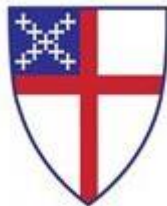


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31ST, 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN



THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

Fr. Christian Baron

Church bells ring

PROCESSIONAL

Hark! the herald angels sing

Hymn 87

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP 355)

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

People: **Amen.**

“Angels we have heard on high”

Hymn 96 vs. 1,4

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

THE FIRST READING 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

*People read the alternate full verses in **bold**.*

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 SECOND READING 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

Angels, from the realms of glory

H 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 you - der shines the in - fant Light:
 ye have seen his na - tal star: come and wor - ship,
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).

THE GOSPEL John 1:1-18

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Christian Baron

THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

(Silence)

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those we name now.

(Silence)

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially whom we remember today.

(Silence)

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

(Silence)

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT (pg. 394)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please know that at this church, there is no one who is ineligible or unwelcome to participate in the Eucharist at God's Table. Our altar is the table of our loving God, a table set to feed all of creation through the love of Jesus Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are most welcome, indeed invited to partake!

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

People may sit while the table is set. On the First Sunday of each month, offerings not designated to a fund will go into the Priest's Discretionary Fund.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Mark Hayes

OFFERTORY HYMN God rest you merry, gentlemen Hymn 105

People stand.



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C (BCP p.369)

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time, you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

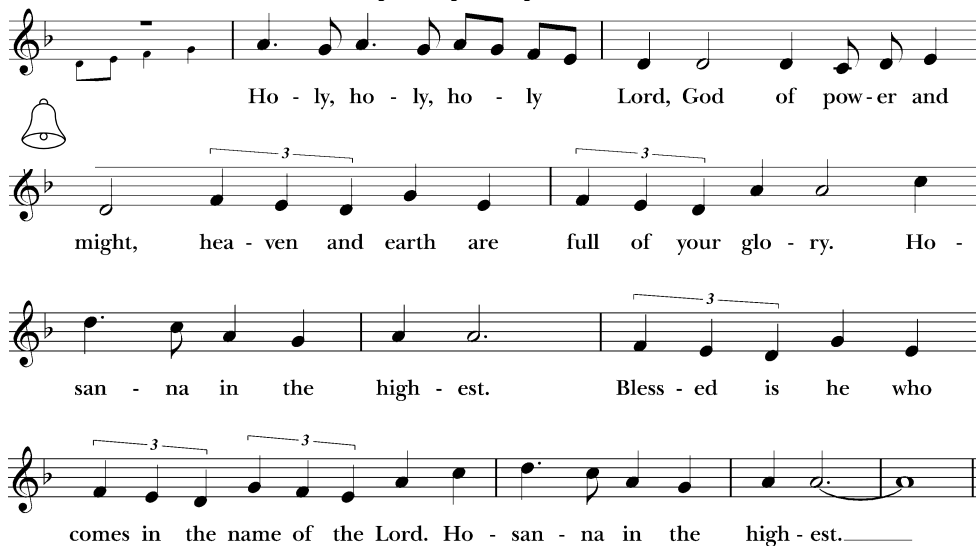
And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People sing:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord

S129



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. _____

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves contain triplets of eighth notes. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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(The people stand or kneel as they are able)

The Celebrant continues: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for

the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***People:* We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***People:* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

***People:* AMEN.**



THE LORD’S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

*Congregation sings: Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

THE INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Sherry Stringfield

Stand or kneel as you are able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

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.

People: Amen.

THE BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

Celebrant: Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymn 99

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

The image shows a musical score for the refrain of the hymn 'Go Tell It on the Mountain'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and' are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The word 'moun' is split across two notes, and 'o - ver' is split across two notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by the night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Repeat Refrain

Words: African-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967). Music: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arrangement, Copyright © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE It Came Upon a Midnight Clear and The First Noel arr. Mark Hayes

DIOCESEAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Church of the Nativity, Indianapolis, IN and
The Rev. Ben Wyatt and The Rev. Yuri Rodriguez

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**WORSHIP
LEADERS**

**THOSE SERVING
TODAY**

**SERVING NEXT
SUNDAY,
JANUARY 7th, 2024**

Celebrant	The Rev. Christian Baron	The Rev. Christian Baron
Music	Jerilyn Yerkes	Jerilyn Yerkes
Guest Soloist	Randal Turner	
Lector	(8a) Katharine Morrison (10:30a) Kari Brock	(8a) Kitty Haffner (10:30a) Sue Fain
LEM	(8a) Katharine Morrison (10:30a) John Culley & Betty Culley	(8a) Kitty Haffner (10:30a) Katharine Morrison & Aaron Morrison
Acolyte	(8a) Aaron Morrison	(8a) Cyndy Fields
Crucifer	(10:30a) Jeremy Hartnett	(10:30a) Steve Charles
Greeters	Judy Wynne & Ellen Ball	Susan & Brian Albrecht
Counters	Nancy Bennett & Jim Gary	Jeff Burd & John Roberts
Altar Guild	Betty Culley & Meegan Reidy	TBD
LEV	Dan Booher	Dan Booher
Coffee Start	Meegan Reidy	Frank Sorrentino
Coffee Hour Host	St. Martha's Guild	St. Martha's Guild
Coffee Hour Clean-up	Meegan Reidy	Meegan Reidy

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ST. JOHN'S NEWS

WHITE ELEPHANT Will be held on **Saturday, January 6th at 6p.** in Whitlock Hall. You do not want to miss the hilarity and downright silliness of this annual event. Start looking now for just the right something that you do not want in your possession one moment longer to exchange with one of your lucky St. John's friends. We'll enjoy a potluck supper, too!

CHILI COOKOFF The Chili Cookoff is scheduled for **Saturday 13 January from 4-7p.** and will have music provided by Steve Charles and others. Steve is requesting that anyone wishing to be part of the music program contact him to be included. All are welcome to join in!! Contact Steve at 765-366-6156 or charless@wabash.edu.

PRIEST'S DISCRETIONARY FUND Next **Sunday, January 7th, 2024** is the first Sunday of the month. All non-designated funds go to the Priest's Discretionary Account which is used for "pious and charitable needs" in our community.

ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION Sundays from 9:15am-10:15am.
December 31– Readings by Marc Hudson of W.H. Auden's, "*For The Time Being: A Christmas Oratorio*".

PUB THEOLOGY **Monday, January 29th from 5:30-6:30p.** is our next Pub Theology discussion at [BackStep Brewery](#). There is no need to RSVP. (Drinking an alcoholic beverage is absolutely not important to participating in this event).

Please join us in Whitlock Hall after the service for coffee, conversation, and light refreshments.

St. John's Vestry



2024

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The Rev. Christian Baron, Presider

Mission: John's Episcopal Church is called by the love of Christ to welcome and witness to our Community.

Vision: As a place of welcome and care for all, we want our community to know that:
—we listen to the needs and concerns of our neighbors and each other.
—we foster connections with varied and diverse groups in our community.
—we care for those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
—we serve others by challenging unjust systems.

We nurture rich spiritual practices for people of all ages, develop leadership within our church through education, communal prayer, and worship, and act on this knowledge and love by serving together.

As stewards of creation, we embrace and encourage sustainable practices in our community and ensure that our property supports our vision.

We are faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has given to us in order to sustain the ministries to which God has called us.

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, Bishop of Indianapolis
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