

The First Sunday after Christmas
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Today's service follows the form for Holy Eucharist Rite II, beginning on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer ("BCP"). The music may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982; numbers beginning with "S-" are service music, located at the front of the hymnal.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Entrance Rite

Prelude <i>In dulci jubilo</i>	Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)
Processional	Hymnal 109
<i>The first Nowell</i>	The First Nowell

Children's Chapel follows the procession. Suggested ages are pre-K through fifth grade; younger children are welcome if accompanied by adults.

Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
<i>Officiant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity	BCP 355
Hymn of Praise	Hymnal 96, v. 1
<i>Angels we have heard on high</i>	<i>Gloria</i>

Collect of the Day	
<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	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 Word of God

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13–21 *Laudate Dominum* **BCP 805**

Spoken by the congregation.

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!

Epistle

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Of the Father's love begotten

Hymnal 82

Divinum Mysterium

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.

Sermon	The Reverend Dr. Bertice Berry, <i>Deacon</i>
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People, Form IV	BCP 388
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn	Hymnal 98
<i>Unto us a boy is born!</i>	<i>Puer nobis nascitur</i>
<i>Please remain seated and join in singing.</i>	
Presentation of the Gifts	Hymnal 115, v. 3
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.	
The Great Thanksgiving, <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Hymnal S-128
	William Mathias (1934–1992)
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem, <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-158
from <i>Deutsche Messe</i>	Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828)
<i>All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please let an usher know if you need to receive from your pew. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive a blessing, you may cross your arms over your chest.</i>	
Hymns at Communion	Hymnal 84, 99
<i>Love came down at Christmas</i>	<i>Gartan</i>
<i>Go tell it on the mountain</i>	<i>Go Tell It</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 366
The Blessing	
Closing Hymn	Hymnal 100
<i>Joy to the world!</i>	<i>Antioch</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude <i>In dir ist Freude</i> , BWV 625	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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Prayers of the People*

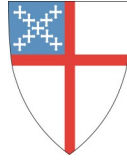
For Pam Benton, David Crampton, Susan Owens, Othel Newman

For the Birthdays of Blue Dennard, Erin Ham, Liza Fair Summerell, Sophia Stanbridge, Brad Davenport, Charlotte King, Chip Goldsmith, Mimi Dulany, Grace Keller, Lawton Shipley, Stephen Ham, Robbie Harrison, Jess Mikell, Margaret Alys Smith, Georgia Stone, Grant Stovall, Oliver Bailey, Garrett Greiner, Tyrus Smith, Jamie McGaw, Clara Perkins, Susan Sorensen, Randy Woodruff, Ryan Chandler, Will Sumner, Katie Griffith, Julia Bulka, Ava Grace Gardner, Comer Immel, Emily Stolba, Jaimie Vela, Vivienne Ham, Sylvia Severance, Mary Duvall Sumner, Wiley Chandler, Fatima Berry Gomes, Joseph Frew-Miller, Holly Barton, Blake Huennekens, Pat Harrison, Mickey Ott, Claire Rilee, Courtenay Espy, Will Wallace, Renee Huskey Chandler, Liz Davenport, Selia Hooten, Judy Walters, Alexander Fleming, Carole Whitfield, Tom Kirkpatrick

For the Wedding Anniversaries of Catherine Holden and Bruce Sparks, Kristy and Jerry Reeves, Ruth and Chris Hallman, Tina and Ken Palmer, Claudia and David Seyle, Lisa and Frank Chappell, Sarah and Zak Craig, Hester and Bob Hodde, Joyce and Stevenson Wallace, Kim and Charlie Sachs, Catherine and Joe Gussler, Paul Kline and Max Maxwell

For Those Who Have Died and the Comfort of Their Families: Edwina Aldrich

*The full prayer list may be found on our website and in our weekly email.



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The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue, *Bishop of Georgia*

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Sundays

9:15 a.m. Nursery, located on the 2nd floor of the Parish House at 18 Abercorn

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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