

## HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Beloved in Christ,

Welcome to Hope Episcopal Church, where we celebrate the joy of Christmas and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This holy season reminds us of the light that shines in the darkness, the hope that sustains us, and the promise of God's unending love.

This year, we are especially blessed as we celebrate our 175th year of ministry. Our Hope Always 175th Anniversary Campaign invites us to honor our rich history while looking ahead to a vibrant future. Through this campaign, we are renewing our commitment to serve, grow, and share God's love as a beacon of hope in our community and beyond.

At Hope Church, Christmas is more than a moment—it is an invitation to live into the miracle of Emmanuel, God with us. We are delighted that you are here to celebrate this sacred season and to be part of our story of faith and fellowship.

We also invite you to explore how you can engage with our community and participate in the many ways God is at work among us:

- Worship With Us: Experience the beauty of the season in worship, where we proclaim the Good News of Christ's birth and the hope it brings to the world.
- To+Gether Youth Ministry: Join our monthly youth gatherings, creating space for young people to connect, grow, and share in fun and faith-filled activities.
- Discover New Ministries: Learn about our outreach programs, care for creation initiatives, and opportunities to serve those in need.
- Celebrate in Fellowship: Be part of parish events, shared meals, and other gatherings that strengthen our bonds as a church family.

This Christmas season, we celebrate not only the birth of Jesus but the life of our church and the hope we carry forward together. If you would like to learn more about the Hope Always campaign, our ministries, or how to be part of the Hope Church family, please speak with a greeter, visit our website, or contact the church office.

May the joy of Christ's birth and the peace of this holy season fill your hearts and homes today and always.

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Scan the QR Code below to check our more information about the Hope Always 175th Anniversary Campaign



Scan here for The Big Way of Love children's resources for following Jesus:



#### Second Sunday of Christmas HOLY EUCHARIST II The symbol $\Phi$ indicates when to stand if able. The symbol $\blacksquare$ indicates where to make the sign of the cross. Prelude Welcome + Good News & Announcements THE WORD OF GOD #102 - "Once In Royal David's City" Processional Hymn 1 Once in roy al Da vid's ci stood tv 2 He down came earth from who to hea ven. We, like Ma \*3 ry, rest con found ed that а 4 For he is life . long dai - ly, our pat tern; \*5 And our eyes last shall him, through his at see Not 6 in that poor low . ly sta ble, with the ly cat tle low shed, where ther laid 1 a mo her 2 God and Lord and of all, his shel ter was a 3 sta ble should dis play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre 4 when earth he tempt - ed, scorned, re оп grew, he was 5 child own re - deem - ing love; for that who seemed SO 6 stand - ing shall him; but OX en round, see we in bv in а man ger for his bed: Ma гу 2 sta ble, and his stall; with the ста dle was а 3 - dled this a tor, there on Christ Day, yet cra mas 4 ject ed, tears and smiles like us knew. Thus he he 5help less is our Lord in heaven bove; and he a 6 hea ven, where his saints his throne round: Christ, SUL re Christ 1 was that mo - ther mild, \_\_\_\_ le - sus her lit - tle child. poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on 2 ho - ly. earth our Sa vior 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an oth - er. 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he all glad - ness. shares in our leads his chil-dren on \_\_\_\_\_ 5 to the place where he is gone.\_\_ 6 vealed to faith-ful God's right hand on high.\_\_\_ eye,\_\_\_\_ at set

## Opening Hymn

Christians often begin their services of worship with music. The opening hymn gives us an opportunity to raise our voices in song while worship servers and clergy process into the sanctuary following the cross. It allows us to enter into worship together as a community.

## **†**The Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## ♦ The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant* 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 Gloria - Traditional tune.

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

## ♦ The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

#### Celebrant

God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

### ♦ The Collect for Shaped by Faith - said by all

God of Wisdom and Love, in whom we find our joy: Help us to listen for your Word and to discern your way forward for our Church. Give us the insight to hold on to what is true, the courage to explore new ideas, and the boldness to create with you. Let us be Shaped by Faith for your mission; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

Christians have prayed this prayer for more than a thousand years. It is a prayer that orients our hearts and minds to God and prepares us for the praise and thanksgiving that is at the heart of our worship. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we ask to be transformed so that our lives, our love, and all of our worship may reveal the glory of God and our love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day This prayer gathers together the scriptural themes of the readings and the season. The collect follows а consistent pattern: We address God, naming something about God's nature (i.e., Almighty God); we ask God to work in a particular area of human living; and we acknowledge that we ask all of these things in the name of Jesus.

## The Lessons

The next portion of the liturgy focuses on the readings of Holy Scripture that are appointed for the day. The readings have a thematic unity that ties together the message of the Old and New Testaments.

