

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 29, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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

Prelude: Choral-Prelude on “Divinum Mysterium”

John Blackburn

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Dum medium silentium*

Anglican Chant: W. Felton

Whenas all the world was in profoundest quietness, and night was in the midst of her swift course: thine almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne. The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

– *Wisdom 18: 14–15; Psalm 93*

Hymn 82: “Of the Father’s love begotten”

Divinum mysterium, *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.**

Gloria in excelsis (*Hymnal S 280*)

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of the prophet Isaiah. (61:10—62:3) *sit*

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 to spring up before all the nations. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147: 13-21

- 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!

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 94: “While shepherds watched their flocks by night” Winchester Old, *stand*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 (1: 1-18)

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.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Joseph Wallace-Williams

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The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: Sisters and brothers, rejoicing in the love of God that has taken flesh among us in Christ Jesus, let us confidently bring to the Lord the petitions of our heart in this season of Christmas, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the believing community throughout the world, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Deon, our Bishop-elect; and others in positions of leadership, that they might always work to give glory to God and to bring peace to our earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Lector: For the church gathered in this place, led by Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy, that we might always bear the angels' good news of God's living presence in our world, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Lector: For those lost in the darkness of prejudice, hostility, and fear; for those burdened by the yoke of injustice, terrorism, hunger, and war; and for all our brothers and sisters in any need, especially Brooke Erwin, Carol Fisher, John McKinney, Bryan Miller, Kathy Sheehan and Rolla Wetzels, that the light and life that is the Lord might touch their hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Lector: For the homeless, and for the children born in the midst of poverty and pain, that there be room at the inn for all God's people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Lector: For all who have died, especially Michael McKay, and all those in whose memory the flowers and greens are given today, that the God whose love extends from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross might bless them with the gift of eternal rest and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest: All loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your Son. Confident of your continuing love for us, we have placed our needs before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, our Lord and Savior, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: **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

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

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

p. 360, *stand*

Announcements

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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, Carol

Piae Cantiones, arr. David Willcocks (1919–2015)

Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal:
see on earth his life begun,
of lords the eternal.

This did Herod sore affray,
and grievously bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay,
and slew the litter childer.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
comes on earth a stranger;
ox and ass their owner know,
becradled in the manger.

Of his love and mercy mild
this the Christmas story;
and O that Mary's gentle Child
might lead us up to glory.

O and A, and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino.

– tr. G. R. Woodward

At the Presentation, Hymn 100: “Joy to the world!”

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B	p. 367
Sanctus and Benedictus (<i>Hymnal S 129</i>)	p. 367 <i>kneel</i>
The Lord's Prayer	p. 364
Breaking of the Bread	p. 364
Administration of the Sacrament	<i>sit</i>
Hymn 84: "Love came down at Christmas"	Gartan
Hymn 107: "Good Christian men, rejoice"	In dulci jubilo
Hymn 112: "In the bleak midwinter"	Cranham
A Prayer of Thanksgiving	p. 365, <i>kneel</i>
The Blessing	
Hymn 99: "Go tell it on the mountain"	Go Tell It, <i>stand</i>
The Dismissal	
<i>Priest:</i> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People:</i> Thanks be to God.	
Voluntary: Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her	Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)
(<i>"From heaven above to earth I come;" Hymn 80</i>)	

The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Robert Powell (b. 1932).

MUSIC NOTES: The anthem comes from *Piae Cantiones*, a collection of mostly religious late medieval songs in Latin published in Finland in 1582. The arrangement is by the English organist and choral conductor *David Willcocks (1919–2015)*. In his capacity as Director of Music at King's College, Cambridge, Willcocks was hugely influential in the way church music sounds at Christmastime. His carol arrangements and descants are sung the world over.

*The flowers and greens are given to the glory of God by parishioners,
in memory and in honor of loved ones.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers: Annie Vogt, Wendy Olk
Ushers: Didi Noelker, Cindy Kohlbry, Mark Pye, Bill Hausman
Acolyte Master: Jim Gilbert
Altar Guild: Merrill Buettner, Connie Lohr, Susan Schettler, Wendy Olk
Counters: Lisa Acker, Ann Randazzo

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller and Rolla Wetzel.

