HOLY EUCHARIST—**Rite I**

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP, p. 323)

TRISAGION (BCP, p. 324)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

CANTICLE 4

- Blessed be the Lord, God of Israel, * 1. for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
- 2. And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us * in the house of his servant David,
- 3. As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, * which have been since the world began:
- That we should be saved from our enemies, * 4. and from the hand of all that hate us:
- To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * 5. and to remember his holy covenant;
- To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * 6. that he would give us.
- That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * 7. might serve him without fear,
- In holiness and righteousness before him, * 8. all the days of our life.
- And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, * for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
- To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * 10. for the remission of their sins,
- Through the tender mercy of our God, * 11. whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
- To give light to them that sit in darkness 12. and in the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, * And will be forever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING - Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

SERMON - The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP, p. 328)

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP, p. 330)

THE PEACE

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP, p. 333) THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP, p. 336) THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP, p. 337) POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (BCP, p. 339) BLESSING DISMISSAL

ALTAR GUILD - Margaret Cameron, Deborah Brewington, Hosanna Banks SACRISTAN – Jean Jackson

Sunday Lunch Program at Room in the Inn (one of the agencies the Cathedral *supports*) provides a hot meal to residents of the Guest House and at Respite Care. Cathedral members prepare and serve 40 meals on six Sundays per year. Contact Mary Herbert Kelly, maryherbertkelly@gmail.com, for more information.

PRAYERS

Today we pray for Roberta LaBour, Walter Benneyworth, Steve Wilburn, Tessa Logan, Tom Cato, Florence Greenwood, Constance Prvor, Marion Cullen, John Bordley, Clayton Reeve, Nancy Conner, Ed Miller, Martha Wilson, and Mike Lyles. We give thanks for the birth of Willa Louise Cowan, granddaughter of Dede Clements. We pray also for those who have died, Bo Dee Jarman, mother of Mark Jarman, and John Stuart Coleman, brother of the Reverend Ed Coleman.

WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. Please complete a Visitor's Card (you will find one in the pew rack) and leave it with an usher or place it in the alms basin. A church member will be happy to answer questions about Christ Church Cathedral and your opportunities for fellowship, education, and servant ministry. You may also visit our website, christcathedral.org, to learn more about our parish. Thank you for visiting us today!

For the Hearing Impaired: Hearing assistance devices are available at the reception desk for use during worship. It is recommended that you bring your own earphones or ear buds for personal comfort.

Christmas Pageant TODAY at 5:00 p.m.

Calling all angels, wise men, shepherds, barnyard animals, Christmas carolers and musicians. The Christmas pageant begins at 5 p.m. The pageant is an impromptu but very special production for all parishioners who wish to spend an evening together watching the scenes that celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Children come in simple costumes of their choosing. Join us for this delightful holiday performance!

CHURCH SCHOOL

Adults:

The Sunday Forum "Immigration" Led by the Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt (Nave)

Centering Prayer

"Tools Matter for Practicing the Spiritual Life," by Mary Margaret Funk. Led by Peter Saama (Cathedral Annex Building)

Children's Classes:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3 yr. olds, 4 yr. olds, Pre-Kindergarten 5's, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades-Cheek Hall Kindergarten, 4th, 5th and 6th grades-Cathedral Annex Building

Youth Classes:

7th-12th grades-810 Broadway Building

SUNDAY, December 9

Advent II 7:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 7:30-8:30 a.m. – Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 9:30-11:00 a.m. – Alt. Christmas Gift Market 9:45-10:45 a.m. - Christian Education 9:45-10:45 a.m. - Centering Prayer 11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Christmas Pageant & Dinner

MONDAY, December 10 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer 12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist 4:15 p.m. – Junior Choristers 5:00 p.m. - Youth Advisory Council

TUESDAY, December 11 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Companions in Christ 12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist 1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. - Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m. – EfM 7:00 p.m. - Nashville Unlimited Christmas Concert

WEDNESDAY, December 12 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

8:30 a.m. – EfM 11:00 a.m. - The Bible Challenge 11:30 a.m. – EfM 11:30 a.m. - Community Outreach Meeting 12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

4:30 p.m. - Senior Choristers 6:00 p.m. – Journey in Faith

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, December 13

8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. - Bones Workshop 12:00 p.m.- Stumbling Toward Bethlehem 12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist 12:15 p.m. - Centering Prayer 5:00 p.m. – Room in the Inn 7:00 p.m. – Cathedral Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. – A Christmas Carol, Mark Cabus Play

FRIDAY, December 14 8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer 12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. – A Christmas Carol, Mark Cabus Play SATURDAY, December 15

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Lessons and Carols Rehearsal No Cathedral Tours

SUNDAY, December 16

Advent III 7:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 7:30-8:30 a.m. - Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 9:45-10:45 a.m. - Christian Education 9:45-10:45 a.m. - Centering Prayer 11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist 4:00 p.m. - Lessons and Carols 5:00 p.m. – Reception

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 a.m.

CELEBRANT The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee

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