

# The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 31, 2017

10:00 AM



## The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

Preacher - The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier, *Dean*

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship.*

## The Word of God

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** ~ Pastoral: From the Depths of My Heart..... Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #93** ~ Angels, from the realms of glory ..... *Regent Square*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

### 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.

### GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in excelsis*

Musical notation for the first line of the Gloria, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics are: 1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

Musical notation for the second line of the Gloria. The melody continues with a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics are: peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

Musical notation for the third line of the Gloria. The melody continues with a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a quarter note C4. The lyrics are: King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

Musical notation for the fourth line of the Gloria. The melody continues with a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The lyrics are: give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Musical notation for the fifth line of the Gloria. The melody continues with a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a quarter note B2. The lyrics are: Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

Musical notation for the sixth line of the Gloria. The melody continues with a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, and a quarter note E2. The lyrics are: take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

Musical notation for the seventh line of the Gloria. The melody continues with a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a quarter note A1. The lyrics are: 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.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* 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.*

**THE FIRST LESSON ~ 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.

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

*All say*

**PSALM 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum***

- 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.
- 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.

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

**THE SECOND LESSON** ~ Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**HYMN #105** ~ God rest you merry, gentlemen ..... *God Rest You Merry*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** ~ John 1:1-18

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

*People* 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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

**THE NICENE CREED**

Prayer Book, Page 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV**

Prayer Book, Page 388

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## The Liturgy of the Table

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** ~ Wie schön leuchtet (How Beautifully Shines the Morning Star) ..... Marc Loudon

*Please stand and sing*

**OFFERTORY HYMN #497** ~ How bright appears the Morning Star ..... *Wie schön leuchtet*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, Page 367

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**SURSUM CORDA**

*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.

**THE PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might,      hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.      Ho -

san - na in the high - est.      Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*(Standing or Kneeling)*

**THE EUCHARISTIC CANON**

Prayer Book, Page 368

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** *(said by all)*

Prayer Book, Page 368

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

**THE GREAT AMEN**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Prayer Book, Page 364

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**

*(Organ)*

Al-le-lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri - ficed \_\_\_ for

us: There-fore let \_\_\_ us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia. \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.*

*To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

**THE BLESSING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN #99** - Go tell it on the mountain ..... *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** - Carillon du Château du Longpont..... Louis Vierne

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

*Many thanks go to Marc Loudon for playing the organ this morning.*

Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall for refreshments and conversation; all are invited to attend. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral next to the organ pipes, turn left to access the hallway, and then follow the long hallway to the right; Stuart Hall is on the right. Guests are especially welcome.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 5 - Holiday Party (Stuart Hall)
- January 11 - Cornell University Chorus in concert
- February 9 - Hermes Parade Party
- February 11 - Parade Sunday
- March 11 - Parish Annual Meeting

*The Annual Holiday Party* - Friday, January 5 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM - Christ Church Cathedral - Stuart Hall - In an effort to be more child-friendly, the Cathedral is offering childcare for youngsters. The whole family is invited! Please enter through one of the back portals - 6th Street, The Parking Lot, or the Diocesan Parking Lot. (For security, the Saint Charles Avenue doors will be locked.) We hope to see everyone!

*Spring Adult Education - "Early Christian Literature that didn't get into the New Testament"*

"Twenty-seven books were accepted by the Church as the "New Testament." Many other books were written in the first century that didn't get into the approved scripture of the Church. Many of the 'non-canonical' texts were very much respected, but didn't make the cut; others were scurrilous and deserved to be 'thrown-aside.' In this offering we will read and discuss some of the 'good' books and some of the 'bad' books. The texts can be found in two readily available and very reasonably priced anthologies. The first is Cyril Richardson (ed.) Early Christian Fathers (Library of Christian Classics, vol. 1) and the second is Lost Scriptures: The Books that did not Make it into the New Testament (Bart Ehrman, ed). Both books are available from Amazon at less than \$10 each. The sessions will meet on Wednesday afternoons, February 28, March 7, 14, 21 and April 11, 18 and 25. There will also be a single day session on Saturday, April 28."

*If you or a family member is hospitalized or shut-in*, please contact the parish secretary during office hours or call one of us directly on our mobile phones at any time and leave a voice message if necessary. If the situation is not urgent you may also contact use via email (copying the parish secretary as well.) Please DO NOT use text messages, Facebook or any other instant message platform to communicate sensitive or urgent information, as their reliability is inconsistent.



## BULLETIN INSERTS

### December 31, 2017 – Christmas 1 (B) The Feast of the Epiphany

This coming Saturday, the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas each year on January 6.

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.” At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. Traditionally, there are three manifestations celebrated on this feast day.

The most widely celebrated manifestation of Christ on this feast day, and the one that has been historically celebrated by Christian churches in the West, is Jesus revealed as Christ to the three wise men, or Magi, from the East, who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth.

The second manifestation celebrated today is the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Although this was part of the original Epiphany celebrations in second-century Christian churches in the East, by the fourth century Western churches had largely stopped observing the Holy Baptism in Epiphany celebrations. The 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* began to reintroduce Jesus’ baptism into this celebration by revising the lectionary readings for the First Sunday After the Epiphany to include gospel passages each year about Christ’s baptism. The First Sunday After the Epiphany is now also known as the Baptism of Our Lord.

The third manifestation of Jesus as Christ that is traditionally celebrated on this day is the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Christ’s first recorded miracle.



*The Star of Bethlehem. Edward Burne-Jones, 1885. Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.*



*Baptism of Christ. Vilmos Aba-Novak, 1931. Demeter Chapel, Szeged, Hungary.*



*Relief panel with scenes from the life of Christ - The Marriage at Cana. 5th century. Bode-Museum, Berlin*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)  
9:45 AM Christian Formation for Children  
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)

### MONDAY

*New Year's Day - Office Closed*

- 12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting (Martin Room)  
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

### TUESDAY

- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Westfeldt Room)  
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)  
5:30 PM Yoga (Cathedral)  
6:45 PM Seekers Book Study (Advent House)

### WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 AM Contemplative Prayer (Advent House)  
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
1:00 PM Education for Ministry (Westfeldt Room)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY

- 10:00 AM Cathedral Tours  
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (*Women Only*)  
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

### FRIDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
6:00 PM Holiday Party (Stuart Hall)

### SATURDAY

- 9:00 AM Office open until noon  
9:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
9:30 AM Centering Prayer (AH)  
10:00 AM Eracism (Westfeldt Room)  
5:00 PM Wedding

### SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)  
9:45 AM Christian Formation for Children  
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)  
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)  
6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE



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