

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025 • 10:30 am • Holy Eucharist



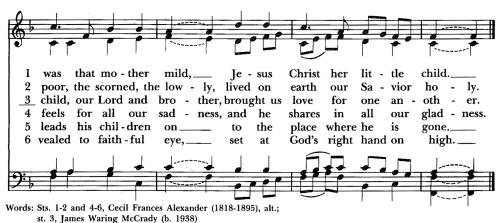
• Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.

Prelude How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Johann Christoph Bach

• at the sound of the bells, all stand





Music: Irby, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

87, 87, 77

Opening Acclamation

Unto us a child is born. Alleluia, alleluia

Come, let us adore him. Alleluia, alleluia

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.



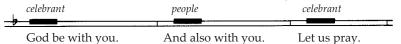


Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Collect for the Second Sunday after Christmas



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.



• all be seated

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

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,

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84: 1-8 • *sung by all*



- 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 re joice 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 re veal him self in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 - hearken, O'God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our de fender, O God; *
 and look upon the face of your A nointed.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

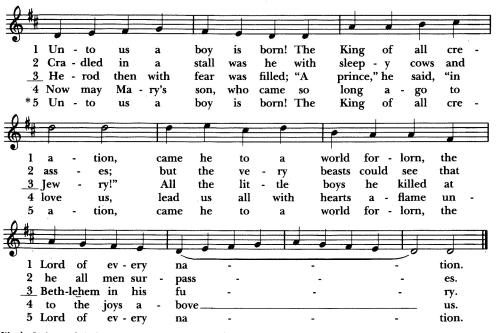
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us

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.

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Hymn 98 Unto us a boy is born!



Words: Latin carol, 15th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), alt. Music: Puer nobis nascitur, melody from Piae Cantiones, 1582

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Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. 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 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

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Joseph Trigg

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.

Nicene Creed • all stand

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

• *the deacon says:*

Almighty God, whose Incarnate Son poured light into our lives and whose light shines through us into his world, may our prayers rise up to you, saying 'Come, let us adore Him.'

• the intercessor continues:

Let us pray for the Church Universal throughout the world; and particularly for the one to be appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Terry our own Bishop, for all bishops, priests and deacons, and for all who minister to God's people, and at this time especially for the ancient churches of the East and for the Anglican presence in Jerusalem, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

Let us pray for our country, and for our elected leaders and representatives, especially President Biden, Vice President Harris, Governers Beshear and Holcomb, and for those newly elected to office, that they may be led by the light of your grace, so that we may be governed rightly and wisely, and led in peace, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, Sudan and the Middle East, saying

Come, let us adore Him..

Let us pray for all who are in danger, for all victims of hunger and natural disasters, and for all refugees and those displaced by oppressive governments, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

Let us pray for the needs, concerns and thanksgivings of those who have asked for our prayers, specially TJ, Dave Barbieri, Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, Terry Laun & Art Embrey, Robert Huffman, Konrad Margerum, Liam O'Daniel Munger, Nancy Otto, Len Sjogren, the Winemiller-Durnill Family, for Nicole Swann who celebrates a birthday and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud , as we say

Come, let us adore Him..

Let us pray for those who have died, especially Neil Larson, or are nearing death, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud, , that they may behold your face in your eternal kingdom, saying

Come, let us adore Him.

• the celebrant concludes:

Almighty God, you have given your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

The Peace • all greet one another in the name of the Lord The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Dean's Welcome

LITURGY OF THE ALTAR





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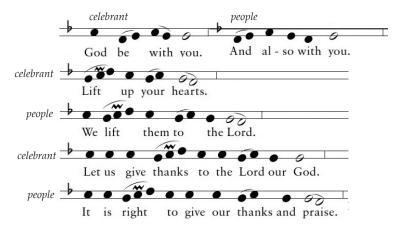
Offertory Anthem The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

The Great Thanksgiving

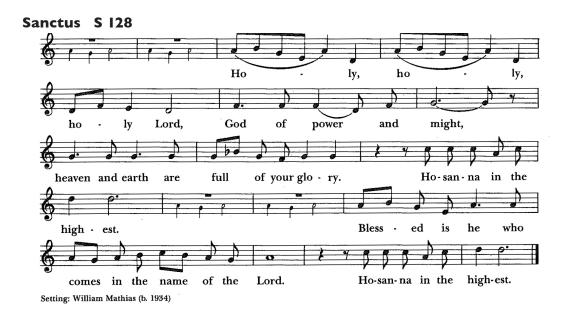
Eucharistic Prayer B • Expansive Languyage



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



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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

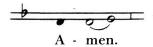
We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [_____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The Great Amen



The Lord's Prayer • contemporary version

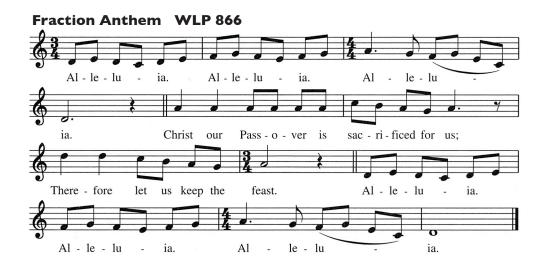
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

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 for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread



Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion.
 If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.
- gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest
- if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest

An Act of Spiritual Communion • for those attending virtually

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

Communion Hymn 247 *Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child*



Holy Innocents (January 28).

Words; Coventry carol, 15th cent.

Music: Coventry Carol, melody from Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors, 15th cent.; harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958)

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• all stand; said by all

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.



Concluding Hymn 93 Angel's from the realms of glory



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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. Thanks be to God.

Postlude All Glory Be to God on High

Andreas Nikolaus

serving today ...

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, celebrant
The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, deacon
Jack Ashworth, choir director
Denise Whittington, organist
Nick Teale, Joy Stultz, lectors
Randy Peters, intercessor
Mike DaRif, John Werst, Ruth Wukasch, Mike Foster, chalice bearers
Kim McDaniel, Hunter Lumbatis, Henry Lawrence, acolytes
Tom Thill, altar guild
Susan Torok, Kirt Jacobs, Sissy Lanier, greeters/ushers
Rob Guillen, bell ringer
Frazier Marsh, Tim Tice, live stream



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Today we acknowledge the role our Church has played in colonialism's devasting legacy of death, stolen lands, dehumanizing removals, and forced assimilation of native people.

We repent of our complicity in perpetuating the dominance of white European culture, even to the present day.

We seek forgiveness.

We honor the original peoples of this land and the presence of native people still living in Kentucky.

We honor with respect their Elders, past, present, and future, their traditions, and the land itself.

We commit to listen, learn, and walk in love.



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