



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday after Christmas Day
January 1, 2023

The Service of the Word

Opening Hymn 98: v.1,2,&4 "Unto Us A Boy is Born"

*Unto us a boy is Born!
The King of all creation
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation

Cradled in a stall was he,
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see t
That he all men surpasses*

*Now may Mary's son,
Who came so long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.*

*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*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)
During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the
Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: *Your Favorite*

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

The First Reading: *Colossians 3:12-21*

Brothers and sisters, put on then, as God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one
another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance
against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you
also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of
perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.
And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one
another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with

gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in
word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in
the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any
bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in
everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do
not provoke your children, so they may not become
discouraged.

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

Psalm: 128:1-5 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Blessed is every one who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.
- 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.
- 4 Lo, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.
- 5 The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

Sequence Hymn: *Your Favorite*

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

*Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People Glory to you Lord Christ.*

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the
Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take
the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there
until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to
destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his
mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there
until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said
through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I
called my son.

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.

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

Sermon: *The Rev. Rob Dixon*

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

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 & 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.*

(*“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

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

**For Giving
Electronically**

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Thank You!





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 baptized Christians 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: "Labor of Love"

*It was not a silent night,
Here was blood on the ground
You could hear a woman cry,
In the alleyways that night
On the streets of David's town
And the stable was not clean,
And the cobblestones were cold
And little Mary full of grace,
With the tears upon her face
Had no mother's hand to hold*

*(Refrain) It was a labor of pain
It was a cold sky above
But for the girl on the ground in the dark
With every beat of her beautiful heart
It was a labor of love*

*Noble Joseph by her side,
Callused hands and weary eyes
There were no midwives to be found,
On the streets of David's town
In the middle of the night
So he held her and he prayed,
Shafts of moonlight on his face
But the baby in her womb,
He was the maker of the moon
He was the Author of the faith,
That could make the mountains move (Refrain)*

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.*

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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 107: "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

*Good Christian friends,
Rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today*

*Good Christian friends,
Rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forever more
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this*

*Good Christian friends,
Rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grace:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!*

Flower Dedications

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

Ann, Anne, Arlie, Art, Axel, Barbara E., Barbara S., Betty E., Bob D., Bobby, Brad, Brenda B., Brian, Brenna, Carter, Cheri, Chloe, Chris G., Courtney, Debby, Della, Dewey, Diane, Dixie, Donnie, Ede, Elaine, Eleanor, Ellen, Emily, Fay, Fr. Chris, Gary, Gordon, Gretchen, Jack, Jackie Lap., Jacob, Jerry H., Joe, John H. Jr., Joyce, Kathy M., Kelli, Kenneth, Laura G., Laura W., Leslie, Linda D., Linda S., Mabel, Madeleine, Manuel, Margaret, Marguerite, Marilyn, Mary, Matthew C., Melissa, Melodie, Michelle, Mike, Nancy, Pamela, Patrick, Phyllis S., Rachel H., Ralph, Sally, Scott C., Scott F., Seth, Sherry Jo, Sylvia, Teresa, Thomas, Tom L., The Rev. Marguerite Alley, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Valerie, Wade, Wendy, William B., & William Z.

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough,

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, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post, William Verwoerd

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

Leanne Beaumont

Repose of the Soul

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