The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 28, 2025 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard 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 silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.

The Word of God

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

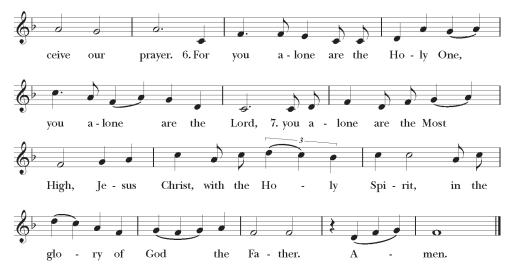
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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





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.
- 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.

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

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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.

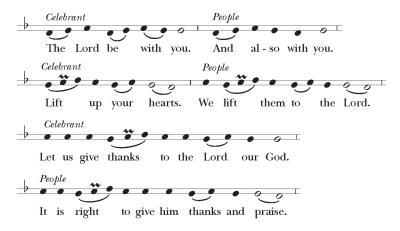
The Liturgy of the Table

Please stand and sing

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer A

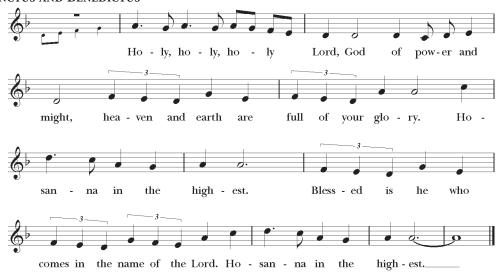
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SURSUM CORDA



THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



(Standing or Kneeling)

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (said by all)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



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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 Book, Page 365/366

THE BLESSING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

We extend our thanks 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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Mass

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Announcements

Nursery worker needed -We are seeking a person (compensated) who we can call in for emergency staffing. If you know anyone who might be willing to fill this position, please have them email Lisa Wilkie <u>lisawilkie@cccnola.org</u> and she can provide them with more information about the position.

Flower Offerings ~ The Flower Guild is supported entirely by donations from members and friends of the Cathedral. Sponsoring altar flowers on a Sunday is a beautiful way to honor loved ones. Flowers are often given to mark special life events such as a birth, wedding anniversary, baptism, the memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving. We currently have many weeks open on the Sunday Flower schedule. If you have a special Sunday you would like to celebrate please contact Sandy Jackson 504-717-3185. The suggested amount of the donation is \$100.00. Your support of this ministry is appreciated.



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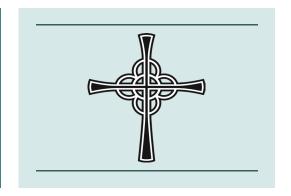
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French Bread & Corn Bread

Dessert

King Cake

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28

SUNDAY

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

6:00 PM The Holy Eucharist (Real Presence)

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

New Year's Eve - Office closes at 1:00 PM 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

THURSDAY

New Year's Day

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Harris Chapel)

Friday

Office Closed

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