



HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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December 24, 2025 7:00 PM

The Rev'd Bradley L. Mattson, Rector

The Rev'd Nancy Lesher, Deacon

Beloved in Christ,

Welcome to our Christmas Eve celebration - a night when heaven and earth draw near, and we gather to behold the miracle of Emmanuel: God with us. Tonight, as the light of Christ shines forth into the world, we rejoice in the promise of hope and the abiding love of our Savior.

This year, we celebrate the joy of the season in a special way, as Hope Church marks its 175th year of ministry. Our Hope Always 175th Anniversary Campaign continues to lift our sights toward the future, inviting all to join us in building on our rich history to strengthen our church for generations to come. Together, we are creating a foundation of faith, fellowship, and service—lighting the way forward with God's enduring grace.

We invite you to explore how you can participate and engage with our vibrant community of faith. At Hope Church, there are many ways to grow in faith and connection:

- Worship Together: Join us for Sunday services, special liturgies, and seasonal offerings that nourish the soul.
- To+Gether Youth Gathering: Be part of our once-monthly youth ministry that brings young people closer through shared meals, meaningful discussions, and fun activities. To+gether meets on the 3rd Thursday of most months. You may get in touch with our Youth Coordinator, Deni Weaver at kdweaver@ptd.net
- Serve Others: Get involved with our outreach ministries, including local food pantries, community partnerships, and care for creation initiatives.
- Celebrate Fellowship: Enjoy special events and gatherings that strengthen our bonds as a church family, from potlucks to parish picnics to concerts, and special worship services.

Whether you've been part of our family for years or are visiting for the first time, there is a place for you here at Hope Church. To learn more about our ministries and how to get involved, please speak with a greeter, visit our website, or contact the church office.

May the peace and joy of this holy season fill your hearts and homes.

Hope Always,
Bradley+

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Traditional Christmas Eve HOLY EUCHARIST II

*The symbol ♣ indicates when to stand if able.
The symbol ✕ indicates where to make the sign of the cross.*

Prelude
Welcome + Good News & Announcements

2026 Stewardship
Campaign:
Estimate of Giving
Cards Received: 14
Total Giving
Estimated:
\$30,421.76

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 WORD OF GOD

Entrance Prayer

Celebrant The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People On those who lived in the land of deep darkness, light has shined.

Celebrant O Holy God, on this sacred night your eternal Word became flesh and dwelt among us. As heaven and earth rejoice, open our hearts to receive the Christ who comes in humility and glory. Fill us with wonder, with gratitude, and with the peace the angels proclaim. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

People For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given.

♩ Opening Hymn

#83 - "O Come All Ye Faithful"

1 O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep-herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

B Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 Born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given:
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Advent Wreath Lighting

Leader Throughout this Advent season we have lit the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Tonight we light the center candle—the Christ Candle—proclaiming that the true Light has come into the world. In Jesus Christ, the Word is made flesh, God dwells among us, and darkness will never overcome the light.

The Blue Hope, Blue Peace, Rose Joy, Blue Love and White Christ Candles are lit.

People We light the Christ Candle, rejoicing that Christ is born.

❖ The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And 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.

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. *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 a 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 congregation may be seated for the readings.

First Lesson

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalter *A Song of Praise*

Reader We will read the Psalm responsively.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
 sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
 proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Psalm 96

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 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. At each celebration of Holy 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.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.

The Epistle

Titus 2:11-14

Reader A Reading from Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

♩ Gradual Hymn

#87 - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild be lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die.

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb,
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all be brings.

with the an - gel - ie host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - ell
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788); alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

☩ The Gospel

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke. ☩ ☩ ☩

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

❖ 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 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 Prayers of the People

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

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.

Leader On this holy night, when heaven sings and earth listens, let us offer our prayers to God, who has come among us as light in the darkness and love made flesh.

