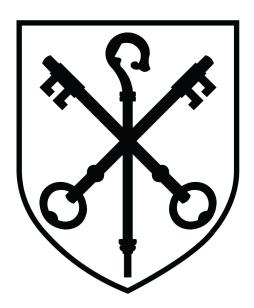
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

31 DECEMBER 2023 | 10:00AM

HOLY COMMUNION IN CONTEMPORARY LANGUAGE



ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Reaching One Another, Tallahassee, and the World with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

Welcome to St. Peter's! Whether this is your first worship service here, or you've lost count, we're so glad you're here. We are an Anglican Church and the Cathedral of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America. As such, we are rooted in the theology and worship of the English Reformation and our service consists of a regular pattern of prayers, music/songs, and readings that fall into two movements. In the Liturgy of the Word, we listen to God's word read, sung, prayed, and taught. In the Liturgy of the Table, we are nourished by God through the sacrament of his body and blood. The liturgy, which follows the ACNA Book of Common Prayer 2019, is all here in this service bulletin for you to easily follow along. Old & New Testament passages are taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version; Psalms are taken from the New Coverdale Psalter.

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation. All mobile telephones, pagers, and electronic devices should be turned off prior to the service. Photography, video, and audio-recording may occur at any Cathedral worship service/event.

Holy Communion

Prelude Of the Father's Love Begotten D. Gawthrop

The Entrance Rite

Pealing of the Bells Please stand.

Entrance Hymn 105

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen







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





The Seasonal Greeting

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born,

People: Unto us a son is given.

Isaiah 9: 6

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People:

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.

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant:

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

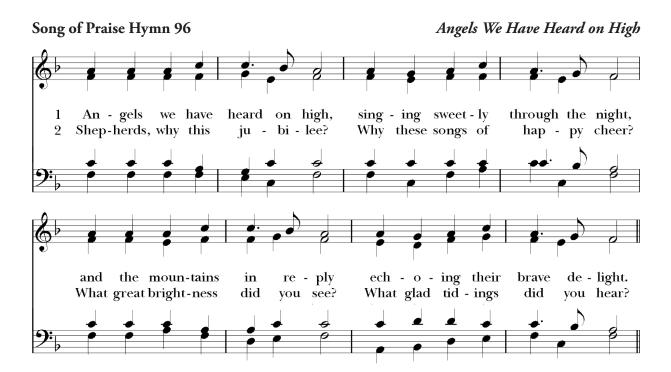
MATTHEW 22: 37-40

Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled 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 First Lesson All are seated.

Isaiah 61:10-62:5

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul 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 like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20 Remain seated. Read in unison.

¹² Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion.

13 For he has made strong the bars of your gates * and has blessed your children within you.

¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders *

and fills you with the finest of wheat.

15 He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.

¹⁶ He gives snow like wool *

and scatters the white frost like ashes.

¹⁷ He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *

who is able to abide his frost?

¹⁸ He sends out his word and melts them: * he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

19 He declares his word unto Jacob, *

his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

²⁰ He has not dealt so with other nations; *

neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

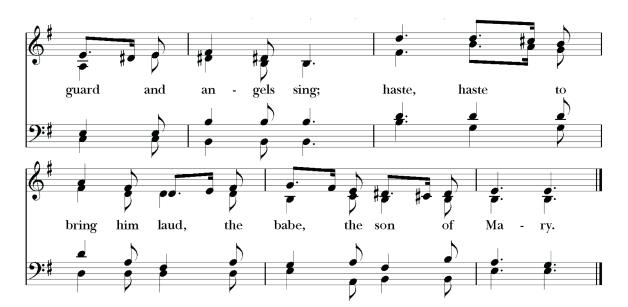
Lector: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.



Turn page for sequence hymn.







The Gospel Remain standing.

John 1:1-18

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Michael Petty

The Nicene Creed All stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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 All kneel.

After each bidding of "Lord, in your mercy" the People prayerfully respond with "Hear our prayer."

The Confession of Sin

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.

The Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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.**

The Comfortable Words Remain Kneeling.

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:

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

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

I JOHN 2:1-2

The Peace All stand and greet one another in the name of the LORD.

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

People: And with your spirit.

The Holy Communion

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At the Offertory

O Holy Night

M. Hayes

Jonathan LaBarre, soloist

Presentation Hymn 93 All stand.

