

December 24, 2022 - 7:00pm
Christmas Eve Eucharist
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“Doubts ok, questions welcome, please come as you are.”

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Welcome

*Please find the order of service in the Book of Common Prayer (Red Book, BCP) and the hymns in the Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book). The BCP is used by Episcopal/Anglican Christians in over 165 countries around the world. We encourage you to find the pages as part of your preparation for worship.

*We encourage you to silence or turn off your devices to unplug from distraction and plug into God.

*Children are most welcome in our service. We have activity bags for them, as well as a reserved pew for families at the front and a children's activity area in the back.

*Welcome to those joining us online! The camera and sound are set up in such a way that in-person attenders will not be heard and barely seen, except from a fuzzy distance at Holy Communion. The exception being if you choose to sit near or in front of the camera.

Prelude

During the introduction to the hymn, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Worshippers are invited to fill out their connection card which is turned in at the offering.

Processional Hymn *O come, all ye faithful*

Hymn 83, Blue Book

Opening Sentences

BCP, pg. 355

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

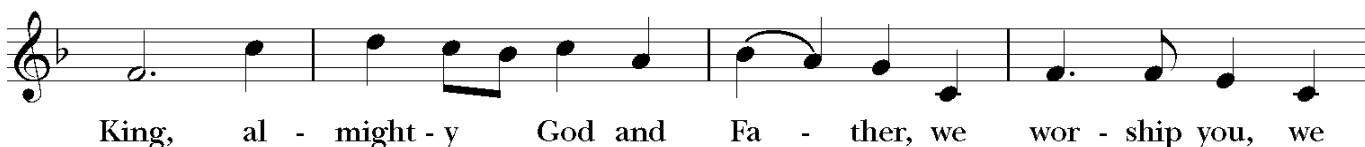
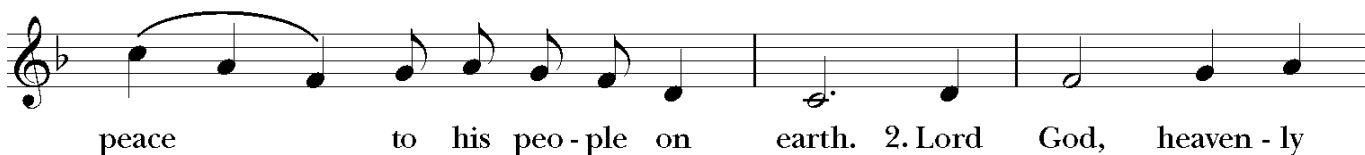
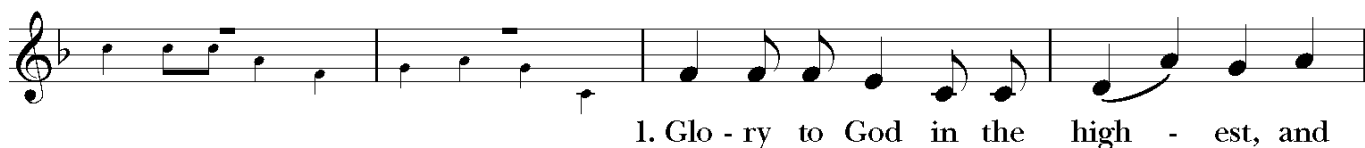
***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

***People:* Amen.**

Gloria

Hymn S-280, Blue Book



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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

All sit.

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 **Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; ***
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; ***
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! ***
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; ***
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

New Testament Lesson *Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *Hark the herald (verses 1-2 before, verse 3 after)*

Hymn 87, Blue Book



The Gospel *Luke 2:1-14(15-20)*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon "Mystery "

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Goodrich, O.P.

The Nicene Creed

BCP, pg. 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, pg. 387

The congregation assumes a prayerful posture, standing or sitting.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

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

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, especially Archbishop Justin Welby, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Betsey Monnot, and all priests and deacons;

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

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

People: *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

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

People: *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader: Give to all the departed eternal rest.

People: *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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

People: *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader: Guide us into a deeper relationship with your Son, Jesus.

People: *So that we leave none of the gifts you give us on the tables of our lives.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, silently or aloud.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

BCP, pg. 360

All kneel as able.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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.

Celebrant: 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.**

Peace

All stand as able. The children will return from Kid's Time at the Peace.

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn *Joy to the world*

Hymn 100, Blue Book

Ways you may give to support the life and ministry of St. John's. Connection cards are returned via the plates.

- 1) Give by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed.
- 2) Give online to St. John's at <https://www.stjohnsdbq.org/give/>
- 3) Send your check to 1458 Locust Street, Dubuque, IA 52001

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive at St. John's. If you are not baptized or not ready to receive you may still come forward, cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.

After the hymn, representatives of the congregation bring forward the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts. The people stand, singing the following:

Praise to God

Hymn 380, Blue Book

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

The Holy Communion *Rite II, Prayer A*

BCP, pg. 355

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the first line of the prayer, and the last two are for the second line. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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."

