



## HOPE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

+ *Hope Always* +



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The Rev'd Bradley L. Mattson, Rector

The Rev'd Nancy Lesher, Deacon

## WELCOME TO HOPE CHURCH

We are a community gathered together in the name of Jesus in the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, we are so glad you are joining us for worship, community, and fellowship.

Please take a moment to go through the announcements in the bulletin, and familiarize yourself with the many ways there are to connect with us in worship, music, creation care, Bible study, outreach, GriefShare, and regional youth ministry.

We hope that you will find something in our church that speaks to you. **Should you have any questions, or like to learn more, let's have a conversation.** Please either call the church office at 717-665-6311 or email us at [office@hopeepiscopal.org](mailto:office@hopeepiscopal.org).

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit +Romans 15:13*

## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas or Christmastide is a season of the liturgical year in most Christian churches. For the Catholic, Lutheran, Anglican, and Methodist Churches, Christmastide begins on the 24th of December at sunset or Vespers, which is liturgically the beginning of Christmas Day. Most of December 24th is thus not part of Christmastide, but of Advent, the season in the Church Year that precedes Christmastide. In many liturgical calendars Christmastide is followed by the closely related season of Epiphany that commences at sunset on January 5th, a date known as "Twelfth Night".

The celebration of Christ's coming among us at Christmas (known as the 'Incarnation') is one of the two poles of the Christian year, along with the story of Christ's death and resurrection. Christmas is much more than the celebration of Jesus's birth: it reminds us of the central truth that 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us' (John 1.14), fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah (7.14) that 'a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son.' One of the challenges for Christians is to continue the celebration of Christmas long after the rest of the world turns its attention elsewhere. Historically, Christmas would have extended at least until the Epiphany (i.e. twelve days).

## CHILDREN

Children are always welcome at Hope Church. Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and children's voices and presence are an important part of our worship here at Hope Church.

To be added to our mailing list, please fill out a pew card, place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. You may also fill this out online by using the QR code.



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# Second Sunday of Christmas

## 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

### THE WORD OF GOD

♠ Processional Hymn

#106 - "Christians, Awake"

2026 Stewardship  
Campaign:

Estimate of Giving  
Cards Received: 18

Total Giving  
Estimated:  
\$37,481.76

1 Chris - tians, a - wake, sa - lute the hap - py morn  
2 Then to the watch - ful shep - herds it was told,  
3 He spoke, and straight - way the ce - les - tial choir  
4 In Beth - le - hem the hap - py shep - herds sought  
5 Let us, like these good shep - herds, then em - ploy

1 where - on the Sa - vior of the world was born;  
2 who heard the an - gel - ic her - ald's voice: "Be - hold,  
3 in hymns of joy, un - known be - fore, con - spire;  
4 to see the won - der - ful God for us had wrought,  
5 our grate - ful voi - ces to pro - claim the joy;

1 rise to a - dore the mys - ter - y of love,  
2 I bring good tid - ings of a Sa - vior's birth  
3 the prais - es of re - deem - ing love they sang,  
4 and found, with Jo - seph and the bless - ed maid,  
5 trace we the Babe, who hath re - trieved our loss.

1 which hosts of an - gels chant - ed from a - bove;  
2 to you and all the na - tions on the earth  
3 and heaven's whole orb with al - le - lu - ias rang;  
4 her Son, the Sa - vior, in a man - ger laid;  
5 from his poor man - ger to his bit - ter cross;

### 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.

1 with them the joy - ful tid - ings first be - gun of  
 2 this day hath God ful - filled his prom - ised word, this  
 3 God's high - est glo - ry was their an - them still, peace  
 4 a - mazed, the won - drous sto - ry they pro - claim, the  
 5 tread - ing his steps, as visit - ed by his grace, till

1 God In - car - nate and the Vir - gin's Son,  
 2 day is born a Sav - ior, Christ the Lord,"  
 3 on the earth, and un - to men good will,  
 4 ear - liest her - alds of the Sa - vior's name,  
 5 our first heaven - ly state a - gain takes place.

6 Then may we hope, the angelic thrones among,  
 to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;  
 he that was born upon this joyful day  
 around us all his glory shall display;  
 saved by his love, incessant we shall sing  
 eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

#### ✦ 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 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 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 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 Lessons

*The congregation may be seated for the readings.*

### First Lesson

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

**T**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.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

The Psalter    *A Song of Praise*

Psalm 84

*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.

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.

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 Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a*

*Reader*   **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.

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.

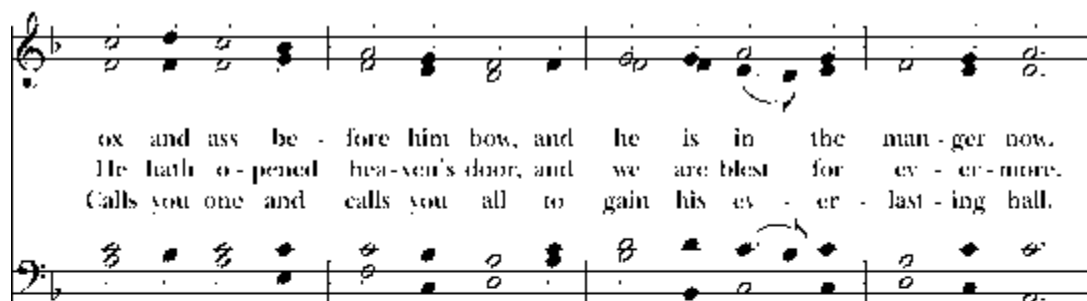
*People*   Thanks be to God.