Angels, from the realms of Glory



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

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

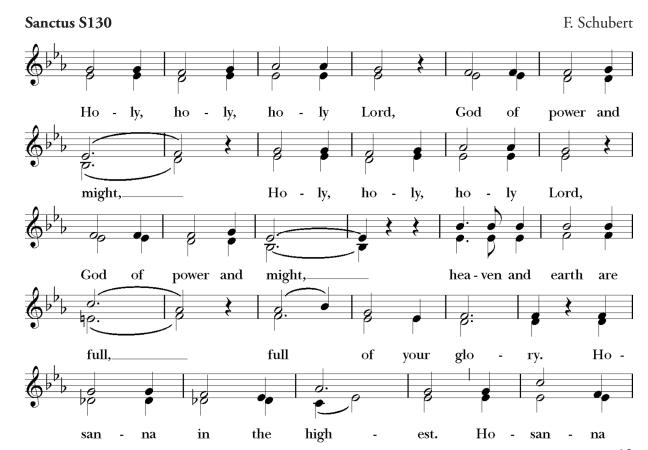
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

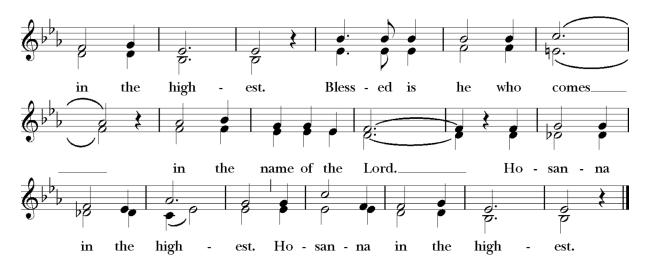
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





All kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion



Communion Instructions

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in this Holy Communion. Anyone may come forward for a blessing in lieu of Communion.

Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms on your chest.

An usher will release the aisles to come forward for Communion. A verger will direct you to the altar rail where a priest will place a wafer in your hands. If you would like to dip the wafer into the wine, hold it so it is visible and the first chalice bearer will offer you the intinction chalice for you to do so. If you would like to drink from the common cup, consume the bread and drink from the chalice offered by the second chalice bearer.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the acolytes in front of the pulpit or the lectern. Once you have obtained your wafer, come to the priest for the words of administration.

Prayer Ministry: If you would like to be prayed for by a team of prayer ministers, after receiving communion, please proceed to the prayer ministry teams in either transept. You may form a line along the wall of the transept if necessary.

Home Communion: If you are unable to attend services at St. Peter's because you are home-bound or otherwise unable, we can bring Communion to you. Please contact our Lay Eucharistic Minister-Visitor Coordinator, Lori Thompson, at <u>Iloriandmichael1@gmail.com</u>

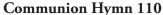


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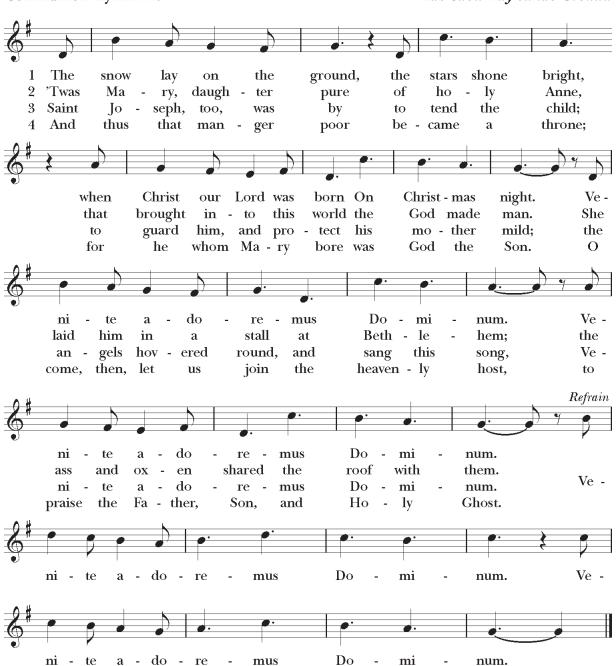
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The Snow Lay on the Ground



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The Post Communion Prayer All kneel.

Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing Remain kneeling.



Turn page for closing hymn.





While Shepherds Kept Their Watching





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The Dismissal

The People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

M. Ham



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9am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language
11:15am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Traditional Language
5pm Sunday | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language | St. Mary's Chapel
12:10pm Wednesday | Holy Communion & Prayers of Healing | Chancel
5:30pm Wednesday (during class semester) | Choral Evensong | Chancel
9am Monday-Friday | Morning Prayer | Chancel
4:30pm Monday | Tuesday | Thursday | Evening Prayer | Chancel
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