

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite One  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
December 25, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.



## WELCOME!

Merry Christmas! We are delighted that you have joined us for our Christmas Eve worship service, and so very thankful for your presence this evening. Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship.

We are so glad you could be with us this morning and hope you will join us again.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite One  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

*Please stand as are able.*

Processional: O Little Town Of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A -  
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove, while  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given! So  
4. Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child, where  
5. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray; cast



- 1. bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by; yet  
2. mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love. O  
3. God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven. No  
4. mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild; where  
5. out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day. We



1. in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; the  
2. morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! and  
3. ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where  
4. char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door, the  
5. hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O



1. hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
2. prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
3. meek souls will re - ceive him, still he dear Christ en - ters in.  
4. dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
5. come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

THE WORD OF GOD

*(BCP Pages 323-324)*

**The Greeting**

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with  
all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great  
commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt  
love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments  
hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### **Kyrie, Eleison**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **The Collect of the Day: Christmas Day**

(BCP Page 160)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with thy spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*You may be seated for The Lessons.*

### **THE LESSONS**

#### **A Reading from the prophet Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

*Celebrant* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Psalm 98

BCP Pages 727-728

*Respond by the half verse.*

Sing to the LORD a new song,  
For he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm  
Has he won for him self the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;  
His righteousness has he openly shown in  
The sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
The house of Israel,  
And all the ends of the earth have seen the  
Victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands,  
Lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
With the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
Shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
The lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
And let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
When he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world  
And the peoples with equity.



## The Second Lesson

### A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you"?  
Or again,

"I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son"?  
And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."  
Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,  
and his servants flames of fire."  
But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,  
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.  
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."  
And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;  
they will perish, but you remain;  
they will all wear out like clothing;  
like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,  
and your years will never end."

*Celebrant*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*          ***Thanks be to God.***

## THE GOSPEL

*The congregation stands as are able.*

### GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-14

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

John 1:5



*The light  
shines in the darkness,  
but the darkness  
has not understood it.*

*The congregation sits.*

## Homily

*The Rev. Jim Friedel*



*(BCP Pages 326-327)*

*The congregation stands as are able and reads in unison.*

*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

*(BCP Pages 328-330)*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

## The Prayers of the People *(Continued)*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Peter and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 330-331)

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant and People*

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

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Matthew 11:28

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

## The Peace

(BCP Page 332)

*All stand as are able.*

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

*People* *And with thy spirit.*

*The Celebrant and People will greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offering

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I

(BCP Page 333)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And with thy spirit.*

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* *It is meet and right so to do.*

*Celebrant*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people kneel or stand as are able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

## The Great Thanksgiving (Continued)

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye, all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Great Thanksgiving (Continued)

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*

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

*People and Celebrant*

### The Lord's Prayer

(BCP Page 336)

*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

(BCP Page 337)

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

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

### Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

*As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.*

## The Great Thanksgiving (Continued)

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *Amen.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.*  
*Amen.*

## Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

### The Blessing

*Celebrant*

May the one whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

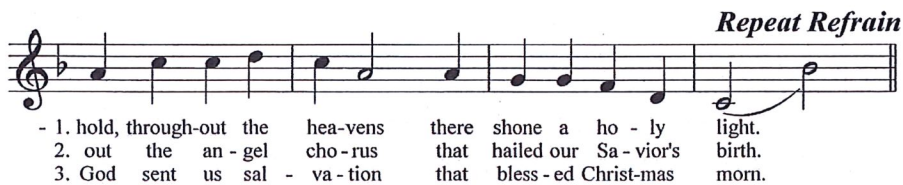
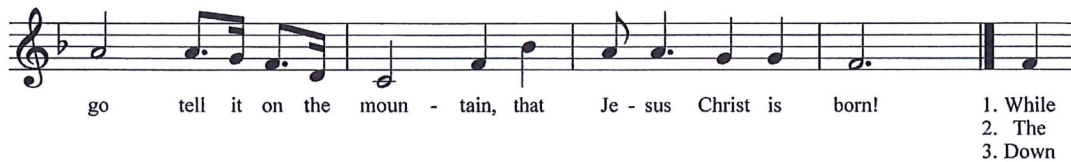
### The Dismissal

*Celebrant*

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

### Recessional: Go Tell It On The Mountain

*Hymn #99*



*Thank you to all who helped and participated in our service this morning.*



**Lay Reader:** Sherri Collins  
**Director of Music Ministry:** Meredith Carter  
**Musical Assistance:** Alan Berkebile  
**The Ladies of our Altar Guild:** Sherri Collins



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Sunday, December 26th*

*Morning Prayer I, 8:00 am*

*Aimee Kaduscwicz*

*Morning Prayer II, 10:00 am*

*Cecelia Shannon*

*Wednesday, December 29th*

*Compline, 6:00 pm*

*Sherri Collins*

*As we take time to celebrate the birth of our savior,  
Jesus Christ, the Church Office will be closed  
December 27th through Friday, December 31st.  
We will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022 to  
welcome you and the new year!*

*Castaways will also be closed during this time and  
reopen on January 3, 2022.*