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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymn S-130, Blue Book

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,

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11 ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. O, Hea - ven and earth are full,

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21 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

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31 high - est. O, Bles - sed is He that comes in the name of the

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39 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts ... 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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer after Communion

BCP, pg. 365

Celebrant: 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.

Benediction

Announcements

pg. 13 (bulletin)

Recessional Hymn *Silent Night*

Hymn 111, Blue Book

We share in the worldwide tradition of singing Silent Night by candlelight. The organist will play through Silent Night once while the congregation lights their individual candles.

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go out into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God

Serving in today's liturgy

Ministers: All of us, through Jesus Christ

Doorkeepers: Corky and Janet Vance

Ushers: Dave Vanderah and Bud Geyer

Sacristan: Becky Johnson-Stewart

Organist: Adam Smith

Lectors: Kim Miller and John Stewart

Intercessor: David Vanderah

Server: Gordon Cunningham

Crucifer: Ann Kendell

Chalice Bearer & Master of Ceremonies: Becky Johnson-Stewart

Assistant: Mother Susan Forshey

Celebrant: Father Kevin Goodrich, O.P.

Notices

Tomorrow, Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, St. John's will be joining the ecumenical service hosted by St. Luke's United Methodist at 10am.

No Eucharist on Wednesday. The 12:10 Eucharist will resume on January 4.

No Adult Forum: There is no Adult Forum next Sunday, January 1.



Rector Away next Sunday: Fr. Kevin will be with his mother in Florida next Sunday. Mtr. Susan will celebrate and preach on January 1.

Vestry Elections: Interested in serving on the Vestry? We will be electing new members to the Vestry at our annual meeting on January 15. For more information talk to Mike Durnin, Senior Warden, and/or Ben Darr, Junior Warden.

Birthdays and Anniversaries! Celebrate these milestones in your life and in others' lives.

CHRISTMAS 2022 FLOWER DONATIONS

Mike and Cathy Brimeyer

In memory of: Adam Brimeyer

Jesse Green

In memory of: His grandparents Erwin and Dorothy Buelow; Arnold and Lois Green

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In memory of: James and Valerie Cole; David R. and Alda Kendell; Averle Bevan; Irene Collins

In thanksgiving for: The marriage of Andrew and Sydney Kendell

Beth Leeper

In memory of: Pepper Leeper, Blanche Minster; Mary Emma Leeper

In thanksgiving for: Mya Marcus

Megan McCready

In memory of: Ray and Sally McCready, Jody and Steve Schoger

In thanksgiving for: St. Johns; Tyler and Kerry

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In memory of: Dr. Diane Sorenson

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In memory of: Theron Nothaft; Norma and Frank Nothaft; Bill Nothaft; Our Brothers;

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In memory of: Armstrong and Oppie Lee McMillan, Sr; Foster and Mildred Roberts; Margaret and Jerry Fisher; Armstrong and Louise McMillan, Jr.; Martha Anderson

David Slaght

In memory of: Sons – Victor and Ronald Slaght

Bea Smith, Deb and Bill Schmidt

In memory of: her beloved husband, Spencer

In thanksgiving for: The 32th anniversary of Debbie (daughter) and Bill Schmidt

Becky and John Stewart

In memory of: Deacon B. Eric Johnson; Harold and Jackie Reiter; Doug Reiter; Robert Stewart; Elsie Stewart York; Bob York, Barbara Stewart

In thanksgiving for: Live and Hope

Corky and Janet Vance

In memory of: Ethel and Matt Ernzen; John and Violet Vance; John Vance, Jr.; Delbert and Phoebe Ernzen; Charles Hickerson; Kathy Mills

The Van Vlecks

In thanksgiving for: Nichols/Jacobs/Van Vleck Families

Linda Weber

In memory of: Grover J. Weber III; Lynn Weber; Helen and Grover Jr. Weber; Duane Bradfield and deceased member of family

St. John's Altar Guild

In memory of: Yvonne Brown; Rhoda (Sis) and Jess Graves; The Rev. Canon John and Gwendolyn Flockhart; Melanie Kretschmer; Horace (Herb) and Joyce Hoover; Ed Jenni

St. John's Mission, Vision, and Rule of Life

Our Mission

Love God. Love others. Make disciples.

Our Vision

A renewed church.

Our Congregational Rule of Life

Worship Weekly

The heart of our life together is at the altar,
being gathered as a spiritual family at God's table.

Pray Daily

Striving for a daily time of prayer, as well as praying throughout the day as needed.

Serve at St. John's and Beyond

All the baptized are ministers, our lives of service should happen
within and beyond the church.

Love Others and Build Spiritual Friendships

Love is a practice. It takes grace and effort.
It invites us to friendships that include faith.

Know the Christian Story and Invite Others

Learning God's story in Scripture, history,
and our own lives, inviting others into these stories.

Give Generously

Giving of our time, talent, and treasure,
managing all we have in a way that blesses others.

Rest Regularly

Renewing ourselves through rest and recreation,
re-engaging with faith, family and friends.



The Right Reverend Betsey Monnot
Bishop of Iowa