

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH of
St John the Baptist
The Church that Serves

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2017—10:00 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Those who are able are invited to stand for the procession.

Prayer Book, p. 355

The Celebrant says

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

The following hymn is said

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

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

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The People are seated.

The Holy Gospel

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Response at the beginning of the Gospel:

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

Response after the Gospel.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Bruce Jackson

God's Word Is Born

Those who are able stand for

The Nicene Creed

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 [p. 387]

The Leader and People pray responsively
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Confession of Sin [p. 360]

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Those who are able are invited to kneel.

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 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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory, the Celebrant says
All things come of thee O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

All are invited to receive the Holy Communion at Our Lord's Table.

The Great Thanksgiving [p. 367]

The people remain standing.
The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

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. 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."

Therefore, according to his command,
O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph,
John the Baptist and 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,

People and Celebrant

**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 [p. 364]

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then is said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is
sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the
feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Holy
Communion at our Lord's Table.*

After Communion, tall prayer together

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank
you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of
your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for
assuring us in these holy mysteries that we
are living members of the Body of your
Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the
work you have given us to do, to love and
serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ
our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy
Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for
ever. Amen.**

The Priest, blesses the people.

The Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered
into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you
with his joy and peace; and the blessing of
God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

The People are dismissed with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!