Leader For the Church throughout the world, that in the joy of Christ's birth we may bear the light of hope, speak peace with courage, and live as signs of God's reconciling love; that all who worship this night may depart renewed in faith and gladness of heart.

People Glory to God in the highest.

Leader For the nations of the world, and for all who hold authority, that the Child of Bethlehem may guide leaders into the ways of justice and peace; that the cry of the poor be heard, the oppressed be lifted up, and the work of healing may flourish where there has been division or war.

People On earth peace, good will to all.

Leader For our homes and families, for those gathered in joy and for those who carry loss or longing; that the Holy Family may bless every household with patience, tenderness, and hope, and remind us that God dwells with us in ordinary lives made holy by love.

People Thanks be to God for this holy night.

Leader For all who are weary, lonely, sick, or afraid; for those who feel unseen or forgotten; that the light of Christ may find them, warm them, and restore their strength. We pray especially for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts, and for all on our parish prayer list.

People The light shines in the darkness.

Leader For those who have died, whom we now commend to God's loving care; that they may rest in peace and rise in glory, and that we, with them, may one day rejoice in the fullness of God's promised kingdom.

People For unto us a Savior is born.

Celebrant Gracious God, receive these prayers offered with wonder and joy, for on this night you have drawn near to us in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us. Keep us faithful to the light we have received, that our lives may proclaim your love in the world; through Christ our Lord. 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

Deacon The 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:

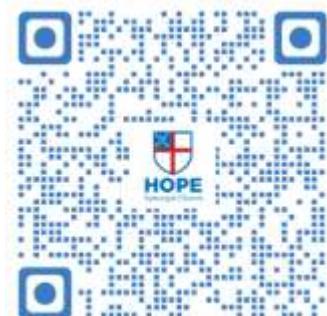
1. Online: <https://hopeepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code in the margin of your bulletin
2. Text: “[AMOUNT]” to (717) 999-5991 to make a donation to the General Fund. If it is your first time using text giving, you will receive a link by return text to complete the donation.
3. 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!

Offertory Music

“Were You There On That Christmas Night”

Choir



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.



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and" are written in a cursive font below the notes. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat.

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." ✕

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." ✕

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Post Communion Hymn

#111 - "Silent Night"

Candle Lighting

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake Son of God,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy
peace. born!
Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
birth. Christ, Je sus, Sa - vior, is born!
birth.

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 Blessing The Recessional

#100-“Joy to the World”

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re-
 2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns: let us our
 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow: nor thorns in-
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

 ceive her King: let every heart pre-pare him room, and
 songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re-
 fest the ground: he comes to make his bless-ings flow
 na-tions prove the glo-ries of his right-eous-ness, and

 heaven and na-ture sing, and heaven and na-ture
 peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing joy,
 as the curse is found, as the curse is found,
 won-ders of his love, won-ders of his love,

 1 and heaven and na-ture sing, and
 2 re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing joy,
 3 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
 4 and won-ders of his love, won-ders of his love,

 sing, and heaven and heaven and na-ture sing,
 joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing joy,
 found, far as, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 love, won-ders, won-ders of his love, won-ders of his love,

 heaven and na-ture sing,
 peat the sound-ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won-ders of his love.

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.

◆ The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go out into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

The congregation are invited to remain at their seats and enjoy the postlude while the Clergy process.

Worship Servers

December 24, 2025

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Please remember in your prayers:

Elizabeth Grace & the Mattson Family, John, Marian, Michael, Bob, Janice, Barbara, Angie, Jerry, Paul, Braiden, Diane, Judith, Lydia, Jeff, Lester, Beth Ann, Mose, Ed, Daphne, Peg, Stephanie, Bertha, Lily, Carol, Steve, Lori, Patrick, Kyle, Betsy, Bud Dissinger, Katie, and our 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 & all indigenous peoples;

Those serving in the military;

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster

The Anglican Church of Burundi

To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the church office so they can be added to our prayer list.

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