



The First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025 • 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

with

**The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship
and Leave-taking from a Congregation**

*A warm welcome to all this Thursday morning! Our worship is guided using the **red** Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Supplemental material from other sources is in this bulletin. Music is found in the **blue** Gather hymnal. Page numbers are as indicated. Feel free to ask a neighbor for help if you have questions about the service. Thank you for being here!!*

Bold text indicates parts for the Assembly to say.

Smaller Italic text offers directions for the service.

PRELUDE: MUSICAL SELECTION

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT

The people stand as they are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

GATHER 424

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

SONG OF PRAISE

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

HYMNAL S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, with lyrics '1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and'. The second staff contains the second line, with lyrics 'peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly'. The third staff contains the third line, with lyrics 'King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we'. The notation includes various note values, rests, and a repeat sign at the end of the third staff.

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The presider prays the Collect of the Day. The people respond **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 147:13-21

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THE SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 1:1-18

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

The Presider proclaims the Gospel and concludes

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

THE REV. CN. CARLA ROBINSON

There will be a period of reflection and silence after the sermon. The people stand as they are able, when the presider stands.

THE NICENE CREED

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please respond to the bidding "Holy God," with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

THE ENDING OF A PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP

The Vicar addresses the Canon and the congregation.

Canon Do you, the people of St. Hilda St. Patrick, recognize and accept
the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People We do.

The departing Minister and the congregation then say together the following prayer

**O God, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for
the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and
heartily thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.**

Silence

**We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of
heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many
failures.**

Silence

**Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these
years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have
attained.**

Silence

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

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Presider **The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

People **And also with you.**

The people greet their immediate neighbors with the peace of Christ, using a friendly gesture such as a smile, wave, or bow – a symbolic act of their reconciliation with all people through Jesus.

The Holy Communion

The presider begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The people stand if able.

OFFERTORY HYMN

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

GATHER 427

If not already standing, please stand as able. In this prayer, the indented lines in bold are spoken by the People

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are represented by black dots on the staff lines, with horizontal lines indicating the pitch and duration of the notes. Some notes are beamed together, and there are occasional wavy lines above notes, possibly indicating a trill or a specific articulation. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold to indicate they are spoken by the People.

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds until

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Optional text:*



Bless - ed is the one

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

Then the Presider continues until

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

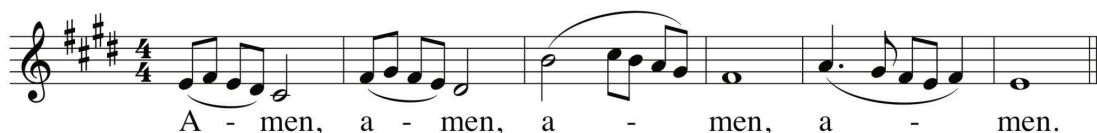
offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you...

Presider and People

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

The Prayer continues and concludes with

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.



Music: The Glendalough Mass, Liam Lawton; arr. by Paul A. Tate, © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

A minute of silence is observed as the Bread is broken and Wine divided into separate vessels.

WLP 871

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930). Copyright © Ronald Arnatt.

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As soon as the invitation is given, the people move forward to receive Communion.

Please come down an aisle to an empty space around the altar platform. Hold your hands in front of you to receive the Bread, and leave it there if you would prefer not to receive Wine from a shared cup. A server will dip your bread and serve you. Alcohol- and gluten-free options are available; let a server know your needs.

If you would prefer not to receive Communion, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Please join in singing the Communion Songs after receiving.



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

COMMUNION SONG

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY



1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, He the per - fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
 In His liv - ing, in His suf - fering, nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
 In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.
 But no grave could e'er re - strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come!
 See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.
 See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance, how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ who con-de-scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
 Christ, the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we stand.
 Bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un-meas - ured, love un - told.
 Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as we will be when He comes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

When the presider bids the people pray, the assembly stands. Please remain standing through the brief announcements.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Joseph among us, and the presence of his family here. Grant that both he and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

The blessing is in four parts. After each part the Presider will pause, and the people respond
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

GATHER 437

THE DISMISSAL

The canon dismisses the people who respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

Liturgical notes

- The salutation before the Collect of the Day is from *Enriching Our Worship*, a supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*.
- The Eucharistic Prayer differs from that printed in the Prayer Book. The Episcopal Church's 79th General Convention, in 2018, authorized (Resolution D078) a trial service of Holy Eucharist in "expansive language." This means, in this context, that the use of gender-specific pronouns and words such as "Lord," etc., are minimized, but are by no means eliminated.

Announcements

- **Save the date:** Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations will be on **January 18** at Redeemer, Kenmore. Mark your calendar now and prepare to celebrate our candidates in this milestone of their faith journeys.
- Bible Study is on Zoom every Thursday at 7 p.m. There are no prerequisites! Anyone is welcome to join any time. The group discusses the gospel for the following Sunday.

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