



# Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 28, 2025

## The Service of the Word

**Prelude:** Monika Durbin (*piano*)

**Opening Hymn:** (*Pulled from a Hat*)

*Celebrant* Alleluia! To us a child is born.  
*People* **Come let us adore him. Alleluia!**

**The Collect for Purity**

*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*

**Song of Praise:** (*Pulled from a Hat*)

**The Collect of the Day** - *prayed by the Celebrant*

**The First 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.**

**Psalm:** *147:13-21* (read responsively by half verse)

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!**

**Sequence Hymn:** (*Pulled from a Hat*)

**The Gospel Reading:** *John 1:1-18*

*Reader* 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.

*Reader*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

## Message

### **The Apostles' Creed** *(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*

*(\*catholic means universal)*

## Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people and families throughout the world; 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. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

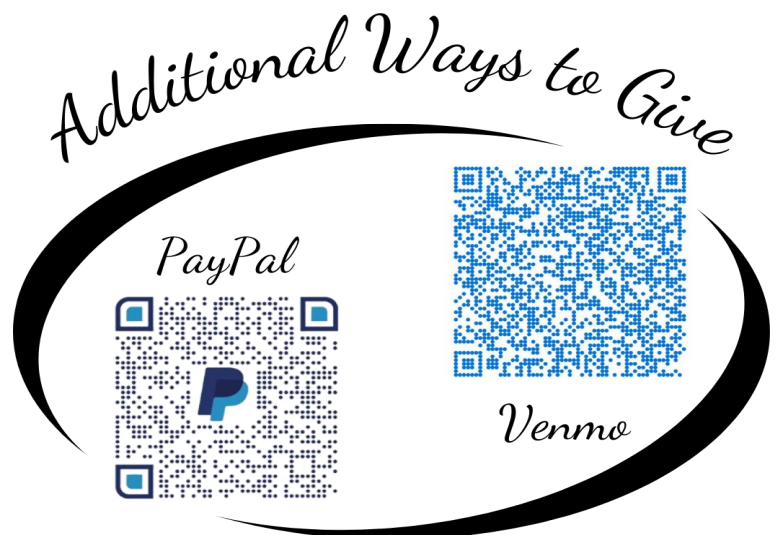
Praise God for all of the blessings of this life. Praise Him especially for this time of Christmas, in which we celebrate the love He showed the world in becoming a lowly baby in a manger. Pray that we may always know His love. *Silence*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of others. *Silence*

### **The Confession** (p. 360 BCP)

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 Peace:** Welcome & Announcements





# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**The Communion.** *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

**Offertory:** *(Pulled from a Hat)*

**The Doxology 380:** (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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

**Sanctus S-129**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*People* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (p. 336 BCP)

*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.*

**Communion Hymn 109:** "The First Noel"

**Communion Hymn 79:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**Post Communion Prayer** (p. 365 BCP)

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.*

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** *(Pulled from a Hat)*

## Serving Today

### 8:00am

DOD: Lorrie Wilkinson  
Chalice Bearer: Ed Austin  
Readers: Hunter Walker, DeAnne Amacker

### 10:30am

DOD: Howard Johnson  
Acolytes: Volunteers  
Chalice Bearers: Camile Lukow, Angela Hinkle  
Readers: John Holder, Jean Gibson

### Home Communion Volunteer

CJ Moffet

## Your Sermon Notes:

### Prayer List

*Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.*

#### Requested Prayer

Melinda Turner, Barbara Coats, Marguerite Byrd, Robbie Bay, Susan Bell, Becky Johnson, Tracy, Todd Ackerman, Jack Silverwood, Nancy Silverwood

#### Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie

Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven, Tyler Post

#### Repose of the Soul

Linda Ravn & Marilyn Pruitt

**We would love to honor your marriage and ever lasting love with your late spouse on your anniversary. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.**

#### Clergy

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Ron Burk, (Sr. Warden), Warren Jerrems (Jr. Warden), Tam Lee (Jr. Warden), Britt Landrum, Steven Bell, Hunter Walker, Donovan Chau, Sarah Tarkus, Leslie Parsley, Kaki Chambers, Jean Gibson, Carla Hardin, Chip Lands

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