

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day

Holy Communion: Rite II

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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave Quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

What Child Is This
Joy to the World
The First Nowell
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Evan Lutz, Clarinet; Isabelle Schueler, Cello

[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN H-107

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
on his knees before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

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.

All **AMEN.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 52...*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

ST. STEPHEN

**Sing to the Lord new songs; proclaim what mar-vels have been done
And whose right hand and ho-ly arm such vic-to-ries have won.**

**With trum-pets and the sound of horns re-joice be-fore the Lord;
From all who dwell on land and sea let prais-es be out poured.**

**Let hills ring out with joy to God; Let riv-ers clap their hands.
In right-eous-ness shall all be judged, in eq-ui-ty all lands.**

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews chapter 1...*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION H-87

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

(stanza 1)

**Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!**

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Cindy Roehl

THE BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Ella to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented, the Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents...

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.
Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.
Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do.
Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents I do.
Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying....

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life with Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with this person who is committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

All stand as able.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader We give thanks for the flowers gracing our worship today given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this week for Nancy Fisher, Diane Linton, Sally Wakefield, Lisa Little, Donna Brotherhood, Jim Ratliff, Bob DeStefano, and for the anniversaries this week of Jerald & Janet Ozbun, and Joseph Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King.
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant Ella, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Ella, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

All **Amen.**

When this has been completed for all candidates, the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

All Amen.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

All stand as able.

Evan Lutz, Clarinet; Isabelle Schueler, Cello

THE PRESENTATION

Deacon Gracious God, you have entrusted creation to our care. We present these gifts and seek the grace and courage to serve the world in your name.

PRESENTATION HYMN

THE FIRST NOWELL

D Bm A A7 D/F# G D A7 D A7
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all

7 D G A7 D A7 D A7 Bm A A7
 crea - tures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye

12 D/F# G D A7 D A7 D G A7 D A7 D
 heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

18 A7 D Bm F#m D G A7 D A
 No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,

22 Bm D/A G D A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

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.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [In One]

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
son of Ma - ry.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament.

If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

Meditation on 'Once in Royal David's City'

David Lasky

Please remain seated.

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King."
 The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

H-102

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Once in Royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

H-94

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WINCHESTER OLD

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
 The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

H-105

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
 remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
 to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and Joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
 and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
 how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. (Refrain)

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
 and with true love and charity each other now embrace;
 this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. (Refrain)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-100

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world proclaiming this good
news of great joy.

People **Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

Joy to the World!

arr. David Cherwien

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Chalicer	Cheryl Sharpe
Lector	Mary Ratliff
Prayers of the People	Cheryl Sharpe
Ushers	Bob Roehl
Thurifer	Rhiannon Sharpe
Boat Bearer	Dayana Mosquera
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Dec. 18 – Dec 17 – Ray S, Butch N, Roseanne M, Breanna B, Olivia C, David Q, Liz N, David B & family, Sharon G, June R, Billy B, Maureen B, Dede, Phil & family, Ainsley & family, Paul H, Bill GW, Raymond R, Bonnie L, Colette S, Heather S, Bob S, Milly L, Olena & family, Deborah B, Christopher J, Carol H & family, Suzy, Jeanne, Garry, Arlene, Ruthe F, Jason C, Betsy D, Cindy & Ron D, Jim W, Carol, Maggie, Julie L, Jay O, Adrianna P, Lou W, Debra M, Kipling, Carol B.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays - Nancy Fisher, Diane Linton, Sally Wakefield, Lisa Little, Donna Brotherhood, Jim Ratliff, and Bob DeStefano.

Anniversaries - Jerald & Janet Ozbun, and Joseph Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon.

CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS



We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts given in thanksgiving for the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the adornment of the Church and the festal music of the Christmas Season.

Christmas Flowers

In Loving Memory or in Honor of:

Given By:

Bob & Pat Walton, John & Marylou Toohey

Laurie Toohey

Mary & Edward Dvorshock

Mary & Bill Lasko

My Family & Friends

Nancy Belfsky

In memory of her parents Thomas & Joan Crook

Michelle Crook

John & Marcia Burdick

Gail Griffin

*Frederick R. Warner Jr., Josephine R. Warner
Reuben & Nora Moen*

Judy Warner

Bette Ann Kern, Anni Pongratz

Judy & Heinz Bertram

Mom and Father

Billy Greene

*In thanksgiving for Sloan Vivienne Punch and in
loving memory of Nicholas Albert Punch*

Anne Punch

Dennis "Bunzie" Rezabek, Pat Lloveras, Mary Barzee

Mike & Lynn Lloveras

*Cam Boothe, Eva Boothe, Doreen Boothe, Mary &
Don Spratt, Joanne & Dave Searles*

Sherry Boothe

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Gerry Boone & Rev. Kathleen Walter

Our Parents

Marc & MaryAnn Wigmore

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John Alisandrelli & MaryEllen Tauriello

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*In thanksgiving for the many people that have supported
Gene*

Maureen Belote

Geraldine & Ezra Ahrens

Shirl Ahrens

In thanksgiving for our family & friends

James & Elena Goletz

In thanksgiving for all God's blessings

Phil & Carol Beauchamp



Christmas Music



In Loving Memory or in Honor of:

In memory of her parents Thomas & Joan Crook

My Family & Friends

Cam Boothe, Eva Boothe, Doreen Boothe, Mary & Don Spratt, Joanne & Dave Searles

*Frederick R. Warner, Josephine R. Warner
Reuben & Nora Moen*

C. Sargent Wakefield & Hank Fowler

*In thanksgiving for Sloan Vivienne Punch and in
Loving memory of Nicholas Albert Punch*

Our Parents

Thanksgiving for my family

Brian Levy

*In thanksgiving for the many people that have supported
Gene & me*

Vicki Bosi

Given By:

Michelle Crook

Nancy Belfsky

Sherry Boothe

Judy Warner

Sally Wakefield

Anne Punch

Marc & MaryAnn Wigmore

Heather Elder

Mildred Levy

Maureen Belote

Anonymous



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