## The Lessons

The congregation may be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 31:7-14

	hus says the Lord:
	Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
	and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
	proclaim, give praise, and say,
	"Save, O Lord, your people,
	the remnant of Israel."
	See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
	and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
	among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
	those in labor, together;
	a great company, they shall return here.
	With weeping they shall come,
	and with consolations I will lead them back,
	I will let them walk by brooks of water,
	in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
	for I have become a father to Israel,
	and Ephraim is my firstborn.
	Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
	and declare it in the coastlands far away;
	say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
	and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
	For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
	and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
	They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
	and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
	over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
	and over the young of the flock and the herd;
	their life shall become like a watered garden,
	and they shall never languish again.
	Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
	and the young men and the old shall be merry.
	I will turn their mourning into joy,
	I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
	I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
	and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
	says the Lord.
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The Psalter A Song of Praise

Reader: We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \* My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \* by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \* and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,\* and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \* he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \* from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, \* happy are they who put their trust in you!

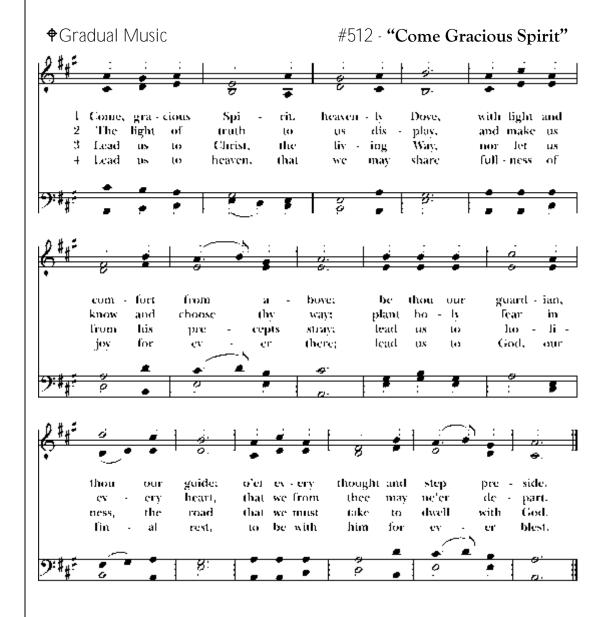
# The EpistleEphesians 1:3-6, 15-19aReader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. The Psalter

The Psalter, or the Book of Psalms, is the great song book of the People of God. In Jewish and Christian worship these hymns or songs are ordinarily sung and many of them form the lyrics of hymns in our hymnals. Αt each celebration of Holv Eucharist we read one of the Psalms, or a portion of a Psalm, that is selected to reinforce the theme of the lessons for the day.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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



#### **♦**The Gospel

### Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

 Celebrant
 The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 

 Matthew.
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People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

A fter the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, 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 there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Bradley Mattson

## The Gospel

We customarily stand and face the Gospel Book as the Gospel of the Lord is read. It is a sign that the Word of the Lord is living and we honor its presence among us.

The Sermon

The purpose of the sermon is to help us understand the meaning of the word of God in Scripture and to make it real in our lives.

### The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed has been used by Christians of all traditions for over 1700 years and reminds us of the basics of our faith. The Creed is not a definition of Christianity, but briefly states the essentials of Christian teaching. We say it together to respond to the Word of God in the Scriptures and the sermon. We are saying in effect, "Yes! This is the faith that we believe and live!" ♦ The Nicene Creed

To be read in unison.

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 and 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.

## The Prayers of the People

The people kneel or stand as able. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people, giving thanks for the gift of Christ among us. Loving God, we gather in the peace of this season, rejoicing in the light of your Son, born to bring hope and salvation to the world. Open our hearts to your presence, and receive our prayers as we place our trust in your abundant mercy.

Leader We pray for your holy Church, that it may be a beacon of hope and joy in a weary world. Strengthen the leaders of your Church with wisdom and compassion, that they may guide us in truth and love. Inspire us, your people, to share the Good News of Christ's birth through acts of grace, service, and kindness.

People Lord, hear us. Leader Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader We pray for the nations of the world and all who hold authority. Grant them courage and wisdom to lead with justice and peace. Where there is division, bring reconciliation; where there is fear, bring hope; and where there is suffering, bring healing. May the light of Christ shine in every corner of the earth.

People Lord, hear us.

Leader Lord, graciously hear us.

*Leader* We pray for those in need: the hungry, the lonely, the sick, and those who mourn. May the joy of this season bring them comfort, and may we, as Christ's hands and feet in the world, extend love and care to all who are struggling.

(Silence may be kept for individual petitions.)

