*

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*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. **Amen.**

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

**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**

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<b>People</b>	<b>Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.</b>

## **Agnus Dei**

**The Hymnal, S163**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## **We Share the Gifts of God**

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Communion Hymn**

**The Hymnal, #101**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me I pray.

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

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.**

#### **Sending Out of the Lay Eucharist Visitors**

**Deacon:** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People:** We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

## Recessional

## The Hymnal, #100

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

## PRAYER LIST

**Please hold the following people in your ongoing prayers:**

Audrey	Jessica	Mathew Reynolds
Beverly Bradley	Judd	Kathleen Rhodes
Bob	Drew Kolb	Rob, Ruthie and
Braiden	Sarah Kramer	Samuel
Sarah Brewer	Jean Ledet & Chad	Adrienne Robertson
Margaret Brown	Dixon	Sahar
Lewis Honor Carr	Gary and Kathleen Lee	Scott Salladin
Nancy Carr	Denys Lenets	Seth
Jeff Clemens	Kara Lynn	Betty Sinclair
Kathie Clemens	Ron Marlett	Family of Kenneth
Dave Coleson	Tony Marruchella	Sosna
Sue Collins	Mary	John Steward and
Sir Michael Dawson	Leland Mayo	Lee DeWitt
Stephanie Dunham	Betty & Delbert Millican	Martha Steward
Dru	and Ryan Lightfoot	Nancy Steward
Ed	Trish Morgan	Susan
Sharon Ellington	Christina Morris	Sydney and Troy
Jim Freeman	Paul Mosier	Ed Tebow
Tom Freeman	Deborah Nelson	Sarah Tracy
Agatha Gasperoni	Joy Nelson	Tyler and Dru
Myrna Gowman	The Nichols Family	Donna Walters
John Greiner	Pam	Mary Jo Watson
Steve Hammontree	Babette Patton	Pat Westervelt
Aimee Hanneman	Patty	Gordon Welch
Kimberly Hopper	Penny	Will
Dr. J	Peter	Ginny Wynn
Jack	Monte Pratt	

### **Altar Gifts**

Altar flowers are largely reserved through the end of the new year.

There are some random dates still available

We do need donors for the sanctuary candles both this year.

Suggested donation for the  
for the sanctuary candle is \$10.

### **Birthdays This Week**

26 – Miranda Faircloth

31 Victoria Thomason

#### **January**

2 Joshua Newberry

4 Nancy Jones

**Sunday School News:** With the exception of the adult forum, Sunday School reconvenes on Sunday, January 14. **The adult forum starts January 7, to begin their study of Mark.**

**We have been invited by the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to honor the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday Jan. 15!** They are doubling the capacity of their volunteer shifts on this day! Our shift is 9:30 - noon. Children as young as 8 can attend. **Look for the signup sheet in the narthex through Dec 31.**

**We are continuing Bake Sales** with proceeds going to an important new ministry. We are raising **funds to purchase an adult-sized changing table. Please help us raise these funds** by bringing your favorite baked goods to sell and/or purchasing some goodies when you are here on Sundays.

It's time to start donating to **Teachers' Toolbox** again. As they begin their new year, they are in need of **Crayons, Crayola Markers, Expo Markers (dry erase) and glue sticks.** There is a bin in the Narthex ready for your donations. Thank you for all you do for our local students!

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We are so happy you joined us today. We invite you to complete a visitor card that you will find at the ends of each pew, and drop it in the offertory plate when it comes your way.