

# HOLY EUCHARIST

December 25, 2020

10.30 A.M.

**The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day  
Holy Mass**

**Liturgy: The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Eucharistic Prayer A**

Celebrant : Fr. George Joseph



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## **PRELUDE**

Please enter the sanctuary quietly. If you are in the sanctuary or attending live stream, this is time to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

### **Blessing the Crib**

### **Introduction**

**OPENING HYMN** *O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles)* (H 83)

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** (BCP p. 355)

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

### **INTROIT** *Choir*

***Kyrie eleison (Greek)*** (BCP p. 324)

*The following is sung, all standing*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

*Christe eleison, Christe eleison*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

GLORIA S 280 *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant* **The Lord be with you.**

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* **Let us pray.**

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons**

#### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:6-12**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

6Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, 7and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. 8The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; 9but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. 10Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. 11The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” 12They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

*Reader*       The Word of the Lord

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

#### **PSALM: Psalm 97**

*Remain seated.*

1The Lord is King;

let the earth rejoice; \*

let the multitude of the isles be glad.

2Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*

righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.  
3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.  
4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.  
5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.  
7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.  
8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O Lord.  
9 For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.  
10 The Lord loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.  
11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.  
12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

## **SECOND READING: Titus 3:4-7**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

4 When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. 6 This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Christians, awake, salute the happy morn  
(Yorkshire) (H 106)*

*Silence may follow.*

**THE GRADUAL THE ALLELUIA**

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

1In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3All went to their own towns to be registered. 4Joseph 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. 5He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7And 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.

8In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

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

15When 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.” 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all

these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The 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 SERMON Fr. George Joseph**

**THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

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 (BCP p. 359)**

*All remain standing or kneel.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,  
saying, “Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for  
the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of  
God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop George Sumner, George Joseph our Priest and for  
all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Donald our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all  
in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating their anniversary of birth and those  
celebrating their anniversary of wedding let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For comfort, strength, guidance from the Holy Spirit, especially for  
Larry, Ashley, Susie, Cathy, Sese, Valerie, Kate, Arthur, Mrs. Das,  
Edgar, Jannie Nel and family, Fatima and family, Conrad Vermaak  
and family, Kristina, Steve, Achille, Michelle, Jay, Brenda, Merle  
Wells, Catherine, Marla, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who are sick - Robert Delk, Graham Clarke, Chuck, Ben  
Doherty, Claude Lee, Jerre Gibbs, Edgar, Joeline, Michelle, Fred,  
Sam, Destiny, Marla, Jean, Clint Harron, Bruce Magers, Bob  
Bowser, Laura, Corey, Ebin, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, Ministry with Aging  
Rural Church Commission, let us pray to the Lord,

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the Anglican cycle of prayer -Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Church of the Holy Cross- all the members, former members and friends of the Holy Cross. For their life and contribution to the ministry of this church, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of resurrection, especially, Rowland R Davis, Fannie R Bunkhardt, Mary E Amacker, Barbara J Glass, Angus Jones, Harold J Forst, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Celebrant 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 Priest stands and says*

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 (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*As the priest prepares the altar for communion, people prepare their hearts in silence for the Eucharist.*

*All stand.*

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Once in royal David's city (Irby) (H 102)*



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

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, ..... Therefore,  
according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

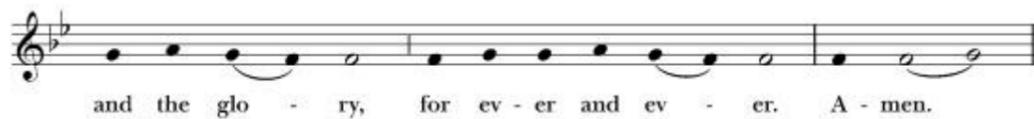
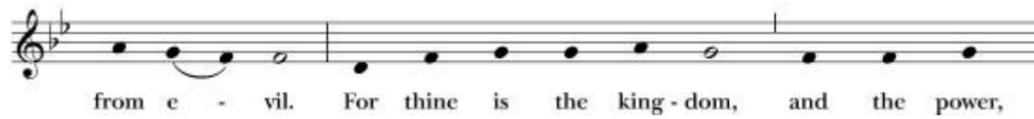
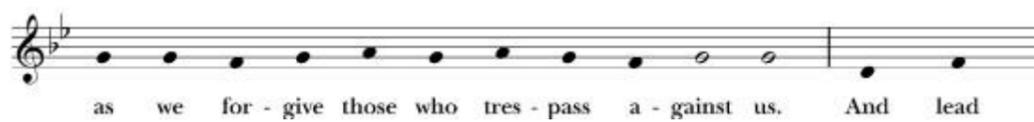
## EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

*The Celebrant continues*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363). S-119

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

*People and Celebrant*



## The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM S 158 *O Lamb of God (Willan)*



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us, O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

**INVITATION (BCP p. 338)**

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night  
(Winchester Old) (H 94)*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant : Let us pray

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

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.

**HYMN** *Silent night, holy night ( Stille Nacht) (H 111)*

**BLESSING (BCP p. 339)**

*The Priest blesses the people*

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come (Antioch) (H 100)*

**POSTLUDE**