People Lord, hear us. Leader Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader We give thanks for the many ministries of Hope Church and for all who labor in love to further your mission. Bless the work of Grief Share, Outreach, Youth Ministry, Music, Property, Yarn Ministry, and Creation Care. Strengthen our partnerships with neighboring churches and our convocation, and guide our Vestry with wisdom and vision as they lead us forward in faith.

People Lord, hear us.

Leader Lord, graciously hear us.

*Leader* As we celebrate our 175th year of ministry, we lift up the Hope Always campaign. Grant us generous hearts to support this sacred work with all our strength, that Hope Church may continue to be a place of welcome, love, and

## The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the People follow the form of a litany, with the Leader offering petitions to God and the People responding or affirming the petition. These are the prayers of the entire community where we offer to God our concerns for the Church and the surrounding world. Prayers of the People always follow a particular order: prayers for the Universal Church, its mission and its members, for the Nation and all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the concerns of the local community, for those who suffer or are in any trouble, for life's blessings, and for the departed.

faithfulness for generations to come. May this campaign inspire us to be cocreators with you in building a future filled with hope. *People* Lord, hear us. *Leader* Lord, graciously hear us.

*Celebrant* God of love, as we rejoice in the birth of Christ, we pray for the grace to live as people of his light. Let our lives reflect his glory, and may the joy of this season renew our faith, unite us in love, and strengthen our hope.

People Amen

The Deacon says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

#### Minister 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.

Silence

## The Absolution

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. Amen.

## **♦**The Peace

DeaconThe peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

## The Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Please take this time to make an offering to Hope Church:

- 1. Online: https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin
- 2. Text: "[AMOUNT]" to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.
- 3. Offering plate: cash or a check payable to "Hope Episcopal Church". You may designate any ministry in the 'memo' line.

Thank you very much for your contribution to advance the mission of Hope Episcopal Church! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace to the congregation and the congregation shares the peace with one another. The Peace is real and also symbolic. It is real because in the forgiveness of our sins we are restored to Christ's peace. It is also the way we remind ourselves that because we have received the gift of God's forgiveness we can and must be reconciled to one another.





#### The Holy Communion or Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means "thanksgiving." This celebration of thanksgiving with its bread and wine is at the heart of the Christian faith. The Eucharist can also be called Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Mass. In Holy Eucharist Christians give thanks for the gift of salvation given to us in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ Jesus and the gift of new life that comes from it.

Gathering Together for the Meal of Christ

Offertory: At the beginning of the Eucharist we offer gifts to God, which are really just a return of the gifts God has given us—bread and wine for the Lord's Supper, our financial gifts, and our lives.

Ablutions: The Priest comes to the front of the altar and wash his or her hands. This symbolic washing cleanses the Priest on behalf of all of the People so that we might all come to the holy meal refreshed. It is a reference to Psalm 26:6-12 which starts, "I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession around your altar."

Sursum Corda: Literally, "we lift up our hearts." Here in the *Sursum Corda* the People affirm that they have turned wholeheartedly to God.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Doxology

The congregation stands

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.

## ♦ The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2 The people stand.

The Sursum Corda

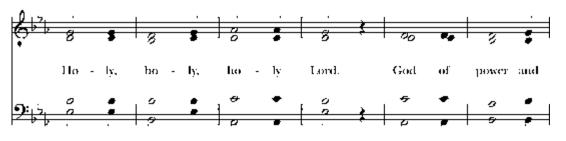
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**•**Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy The people kneel or stand.





Sanctus: Sanctus means "holy." We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our worship here is an echo of the heavenly worship of God (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).

## Praise for the Work of God the Father

Preface: The opening prayer of the Eucharist is a prayer of blessing, praising God and giving thanks for his mercy to us. This opening prayer of blessing ends with a section that refers to the death and resurrection of Christ and focuses our prayers for the remainder of the liturgy.

## Praise for the Work of God the Son

The next portion of the prayer of thanksgiving remembers the gift of salvation that came through Jesus Christ. It is followed by the Institution, the words of Jesus that explained the bread and the wine to His disciples at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26-28).

#### Praise for the Work of God the Holy Spirit

This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit be present and bless and sanctify the bread and wine so that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. It also asks for blessings on the People that we might be holy. At the end of the prayers the People say, "Amen" which means, "So be it," or "So it is."

## Then the Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." A

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." A

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

## And now, as our Savior Christ ha taught us, we are bold to say, Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

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. Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre; venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en la tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, ahora y por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	Therefore let us keep the feast.
Celebrant	The Gifts of God for the people of God.

## Communion

Communion is received at the altar rail. All are invited to receive communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

## The Prayer of Spiritual Reception of the Sacrament for those joining us at home via Livestream:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## Music During Communion

## The Lord's Prayer

The last prayer of the Eucharist is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The Priest and the People say it together (Matthew 6:9-13).

