

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024 | 8:45am

The people's responses are in bold.

OPENING VOLUNTARY Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Johannes Brahms

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand, as you are able.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Let us pray. Grant us Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness, we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 54 Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

OPENING ACCLAMATION

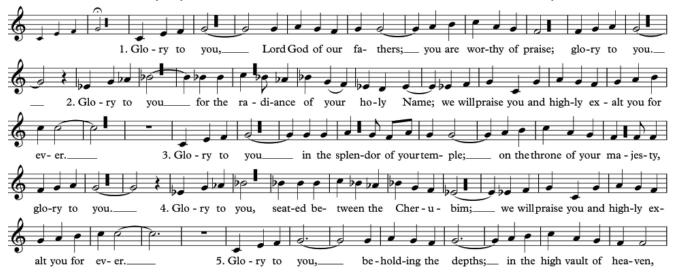
The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p.355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE • Glory to you, Lord God

(Hymnal S236) Rutter



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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THE LESSON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

CANTICLE 9 (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

Chanted by the choir.

I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, * Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; * see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 75 There's a voice in the wilderness crying *Children in Grades K-4 process to Johnson Hall for Kids Chapel, returning at the Peace.*

Philippians 4:4-7

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BCP, p. 212

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Ascension

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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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

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. We especially pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; and persecuted Christians throughout the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **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. We especially pray for Joe, our President; Bill, our Governor; Freddie, our Mayor; and the members of our parish in the armed forces serving our country, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We also pray for our enemies and those who wish us harm; those affected by the violence and suffering in Israel, the Middle East, and Ukraine; and all who are threatened for their religious beliefs.

Silence

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for Reba Barker, Lucius Burch, Bob Daggett, Kathleen Finn, Ruth Hagerty, Rick Hart, Mary Jackson, Susan Narramore, Acra Samuels, David Smith, Noel Sullivan, and Trish Thomas.

Silence

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

The celebrant prays the concluding Collect, and the people respond Amen.

Please kneel, as you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 ABSOLUTION

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.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

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

The Holy Communion

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Henry Purcell Soloists: Mareike Sattler, Ben Petty, and James Masanotti

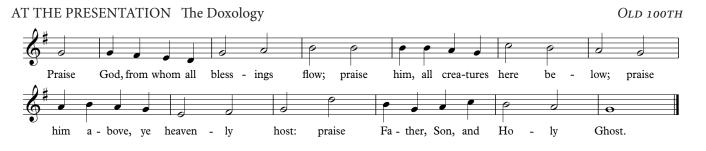
Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in ev'rything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please stand, as you are able.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant says a Proper Preface.

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 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,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

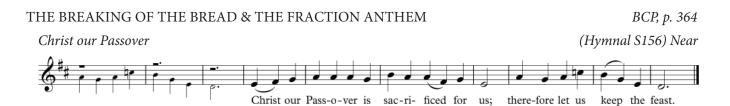
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 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 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.

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If desired, you may intinct (dip) your wafer at the altar rail or have the LEM intinct it for you. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.

After receiving communion, a Prayer Minister will be available in the front right corner of the Nave to pray with you for intercessions, thanksgivings, or other petitions.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lift up your heads, O ye gates

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

THE BLESSING	BCP, p. 366
Please stand, as you are able.	
CLOSING HYMN • 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	Winchester New
THE DISMISSAL Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.	ВСР, р. 366
CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata from Suite Gothique pour grand orgue	Léon Boëllmann

William Mathias

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WORSHIP NOTES

Clergy The Rev. Dr. David Barr, celebrant; the Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, preacher; the Rev. Colin Ambrose; and the Rev. Margery Kennelly *Verger* Gail Thompson

Acolytes Mills Dale, Amelia Benskin, Vivi Benskin, and Reid Dale Lector Joanne Payson Lay Eucharistic Ministers Ella Redkevitch, Jason Callen, Heather Hawley, and Matthew Smith Greeters Mia and John Abernathy

The Advent Greens in the Nave are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Richard B. Terry by Mark A. O'Bryan.

