

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER II
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
December 26, 2021 ~ 10:00 am



WELCOME

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

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.

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Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymn #93

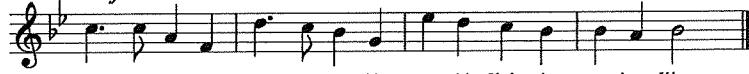


1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions beam a - far:
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,



1. ye, who sang cre - a - tions's sto - ry, now pro - claim Me - si - ah's birth:
2. God with you is now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
3. seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
4. sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Refrain



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

Officiant says to the people

BCP Page 75

Behold I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Confession of Sin

BCP Pages 79-80

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Officiant and people together (kneeling if possible)

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

The Officiant remains kneeling and says to the people

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand as are able.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People :

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite: Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn S-35

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1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great
God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the
cav - erns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land.
6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and \ kneel be - fore the Lord our
Ma - ker. 7. For he is our God, and we are the
peo - ple of his pas - ture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that to -
day you would heark - en to his voice!

The Officiant says

Our king and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

You may be seated for the Psalm and the Lessons.

Psalm 147

(BCP Pages 804-805)

We will read responsively by the half verse.

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!*

how pleasant it is to honor him with praise.

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;*

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted*

and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars*

and calls them all by their names.

Great is our LORD and mighty in power;*

there is no limit to his wisdom.

The LORD lifts up the lowly,*

but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;*

make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds*

and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains*

and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds*

and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse;

he has not pleasure in the strength of a man.

But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who await his gracious favor.

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!

The Officiants and People together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen



THE LESSONS

A reading from the prophet 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
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.*



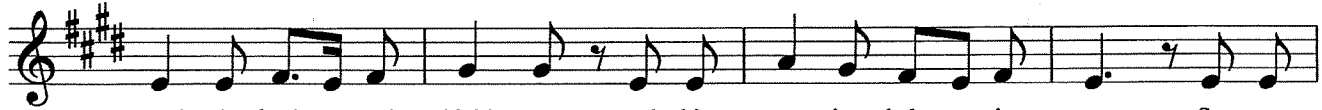
All turn towards Altar and stand as you are able for the canticle "The First Song of Isaiah" sung in unison.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Hymn #679



1. Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not fear. For the
2. Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name. Praise the



1. Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near. So re -
2. Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi - on,



- 1. joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
2. lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your



1. day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
2. ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Please be seated for the Second Lesson.

A reading from Paul's letter to 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.*

Please stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL: A Reading from John 1:1-18

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.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

A Christmas Reflection from the Rt. Reverend Bishop David Reed
~ by Cecelia Shannon

The Apostles' + Creed +

Please stand as able and say in unison.

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray. *(kneeling as you can)*

Officiant and People

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.

Our Worship continues with the Prayers of the People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form III

(BCP Page 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Silence

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

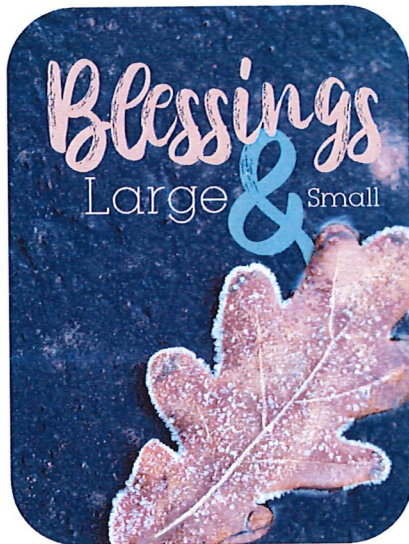
The People may add their own petitions.

The Collect at the Prayers

The Celebrant says

(BCP Page 395)

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*



You may be seated.

Officiant:

A Collect for the Sunday After Christmas

BCP Page 213

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 Collect for Sundays

BCP Page 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

A Collect for Peace

BCP Page 99

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Guidance

BCP Page 100

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

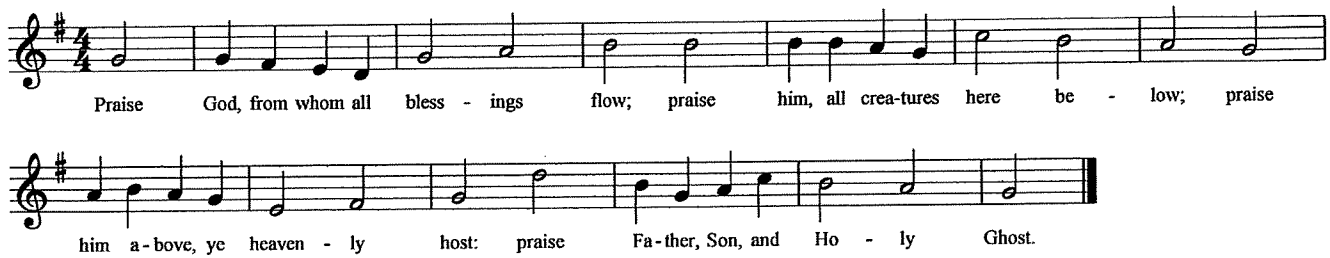
Offertory

All stand as are able.

The Officiant says

“Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name,
bring offerings and come into his courts.”

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC ~ Instrumental



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

(All kneel as are able.)

The General Thanksgiving

BCP Page 101

Officiant and People

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray,
give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Officiant
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Peace
All stand as are able.

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Recessional: Once In Royal David's City, vs 1,2,5

Hymn #102



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing



1. shed, where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his
2. all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a
5. love; for that child who seemed so help - less is our Lord in heaven a -



1. bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
2. stall; with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
5. bove; and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant then concludes with the following:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

We are very thankful to those helping with our service this morning.

Lector/Lay Readers:

8:00 am ~ Aimee Kaduscwicz

10:00 am ~ Cecelia Shannon

Greeters/Ushers:

8:00 am ~ John Kaduscwicz

10:00 am ~ Marita Lindsay

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of our Altar Guild: Sherri Collins

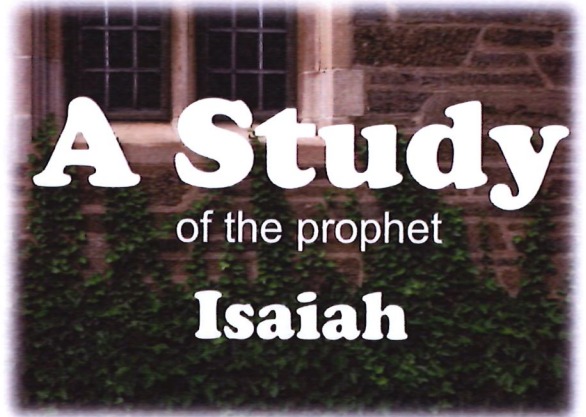


*Happy
New
Year!*



POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be available
for pickup on Sunday,
January 2nd after the services.



A Study of the prophet Isaiah

Studying the Prophet Isaiah
Continues on Sundays into February
9:15 am ~ 9:50 am in the Parish Hall
(in-person only)

Wednesday, December 29th
Compline, 6:00 pm ~ Sherri Collins

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 27-31.
We will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2022
to welcome you and a new year!

Castaways will also reopen on Monday, January 2, 2022.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Kay Wilson, Mark Jeffers, Ron Hamby, Billy Williams,
Cecile Nelson, Susan Craig, and Jackie Williams
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Donna & Freddie Garcia and Kathryn & Ron Hamby