



**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**  
New Orleans

**The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve**  
December 24, 2024  
5:00 PM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Right Reverend Shannon Rogers Duckworth  
Deacon - The Venerable Cindy Obier

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# Order of Service



*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. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live.*

## The Word of God

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** ~ Various Christmas Carols

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #83** - O come, all ye faithful ..... *Adeste fideles*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Prayer Book, page 355

*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.

**HYMN #96** - Angels we have heard on high..... *Gloria*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE FIRST 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.

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*All join in singing the refrain*

PSALM 96 *Cantate Domino* (Please join in singing the refrain after the cantor has sung it once.)



To - day is born our Sa - vior, Christ the Lord.

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| 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *<br>sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  | 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *<br>ascribe to the LORD honor and power.   |
| 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *<br>proclaim the good news of his salvation<br>from day to day. [ <i>Refrain</i> ]      | 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *<br>bring offerings and come into his courts.  |
| 3 Declare his glory among the nations *<br>and his wonders among all peoples.   | 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *<br>let the whole earth tremble before him. [ <i>Refrain</i> ]   |
| 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *<br>he is more to be feared than all gods. [ <i>Refrain</i> ]               | 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *<br>he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;<br>he will judge the peoples with equity."                   |
| 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *<br>but it is the LORD who made the heavens.                         | 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;<br>let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *<br>let the field be joyful and all that is therein. [ <i>Refrain</i> ] |
| 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *<br>Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!<br>[ <i>Refrain</i> ] |   |

**THE SECOND 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.

*Please stand and sing the Alleluia after the cantor has sung it once*

**ALLELUIA & VERSE**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, — al - le - lu - ia.

- V. Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy;  
to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. [*Alleluia*]

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Luke 2:1-14

*Deacon* 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!"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

*All stand and say*

## THE NICENE CREED

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

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

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.*

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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.*

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.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**THE PEACE**

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

*People* And also with you.

## The Liturgy of the Table

*The bishop says the*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**ANTHEM**

As Joseph was a-walking, he heard an angel sing: "This night there shall be born on earth Our heavenly King.	He in the fair white linen that babies usen all, He neither shall be rocked in silver nor in gold But in a wooden cradle that rocketh on the mould (ground)."
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Soloist: Jessica Martin

Words: English Traditional - From the Cherry Tree Carol

Music: Fred Gramann (b. 1950)

*Please stand and sing*

**OFFERTORY HYMN #100** ~ Joy to the world! the Lord is come..... *Cradle Song*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, Page 367

**SURSUM CORDA**

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 staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant. The fourth staff is for the People.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

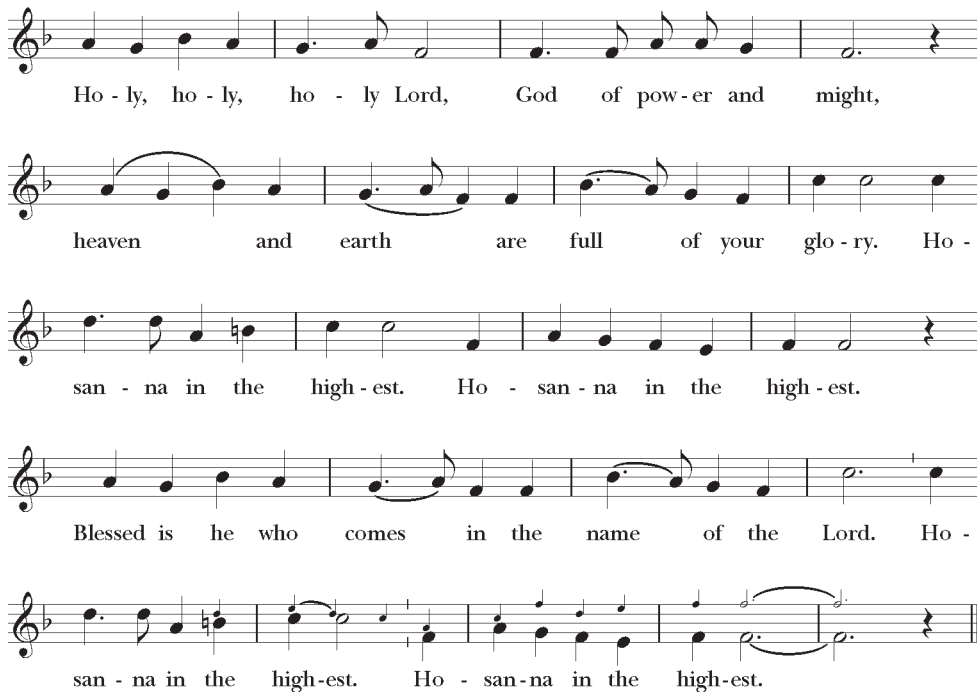
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 Man 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:

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(Standing or Kneeling)*

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,

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** *(Said by all)*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer this 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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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**

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pass - o - ver, is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia.

**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.*

**CAROL**

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir;	Mary’s little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep,
We will lend a coat of fur,	Sleep in comfort, slumber deep;
We will rock you:	We will rock you:
See the fur to keep you warm,	We will serve you all we can,
Snugly round your tiny form.	Darling, darling little man.

Music & Words: Czech carol

*Please join in singing*

**Hymn #115** ~ What child is this ..... Greensleeves

**Hymn #89** ~ It came upon the midnight clear ..... Carol

*Kneeling*

**Hymn #111** ~ Silent night, holy night ..... *Stille Nacht*



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*Please join in saying*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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 SEASONAL 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.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN #87** - Hark! the herald angels sing ..... *Mendelssohn*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** - In Dulci Jubilo..... Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Clergy & Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!*

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*Christmas Eve*

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)

5:00 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### WEDNESDAY

*Christmas Day*

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### THURSDAY

*Office Closed*

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

### FRIDAY

*Office Closed*

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

### SUNDAY

*The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

11:30 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)

3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)

6:00 PM Real Presence

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