The aumbry candle in the Nave is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ed J. Johnson by Lucy, Caroline, George, Nathan, Grace, and David Johnson.

The aumbry candle in the Jane Tompkins Weeks Chapel is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hudson Goodyear Walker by Shawn Curley.

MUSIC NOTES

"Rejoice in the Lord" has a joyful, bell-like introduction from the organ which helped to gain its fame. It is a joyous and a spirited anthem that utilizes a trio to bring out each verse. William Mathias (1934-1992) was a Welsh composer, well-known for his choral works. His anthem, "Lift up your heads," utilizes the text from Psalm 24. Though is often sung on Christ the King Sunday, it also depicts the image of the king for whom we wait during Advent. Mathias uses his distinct musical language of mixed time signatures, and surprising harmonies. You will hear the choir mimicking the organ part, and the composer uses these repetitive motions to proclaim the majesty of our king of glory.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In the Episcopal Church, we pray for Sean, the Presiding Bishop.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for John, our Bishop, and St. David's Church in Nashville.

In our community, we pray for Immanuel Baptist Church.

In our parish, we pray for the beneficiaries and committee members of St. George's Social Enterprise Ministry; our Nashville Fellows, Abby, Sarah Beth, Parker, and Joe; and our organ scholar, Kateri.

Weekly Announcements

TODAY! Clergy Cocoa Bar As we savor the beautiful Advent season, we know there's a cultural push toward busyness. Take a moment to slow down on Sunday mornings by joining the clergy in for fellowship over steaming mugs of cocoa or coffee. They'll be decked out and ready to serve you on Sundays, December 15 and 22 at 10:05am in Hampton Hall.

TODAY! Silent Night: A Service of Remembrance, Hope, and Healing This service of prayer on Sunday, December 15 makes space for those seeking God's healing as we look forward to this holiday season. We welcome anyone at this service, but especially those who find the holidays a challenging time of year. We invite you to join us at 6:00pm for this unique worship service.

Last Day for Christmas Flower Offering Each year, church members are invited to make a special Christmas flower offering in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please make your offering no later than Sunday, December 15 for your loved ones to be included in the Christmas bulletins. Donate using flower envelopes in the pews or online at stgeorgesnashville.org/news.

Breaking Bread This parish-wide fellowship dinner is a fun way to share a meal with your church family. Come to Hampton Hall this Wednesday, December 18, at 6:00pm. Suggested donation is \$8 per person, and proceeds are donated to the Choristers program. RSVP online at stgeorgesnashville.org/news or 615-385-2150 x 262.

Compline Stemming from monastic practice, Compline is the last service of the day before bedtime. This brief and beautiful service is set in a darkened church and sung by a small men's choir. Come on Wednesday, December 18, at 9:15pm in the Nave and remain as long as you wish after the service in this quiet space, departing in silence.

Prime Time Luncheon Our annual festive Christmas luncheon and sing-a-long returns on Thursday, December 19 at 11:30am in Hampton Hall. Invite your friends to learn about and sing some of our favorite carols with Organist Gerry Senechal. Make your reservation for \$12 buffet luncheon by Monday, December 18 to 615-385-2150 x 262 or online at stgeorgesnashville.org.

Children's Christmas Pageant Be sure to join us at the 8:45am service next Sunday, December 22 as our children reenact the beloved Christmas story. We'll share cookies and cocoa after the service in Hampton Hall.

Christmas Eve Services NEW! 10:00am; 3:00pm; 5:30pm; and 10:00pm with 9:30pm Choral Prelude. Our new 10:00am morning service on Christmas Eve will be a delight for children and children-at-heart. With a children's homily, festive brass music, and familiar carols, your heart will be filled with Christmas joy. (You might even leave with a sweet treat from St. Nicholas!) Information about all services can be found online at stgeorgesnashville.org/christmas.