Breaking of Bread The Priest breaks the bread so that it might be shared among the People. It is seen as a symbol of the breaking of Christ's body on the cross and an invitation to each of us to enter into the life of Christ.

The Communion

In 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17, St. Paul says, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread". In receiving Communion week after week, Christians are sacramentally united with Christ in His life, death, and resurrection.

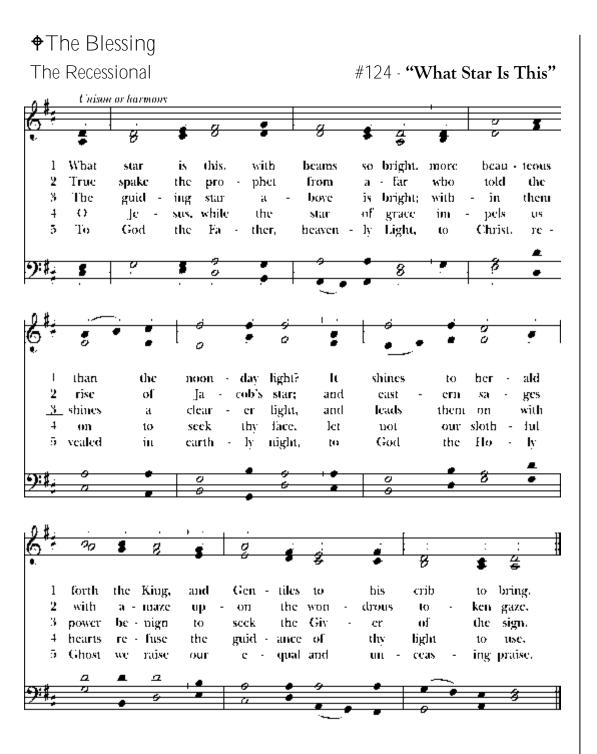


Prayer after Communion

In this prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of grace we are given in the Communion we ask God to send us out into the world as ambassadors of the good news of the Gospel. It is important to remember that the gifts we have been given during worship are gifts given to us to share with all the world.

## The Thanksgiving The congregation stands

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 Dismissal

CelebrantLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Three-Fold Amen Postlude The Blessing & Dismissal

In the blessing and dismissal we are reminded that we carry the peace and love we have received from Christ into the world. We are challenged to live out the Gospel in our lives outside the walls of the church so that others may see and be drawn into new life in Christ.

#### This Month's Birthdays:

1/1 - Jim Bubb
1/9 - Redford Taggart
1/10 - Fr. John Naegele
1/19 - Carole Bubb
1/24 - Warren Herbst
1/27 - Fr. Bradley Mattson
1/28 - Stephanie Seaman
1/29 - Brandon Peach

#### This Month's Anniversaries:

1/17 - Mike & Donna Gerhard1/20 - David & Connie Steinke

If you'd like to sign up to provide lunch, there is a signup list on the whiteboard in the parish house. The entire year is listed on the sign-up pages. The last Sunday of the month is a Pot Luck, so plan to bring your favorite dish!

## *Worship Servers* January 5, 2025

Ushers - Steve Norton, Tom Brown Lectors - Lucy Longo (1st), Stephanie Seaman (Psalm), Lynette Brown (2nd) Prayers of the People - Lucy Longo Lay Eucharistic Minister - Bob Sims Altar Guild - Bob Sims Acolytes - JD Hynick

#### Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Barbara, Angie, Katie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Nancy, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Lester, Susan, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Janice, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, the Solis Family, the Leibley Family, Betsy, Bud Dissinger, Emily Garber and family, Steve Tribiooi and family and our Grief Share, Creation Care, Outreach, Property and Yarn Ministries.

Those suffering from all illnesses and those who caring for them;

Those impacted by natural disasters and violence;

The People of Ukraine and all those supporting them;

Those living in nursing homes, group homes, and prisons;

The People of the Diocese of Navajoland and all indigenous peoples; Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Shippensburg The Church of Wales

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Music: Ermuntre dich, melody Johann Schop (d. 1665?), alt.; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Love divine, all loves excelling, #657 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

We three kings of Orient are, #128 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), alt. Music: Three Kings of Orient, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)

*What star is this, with beams so bright,* #124 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. *Cowley Carol Book*, 1902.

*Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, #*512 from *The Hymnal 1982* – Words: Simon Browne (1680-1732), alt. Music: Mendon, melody from *Methodist Harmonist*, 1981; adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).



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A parish of The Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania The Most Reverend Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop, Episcopal Church in the United States of America The Right Rev. Audrey Cady Scanlan, Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

Worship at Hope Church 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and live-streamed on YouTube.

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