



# SAINT LUKE'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY

AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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**OPENING HYMN**    *Once in Royal David's City*

**H - 102**

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

*People*        **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

*Celebrant*    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.**

*Celebrant*    Holy God,  
                  Holy and Mighty,  
                  Holy Immortal One,

*People*        **Have mercy upon us.**

*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 forever.. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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**

**Psalm 147:13-21 Laudate Dominum**

**Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;  
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.  
He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.  
He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.  
He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.  
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?  
He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.  
He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!**

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians**

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**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

***Angels from the Realms of Glory***

**H - 93**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John John 1:1-18

**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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Polly H. Robb

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son  
 Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
 Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church, that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

*People* **And your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for Glenda, Brian, and all bishops, priests, and deacons.

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for Joe, our president, Kay, our governor, and Jim, our mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Remembering especially... Have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* We pray for the departed, especially ... that they may have eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

THE PEACE *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

OFFERTORY **All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS** *Celebrant and People*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise 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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 FRACTION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Regardless of the denomination of your baptism, all are invited to communion in the Episcopal Church. You may receive the bread by holding out your hands, and receive the wine by dipping the bread into the cup, or eating the bread and sipping from the cup. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, instead of communion, by folding your arms over your chest.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*In Remembrance  
Spirit Song*

**A-III, p. 94  
A-III, p.150**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All**     **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

**HYMN IN PROCESSION**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**H - 99**

DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**People**     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**