

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The First Sunday after Christmas December 29, 2024 | 10:00am

The people's responses are in bold.

VOLUNTARY Noel Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING HYMN • 107 Good Christian friends, rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.**



COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 213

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE READING Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise

to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,

and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,

and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name

that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,

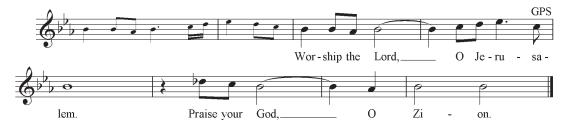
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13-21 chant by C.V. Stanford

The response is sung first by the choir, then by all as indicated.



13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *

praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *

he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly

Response

17 He gives snow like wool; *

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *

his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Response

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

Es ist ein Ros

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam

THE NICENE CREED BCP, p. 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 III

BCP, p. 387

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 especially pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world and for all who are threatened for their religious beliefs.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We especially pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, the Presiding Bishop; and John, our Bishop.

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.

We especially pray for Joe, our President; Bill, our Governor; Freddie, our Mayor; the members of our parish in the armed forces serving our country; our enemies and those who wish us harm; and those affected by the violence and suffering in Israel and the Middle East and in Ukraine.

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.

We especially pray for those who are ill, especially 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.

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 prays the concluding Collect and the people respond **Amen.**

Please kneel, as you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN BCP, p. 360

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 BCP, p. 360

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 BCP, p. 360

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

I saw three ships come sailing in

Francis Jackson

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day. I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day? And what was in those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning?

Our Savior Christ and his lady on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day. Our Savior Christ and his lady on Christmas Day in the morning.

Pray, whither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day? Pray, whither sailed those ships all three on Christmas Day in the morning?

O, they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day.

O, they sailed into Bethlehem on Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on Earth shall ring on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day. And all the bells on Earth shall ring on Christmas Day in the morning.

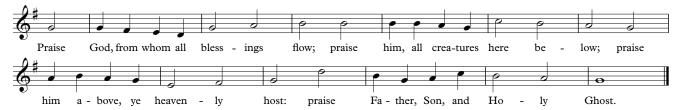
And all the angels in heav'n shall sing on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day. And all the angels in heav'n shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day. And all the souls on earth shall sing on Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amain, on Christmas Day, on Christmas Day! Then let us all rejoice amain, on Christmas Day in the morning!

AT THE PRESENTATION The Doxology

(Hymn 380, verse 3) Old 100th



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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:



Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.

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;

Christ our Passover

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 & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP, p. 364

(Hymnal S156) Near



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

See, amid the winter's snow

John Goss/arr. Willcocks

See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below; See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Hail, thou ever blessed morn; Hail, redemption's happy dawn; Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies; He who, throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim:

Say, ye holy shepherds, say what your joyful news today; Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?

"As we watched at dead of night, Lo, we saw a wondrous light; Angels singing "Peace on earth" told us of the Saviour's birth."

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine, Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this:

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, by thy face so meek and mild, Teach us to resemble thee, in thy meek humility:

Please kneel, as you are able.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

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 • 92 On this day earth shall ring

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THE DISMISSAL BCP, p. 366

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Keith Chapman

WORSHIP NOTES

Lector Julie Hullett

Clergy The Rev. Colin Ambrose, celebrant; the Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, preacher; and the Ven. Dr. Martin Odidi Verger Don Greene
Acolytes Lyon Playfair, Morgan Ainsley Udon, Miller Logan, Izzie Playfair

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Joe King, Eric Grasman, Agatha Nolen, and Ella Redkevitch

MUSIC NOTE

Both the text and tune of today's opening hymn are quite old and possibly of divine origin, as the first mention of either is recorded by mystic Heinrich Suso (1295-1366), who gave the following account of a vision: "At another time, on the same festival (Christmas), after he had spent many hours in contemplating the joys of the angels, and daybreak was at hand, there came to him a youth, who bore himself as though he were a heavenly musician...then they drew the Servitor [Suso] by the hand into the dance, and the youth began a joyous ditty about the infant Jesus, which ran thus: 'In dulci jubilo,' etc.' The oldest manuscript of the tune dates from 1340, and later that century had become well-known as a dance carol. This hymn first appeared in an Episcopal hymnal in 1916 and has been a fixture ever since.

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, Justin Welby, and The Episcopal Church.

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

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for our Bishop, John Bauerschmidt, and The Episcopal Church.

In our community, we pray for Holy Name Catholic Church.

In our parish, we pray for all parishioners of St. George's; our Nashville Fellows, Abby, Sarah Beth, Parker, and Joe; and our organ scholar, Kateri.

Opportunities in 2025 We are excited to enter a new year together with our St. George's family! If you haven't received a copy of our 2025 Spring Opportunities booklet, please pick one up today to learn about exciting speakers, events, and classes coming soon.

