

*Christmas Day*  
*2019*

*Celebration of Holy Eucharist*

*10:00 a.m.*

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church on this holy night as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and the incarnation of God into our lives and the world. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, know that you are welcome here. We believe God is actively present in our world, and we seek to know God through joyful worship, education, service, and fellowship. If you are searching for a church community and would like more information about St. Peter's, please fill out the Visitor's Register in the entry hall, and we will be in touch with you. May the blessing of God's peace be with you during this Christmas season.*

*Continuing a tradition of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, the Christmas Offering has been designated to support the mission of our outreach partners. Please use the Christmas Offering envelopes in the pews.*

*The Reverend Luke Jernagan,  
Rector*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

Prelude: In dulci jubilo

Johann Michael Bach (1648–1694)

### THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 83: “O come, all ye faithful” (*omit st. 4-5*)

Adeste Fideles, *stand*

Opening Sentences

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

*People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* 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.

Hymn of Praise (*Hymn 96, st. 1 & 3*)

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Reader:* A Reading from The Book of the prophet Isaiah. (52: 7-10) *sit*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown  
in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **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.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

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

9 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 107: “Good Christian friends, rejoice”

In dulci jubilo, *stand*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (1: 1-14)

*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.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Prayers of the People

*Lector:* My sisters and brothers in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh. With grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

*kneel*

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are struck down by disease and illness, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the blessing of God's love might be known by all those in whose honor the flowers and greens are given, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* That the blessed hope we celebrate today might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, especially those in whose memory the flowers and greens are given, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest:* God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God today and forever. **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace *stand*

Rector's Greeting *sit*

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.*

*If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.*

At the Offertory: Greensleeves Richard Purvis (1913–1994)

At the Presentation, Hymn 100: "Joy to the world" (*st. 1 & 4*) Antioch, *stand*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.	He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love.
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Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 129*) p. 367  
*kneel*

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Administration of the Sacrament *sit*

The Blessing

*Priest:* May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

Hymn 109: "The first Nowell the angel did say"

The First Nowell, *stand*

The Dismissal

*Priest:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Voluntary: In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)



## **FLOWERS AND GREENS**

are given to the Glory of God, by:

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Bob and Diane Duddy, in loving memory of Dorothy Webber.

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in loving memory of Mary and Meredith “Bud” Jones.

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Marty and Bob Gilleland, in loving memory of their parents.

The St. Peter’s Church clergy and staff, in honor of The Rev. Luke Jernagan.