Christmas Day Service We invite you to join on 10:0am on Wednesday, December 25 for a special service as we celebrate Immanuel, God with us.

Worship Times for Sunday, December 29 Please note special times for worship on the first Sunday after Christmas: 7:30am, 9:00am (The Table), 10:00am, and 5:00pm.

Recycle Your Tree with PTM Our partners at Preston Taylor Ministries are gearing up for their annual Christmas Tree Pick Up. For a small donation, volunteers will collect your tree directly from your curb or driveway and recycle it through Metro Nashville' citywide program. Slots fill up quickly, so act fast. Reserve your spot at prestontaylorministries.org.

Seniors Helping Others We'll be volunteering at Community Resource Center for our next service project on Thursday, January 7 at 10:00am. If you can join us, contact Karen Lackey at lackeykab@gmail.com or 615-260-8063.

Pray Like a Saint: Women's Overnight Retreat January 10-11 After our meaningful Advent retreat together, the women of the church look forward to another gathering in the new year. Come as Hildegard of Bingen (1098) and Julian of Norwich (1342) welcome us into ways of prayer that enliven our imagination, offer hope for life in 2025, and confirm that we are deeply loved. This restful overnight retreat will include opportunity for delightful conversation and fellowship at beautifully renovated Montgomery Bell State Park. Learn more about our guest speaker, Sharon Cottingham, and reserve your place at stgeorgesnashville.org/women. Space is limited.

Save the Date! Justin Whitmel Earley, author of books studied in two of our Sunday school classes this fall, will join us for a special event on Thursday, January 30. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for The Spirituality of Habit, as we continue the conversation on how our ordinary habits form us and our families. This event is for everyone—not just parents! Learn more at stgeorgesnashville.org/parents. **2024 Giving Statements** Thank you for your continued support of St. George's! Giving statements for 2024 were mailed recently; please check your statement to make sure it is correct. If you have questions or would like to discuss your giving, please contact Catherine Beemer, director of parish giving, at 615-385-2150 x244 or Catherine.beemer@ stgeorgesnashville.org. You also can access your giving information anytime at onrealm.org/StGeorges.

Essentials: The Gospel of Luke Join us as we go deep into the structure, theology, and practical significance of Luke's gospel. Luke's portrayal of Jesus is remarkable in that it reveals the parabolic teachings of Jesus and his unyielding attention to the sick, the poor, and the brokenhearted. We discover the rich compassion Jesus has on our human condition of fragility and brokenness. Sign up now for this exciting new study coming in January. Details at stgeorgesnashville.org/ essentials.

Thank you for joining us! Thanks to all those who already have made pledges to the 2025 Annual Campaign for St. George's. By investing in our parish, you are helping to determine how we continue to care for this community and each other. It's not too late to pledge, either via Realm, online or by completing a pledge card and dropping it in an offering plate. Please note, pledges do not renew automatically. Contact Catherine Beemer with any questions at catherine. beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org.



"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

This week's reflection is from Robbie Moore: I think that this call to bear one another's burdens is a tremendously challenging way to live. Why? It requires us to step outside ourselves and our immediate and individual problems, and to see and do our best to feel the sufferings of our neighbor.

Invitation: Has someone ever helped you bear a burden? In what specific ways can you help bear or share the burden of someone in your life?

Read the full reflection online at stgeorgesnashville.org/ friendship.

at S	vistm Pt. E	Teorge's A Star
DEC	10:00 AM	NEW! Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with children's homily and festive brass music
	3:00 PM*	Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with children's homily and St. George's Choir
	5:30 PM*	Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with St. George's Choir and the Choristers of St. George's
	9:30 PM	Choral Prelude featuring Christmas music from Holst and Vaughan Williams
	10:00 PM	Holy Eucharist (Rite I) with St. George's Choir
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DEC	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (Rite I) with Christmas hymns

* Nursery & Childcare available for 8-week-old infants — Kindergartners

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