Demystifying the Trinity Do you ever feel like our affirmation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is hard to grasp? Confusing? Maybe not even necessary? St. George's former Senior Associate Rector and author Tim Jones has explored such questions for decades. He has made some exciting discoveries about how much difference this ancient Christian belief can make, bringing to our praying a new vitality—and how it answers our deepest questions about being loved. Please join us for this special 3-part class on Sundays, January 5-19 at 10:05am in Johnson Hall.

Sunday School Resumes Next Week Sunday school classes resume for all age groups next Sunday, January 5 at 10:05am. Look in the opportunities booklet or visit stgeorgesnashville. org for details about all this semester's exciting course offerings.

Seniors Helping Others We are 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.

Prayer and Presence: A Service of Healing and Restoration Join us for a relaxed and restful time together in the presence of God. We will begin with a short time of singing, Scripture reading, and reflection, followed by an extended time to receive prayer from prayer ministers or to remain in quiet contemplation. We typically gather the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00pm in Chapel. Please note that our next service will be Wednesday, January 8.

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 opportunities 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.

Church in the Yard We're always looking for volunteers for our ongoing partnership with Church in the Yard on the second Sunday of the month. Volunteers are needed to

prepare food Saturday, January 11, and/or to set up worship and serve the meal on Sunday, January 12, at Church of the Holy Trinity (615 6th Ave. S). Details at stgeorgesnashville. org/outreach.

Our Little Roses Interest Meeting Ready to learn more about this decades-long, relational ministry with the girls at Our Little Roses in Honduras? Please join us for an information session to learn more about this wonderful outreach and ask questions about upcoming mission trips that occur twice each year. We'll gather in the church library at 11:00am on Sunday, January 12.

Choral Evensong The service of Choral Evensong is a conversation already in progress—an intimate moment between God and his people. In it, we are invited to reflect on texts from the Bible as our souls are stirred up in musical worship with praise and thanksgiving. Our next service is Sunday, January 12 at 5:00pm in the Nave, and we hope you will join us for this special time of music and prayer.

New Bradford Gallery Art Exhibit: Made Flesh At the center of our story is God who became flesh to give his life for the life of the world. Our new exhibit opening in January explores how that act invites us to cherish our sensory experience. Guest Curator Jered Sprecher has assembled five visual artists whose work focuses on the significance of our embodied encounter with the world around us. The work is varied and beautiful, and it opens our eyes to the preciousness of what we might take for granted or overlook altogether. You are invited to view this exciting new exhibit at our Opening Reception on Friday, January 17 at 5:30pm.

The Spirituality of Habit 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. You're invited to join us for *The Spirituality of Habit* as we continue the conversation on how our ordinary habits form us and our families. We'll gather for a light reception at 5:30pm then enjoy the presentation at 6:00pm in Legacy Hall. This event is for everyone—not just parents! Invite a friend and make your reservation online for this free event at stgeorgesnashville.org/news.

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.

Men's Green River Canoe Adventure Embark on an unforgettable men's canoe trip along the stunning Green River in Utah, navigating the breathtaking Labyrinth and Stillwater Canyons. Enjoy two nights in Moab and five days of adventure on the river, complete with first-class meals. This men's fellowship adventure offers a unique opportunity to strengthen bonds and create lasting memories amidst nature's beauty. Join us for an enriching experience that blends adventure with purpose! Complete the registration online at stgeorgesnashville.org/men and reserve your place with a \$500 deposit. Space is limited.



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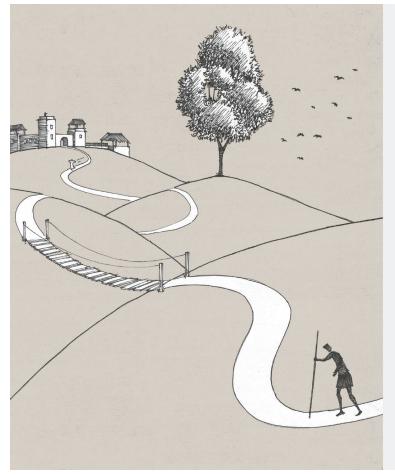


"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

This week's reflection is from Jonathan Morphett: It is all to add to the glory of God in which we have the privilege and joy of participating as a Christian community.

Invitation: How can you welcome others today with the same love and grace that Christ has shown you? How do you bring glory to God in your daily life?

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



GOSPEL OF LUKE

Essentials

New Bible study groups
launch January 27.
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then open the AudioFetch app to start listening.

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30, 8:45, and 11:00am: Holy Eucharist

9:00am: The Table

5:00pm: Evening Prayer & Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)
7:00am Monday - Saturday | Daily Worship
10:00am Wednesday | Healing Prayer

