

The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 323*)

GLORIA (*BCP, p. 324*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT 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.

PSALM 147

1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.

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 NEW TESTAMENT 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.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – John 1:1-18

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.

READINGS AND CAROLS FROM THE TRADITION

1st Reading: from the writing of Archbishop Oscar Romero

Hymn #115, What child is this?

2nd Reading: from the Letters of Flannery O'Connor

Hymn #105, God rest you merry, gentlemen vss. 2-4

3rd Reading: from an oration of Gregory of Nazianzus

Hymn #107, Good Christian Friends, rejoice

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP, p. 326*)

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

THE 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 – Sandra Merritt, Deborah Brewington
FLOWER GUILD – Paul Cotton, Dan Smith

CHURCH SCHOOL

Centering Prayer

"Listening For The Heartbeat Of God," by J. Phillip Newell
(Chapel)

PRAYERS

Today we pray for Will Chappell, Carrie Teaford, Roberta LaBour, Ellie Teal, Sharon Brown, Valerie Nasatir, Mickey Harrison, Gary Martin, Bill Duncan, Ben Caldwell, Mama Lou, Jin Song, Martin Francis King, Virginia Hill, Jean Sanders, Charlotte Bradshaw, and David Kiester.

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WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. Page numbers refer to the *Book of Common Prayer*, which is the red book located in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. *The Hymnal* is the blue book. A church member will be happy to answer questions about worship at Christ Church Cathedral and your opportunities for fellowship, education, and servant ministry. Please complete a Visitor's Card and leave it with an usher or place it in the alms basin. 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 29

Christmas 1

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
No Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – Centering Prayer
9:00 a.m. – Christmas Hymn-Sing
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

MONDAY, December 30

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Cathedral Office Hours
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY, December 31

New Year's Eve

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Cathedral Office Hours
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WEDNESDAY, January 1

New Year's Day

12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Cathedral offices closed.

THURSDAY, January 2

7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer

12:15 p.m. – Centering Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. – Room In The Inn
7:00 p.m. – Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, January 3

7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

SATURDAY, January 4

10:00 a.m. – Youth Diocesan Dodge Ball
(off-site)

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Cathedral Tours

SUNDAY, January 5

Christmas 2

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite I
7:30-8:30 a.m. – Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:45-10:45 a.m. – Christian Education
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:20 p.m. – Coffee Minute

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER

The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*

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