



CHRIST CHURCH  
VERO BEACH

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**December 28, 2025 | 10:30AM**

*First Sunday of Christmas*



*Please observe a prayerful silence before the service.*

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The liturgy provided here is from the ACNA *Book of Common Prayer* 2019.

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

### Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. 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!
2. 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 for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!

words: John Mason Neal (1818-1866), alt.

music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -  
3. Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of

new - born King; peace on earth and mer - cy mild,  
last - ing Lord; late in time be - hold Him come,  
Right-eous - ness! Light and life to all He brings,

God and sin - ners re - con - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye  
off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
ris'n with heal - ing in His wings; mild He lays his

na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies;  
God - head see; — hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty. —  
glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, —

with th'an - gel - lic host pro - claim  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
born to raise the sons of earth,

Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!  
Je - sus, — our Em - man - u - el!  
born to — give them se - cond birth.

*Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!*

ds: Chas. Wesley, alt. T. Whitefield, M.Madan, & others; music: *Mendelssohn*, F. Mendelssohn, adapt. W. H. Cummings, arr. D. Willcocks

## THE ACCLAMATION

*The **People** standing:*

CELEBRANT For unto us a child is born.

PEOPLE **Unto us a son is given.**

## 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.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a 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)

## THE KYRIE

CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.

PEOPLE **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

CELEBRANT Lord, have mercy upon us.

# SONG OF PRAISE

## Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest  
and peace to His 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. Amen.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT      The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE          **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT      Let us pray.

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 LESSONS

### A Reading from **Isaiah 61:10-62:5**

Pew Bible pg. 621

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>62:1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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. (ESV)

READER        The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE        **Thanks be to God.**

A responsive reading of **Psalm 147**

BCP pg 464-465

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto  
our God; \*

indeed, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord builds up Jerusalem, \***  
**and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> He heals those who are broken in heart, \*  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> **He counts the number of the stars, \***  
**and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and great is his power; \*  
indeed, his wisdom is infinite.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord lifts up the meek, \***  
**and brings the ungodly down to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
sing praises with the harp unto our God,

<sup>8</sup> **Who covers the heavens with clouds, and prepares rain**  
**for the earth, \***

**and makes the grass to grow upon the mountains,**  
**and plants for the use of men,**

<sup>9</sup> Who gives food to the cattle \*  
and feeds the young ravens that call upon him.

<sup>10</sup> **He has no pleasure in the strength of a horse; \***  
**neither does he delight in any man's strength.**

<sup>11</sup> But the Lord's delight is in those who fear him \*  
and put their trust in his mercy.

<sup>12</sup> **Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; \***  
**praise your God, O Zion.**

<sup>13</sup> For he has made strong the bars of your gates \*  
and has blessed your children within you.

<sup>14</sup> **He makes peace in your borders \***  
**and fills you with the finest of wheat.**  
<sup>15</sup> He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, \*  
 and his word runs very swiftly.  
<sup>16</sup> **He gives snow like wool \***  
**and scatters the white frost like ashes.**  
<sup>17</sup> He casts forth his ice like crumbs; \*  
 who is able to abide his frost?  
<sup>18</sup> **He sends out his word and melts them; \***  
**he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.**  
<sup>19</sup> He declares his word unto Jacob, \*  
 his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.  
<sup>20</sup> **He has not dealt so with other nations; \***  
**neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.**

A Reading from **Galatians 3:23-4:7**

Pew Bible pg. 973-974

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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



READER            The Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE            **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

### **Angels We Have Heard on High**

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

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear? (*Refrain*)

## THE GOSPEL

DEACON            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
PEOPLE            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **John 1:1-18**

Pew Bible pg. 886

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> (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.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (ESV)

DEACON            The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sequence Hymn continues*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

4. See him in a manger laid  
whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while we raise our hearts in love. (*Refrain*)

words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882),  
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music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

## NICENE CREED

**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 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying “hear our prayer” following each petition read aloud.*

LITANIST	Lord, in your mercy,
PEOPLE	<b>hear our prayer.</b>

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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 Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People*

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 PEACE

CELEBRANT      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE          **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

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OFFERTORY

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Prudentius

**Doxology** (*Old Hundredth*)

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.

CELEBRANT All things come from you, O Lord,  
PEOPLE **And of your own have we given you.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and **People** sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might, (repeat)**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest (repeat).**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

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

**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

**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.

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
**grant us your peace.**

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### 1. The First Nowell

1. The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*



2. They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. (*Refrain*)
3. And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went. (*Refrain*)
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
over Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay. (*Refrain*)
5. Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. (*Refrain*)
6. Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought. (*Refrain*)

words: English carol, 18th cent.

music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

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## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT

Let us pray.

**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.

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight over all the earth;  
ye, who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain: come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching over your flocks by night,  
God with you is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant Light: *(Refrain)*
3. Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar:  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: *(Refrain)*

4. Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear: *(Refrain)*

words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.  
music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

## DISMISSAL

DEACON      Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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## NOTES



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