

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JANUARY 1, 2017 - FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC *From Heaven Above* Johann Pachelbel

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMNAL #105 *God Rest You Merry* GOD REST YOU

COLLECT FOR PURITY *said by all*

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (Hymn #96, vss. 1 & 3)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING **Numbers 6: 22-27** (*pew Bible, page 123*)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8 *said by all, seated*

1 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

**3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

**4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

**5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?**

**6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

**7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:**

**8 All sheep and oxen, * even the wild beasts of the field,
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, ***

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, * how exalted is your Name in all the world!

VOCAL SOLO *Personent Hodie* "Piae Cantiones", 1582

(A version in English may be found in the blue Hymnal #92.)

Personent hodie
voces puerulae,
laudantes iucunde
qui nobis est natus,
summo Deo datus,
et de vir-gineo ventre procreatur.

In mundo nascitur,
pannis involvitur
praesepe ponitur
stabulo brutorum,
rector supernorum.
perdidit ... spolia princeps inferorum.

Magi tres venerunt,
parvulum inquirunt,
Bethlehem adeunt
stellulam sequendo,
ipsum adorando,
aurum, thus ... et myrrham ei offerendo.

Omnes clericuli,
pariter pueri,
cantent ut angeli:
advenisti mundo,
laudes tibi fundo.
ideo ... gloria in excelsis Deo.

SECOND READING **Philippians 2: 5-11** (*pew Bible, page 1071*)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and sing, as able, for the hymn and the Gospel.

**HYMN #82 Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending, he.
Of the things that are, that have__ been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL **Luke 2: 15-21** (*pew Bible, page 935*)

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!**

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED *Please stand, if able.* Book of Common Prayer p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please stand or kneel.*

Reader Incarnate God,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Gracious God:

All

**By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy
the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge
and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this
community of faith, and show forth our service to you
in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.** (*Collect for St. John's*)

THE PEACE *Please stand, if able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

WELCOME *Please be seated.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is gluten-free.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

SOLO *Quia Respexit* from 'Magnificat' J. S. Bach

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae.
He has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

PRESENTATION *sung by all standing, if able*



1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;
3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,



love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.
love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

The prayer in its entirety may be followed in the BCP on page 372.

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. ...

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS *sung by all* F. Schubert

Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, ...

... and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts ...

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

SOLO

COMMUNION MUSIC

En Etsi Valtaa, Loistoa
(sung in Finnish)

Jan Sibelius

En etsi valtaa loistoa, en kaipaa kultaakaan,
mä pyydän taivaan valoa ja rauhaa päälle maan.
Se joulu suo, mi onnen tuo ja mielet nostaa luojan luo.
Ei valtaa eikä kultaakaan, vaan rauhaa päälle maan.

I seek not power, glory nor gold.
I wish for the Heavenly light and peace on Earth.
Let Christmas bring joy and thoughts of heavenly things:
Neither power nor gold, but peace on Earth.

HYMNAL #324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

PICARDY

HYMNAL #644 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

ST. PETER

HYMNAL #333 *Now the Silence*

NOW

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *said by all, kneeling or standing*

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.

Please stand, as able, for the closing hymn.

HYMNAL #110 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Celebrant May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.
May the man of Galilee bring you strength;
the Christ of Calvary bring you courage;
and the ascended Lord a foretaste of his glory.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY *Prelude in G* J.S. Bach

You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.

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TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Burt, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Mary Ellen, George, Monica, Fred, David, Ben, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, Sydney, Sara, Caroline, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Mildred, and those you would add.

ALTAR FLOWERS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Cynthia S. MacIntosh; Jerome Wagner; William E. Ward, Jr.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER *The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson*
DEACON *The Reverend Margaret Thor*
READERS *Diane Wallace-Reid, Terry Dinovo*
VERGER *Bill Sherfey*
ORGANIST *Jayson R. Engquist*
SOLOISTS *Sophie Amelkin and Sarah Stengle, sopranos*
ACOLYTES *Madeline Jacobs, Linnea Krall, Sabine Krall*
ALTAR GUILD *Dusty Mairs, Phillip Baird, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey*
Godly Play families

COFFEE HOUR

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