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day;  
 now ye hear of end-less bliss; Je-sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je-sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be-fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He hath o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for ev-er-more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev-er-last-ing hall.



Christ is born to-day! Christ is born to-day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



## 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 Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After 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."

*Celebrant*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Leshner

## ✠ 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 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 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.

## The Peace

After the Prayers of the People, the Priest extends Christ's peace

## The Prayers of the People

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

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* That we all may be one.

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for those we name out loud or silently in our hearts.

*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.

## 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!

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.



## Offertory Music

### #93 - "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

Musical score for the hymn "Angels From the Realms of Glory". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang ere - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
hope and fear; sud - den - ly the Lord de - scend - ing,

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.

Sanctus: Sanctus means “holy.” We sing this hymn that the angels and archangels sing in heaven as a reminder that our

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
you - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal start:  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

## 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.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

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."

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system of music corresponds to the lyrics "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na". The second system corresponds to "in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and a double bar line at the end of each system.

*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 has 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.*

### 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.





1 Love came down at Christ-mas, love all love - ly, love di-vine;  
 2 Wor-ship we the God-head, love in-car-nate, love di-vine;  
 3 Love shall be our to-ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ-mas; star and an-gels gave the sign.  
 wor-ship we our Je-sus, but where-with for sa-cred sign?  
 love to God and neigh-bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

### 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

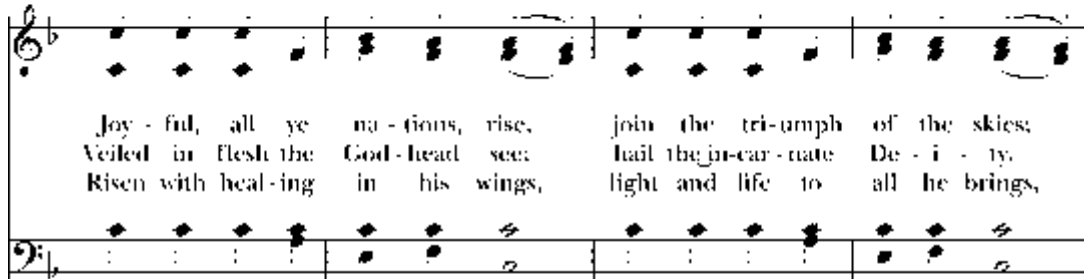
#87 - "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



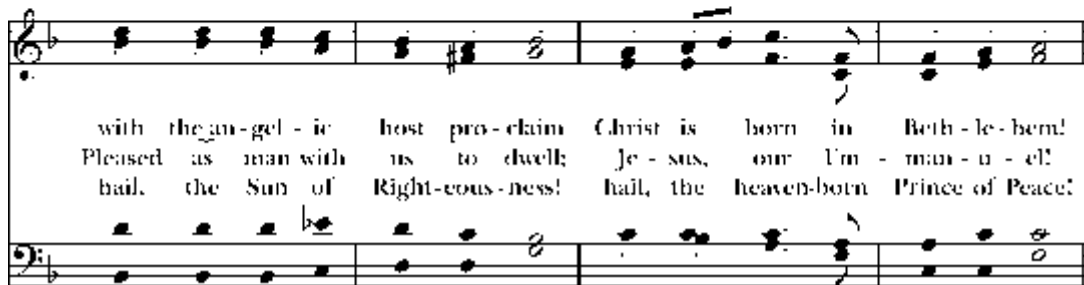
1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by; born that we no more may die,



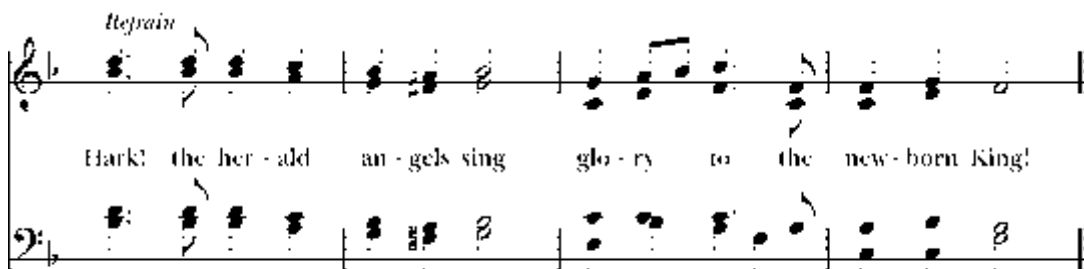
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb,  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



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



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
 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!

## ✦ The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the holy spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## 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 Gerhard  
1/20 - David & Connie Steinke

Thank you to Bob & Mary  
Sims for providing lunch  
today!

If you'd like to sign up to  
provide lunch, there is a sign-  
up 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!

## Three-Fold Amen Postlude

### *Worship Servers* January 4, 2026

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

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. Andrew's, Alden; St. Luke's, Altoona; St.

John's, Westfield; and Clergy of the Diocese of the Susquehanna &  
for Peace in Sudan & South Sudan

*To add people to our Parish Prayer List, including those in the military please call the  
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*Christians, awake, salute the happy morn, #106 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: John Byrom (1692-1763), alt. Music: Yorkshire, John Wainwright (1723-1768).*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice, #107 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944).*

*Angels, from the realms of glory, #93 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879).*

*Love came down at Christmas, #84 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), alt. Music: Gartan, melody from Petrie Collection of Irish Melodies, Part II, 1902; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.*

*Hark! the herald angels sing, #87 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).*



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