For Family and Friends: Carol Fisher, John McKinney and Kathy Sheehan.

For the Faithful Departed: Michael McKay.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Michelle Arthur, Susan Bartlett, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Holly Parks, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Molly Robinson, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

This morning there is no childcare, Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Breakfast or Rector's Forum. All will resume on the usual schedule next Sunday, January 5th.

THIS WEEK...

HOLIDAY – The Church Office will be open on Monday all day, and on Tuesday until Noon, but will be closed on Wednesday for the New Year's holiday. If you have a pastoral emergency, call 314-993-2306 and press 2.

YEAR-END OFFERINGS – The Church Finance Office **will be open tomorrow, and until Noon on Tuesday, December 31st** to receive your contributions. Please note that all offerings for 2019 must be postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Anything postmarked with a date of January 1, 2020, or after, will be considered a 2020 contribution. For stock transactions, the "date of gift" must be on or before December 31, 2019. Please consult with your broker to ensure timely delivery. If you need security transfer information, please contact the Church Office or Darlene Horton at 314-993-2306 ext. 104. Contributions for 2019 may be made by credit card online through 11:59 pm CST on Tuesday, December 31st via our website at www.stpetersepiscope.org/give.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST – Please note that there will be no 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist on January 1st. The next Wednesday Eucharist will be January 8th.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscope.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

WOMAN'S GUILD – We will resume Yoga, lunches and programs on January 7th.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS will resume on Wednesday, January 8th.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY will resume on Thursday, January 9th.

PRAYER GROUP – Come on Friday mornings at 10:00 for contemporary Bible Study of the Sunday readings and to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

FOOD DRIVE – As you shop for groceries this week, please take the food list with you for our January 5th food collection for Trinity (CWE) food pantry. The groceries and toiletries most needed for January are: canned pasta with meat; peanut butter; Ramen noodles; bar soap and toilet tissue.

NEXT SUNDAY – Childcare, Children’s Chapel, Sunday School, Breakfast and Rector’s Forum will all resume on the usual schedule on **January 5th**, the 12th day of Christmas. Come to the 10:30 a.m. service that day for Christmas Lessons and Carols. Hear the Good News of Christmas, sing Christmas carols, and join in a joyful celebration of Holy Eucharist! After Lessons and Carols, come down to the Undercroft for a “Cookies and Cocoa” Coffee Hour; the choir may just have a caroling surprise to share! All are welcome to join in joyful fellowship.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP – The 2020 EYC Senior High mission trip will be to the Appalachian region of Kentucky, June 14-20. The cost of the trip will be \$750, with \$50 **registration fee due this week.**

MEN’S RETREAT – On January 11th, the men of St. Peter’s are invited to a one-day retreat at the Marianist Retreat Center. Register at <http://stpetersepiscopal.org/news/st-peters-mens-retreat/> or mail your check for \$50 to the Church Office.

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS – A candlelit service of music and readings will be sung by the St. Peter’s Singers on Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 p.m. Music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton, Jane Marshall, John Weaver, Nico Muhly, and David Sinden.

SAVE THESE DATES! Please plan to join in celebrating our Rector’s ministry among us with two special events.

Friday, January 31st: A celebratory evening at the Deer Creek Club. Look for your invitation to arrive in the mail early in the new year!

Sunday February 9th: A parish lunch for all ages following the 10:30 worship service.

Both celebrations will be wonderful opportunities to thank Luke for all he has done with and for us at St. Peter's!

***SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 29, 2019 – JANUARY 5, 2020***

Sunday	12/29		The First Sunday after Christmas
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	12/31	12:00 Noon	Church Office closing at Noon
Wednesday	1/ 1		New Year's Day – Office/Buildings closed
Friday	1/ 3	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	1/ 5		The Second Sunday after Christmas
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		11:30 a.m.	Cookies & Cocoa Coffee Hour