

Order of Service for

The Feast of the Holy Name January 1, 2023 10:00am

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HYMN IN PROCESSION 102

Irby

(All Stand)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The word of God was made flesh.

People: And dwells with us.

Celebrant: With God from the beginning,

People: Christ is with us.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one true and living God. *People:* Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

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*.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8 (Sung by the Choir)

- 1 O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him?

from Gradual Psalter

the son of man that you should seek him out?

- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

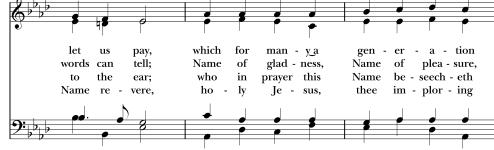
People: Thanks be to God.

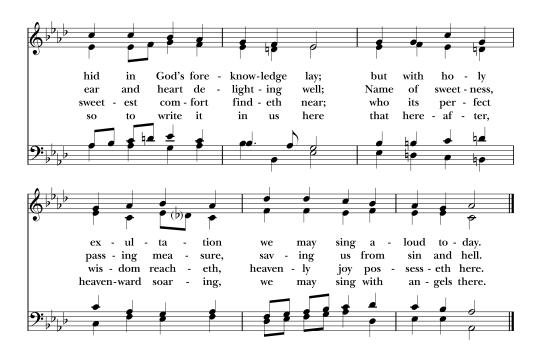


Oriel



(Standing)





THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

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. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, O Christ.*

THE SERMON The Rev. Judy Ferguson (Please be seated)

THE NICENE CREED (Please 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Subdeacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for ourselves and for our ministries, for our postulant to the diaconate, Lainie Murrell, our vestry, and for all of our parish family as we prepare

to welcome our new rector. Lord, you have called us to serve you. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may

honor one another and serve the common good. Silence Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in

the service of others and to your honor and glory. Silence Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and

love one another as he loves us. Silence. Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their

troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation; Silence Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Subdeacon: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we

pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of

your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept.

All: 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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

(The People are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION HYMN 97

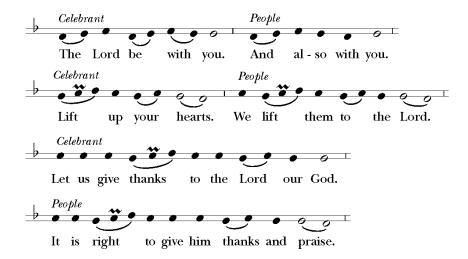
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

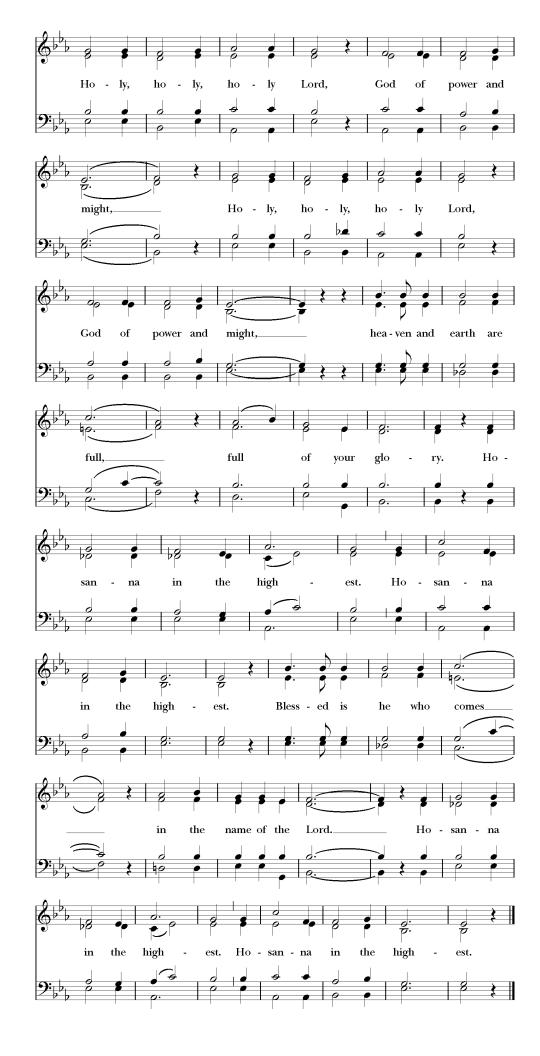


Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

F. Schubert Arr. R. Proulx

All:



Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

The people stand or kneel.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

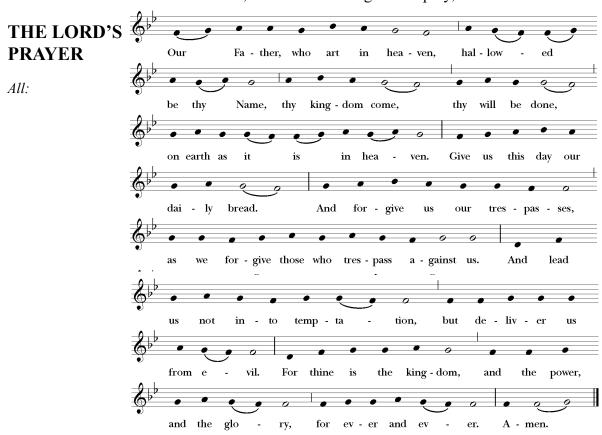
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*. And now, *as* our Savior taught us to pray,



Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Schubert/Proulx

All:



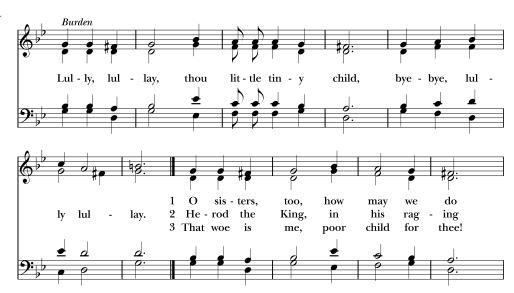
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

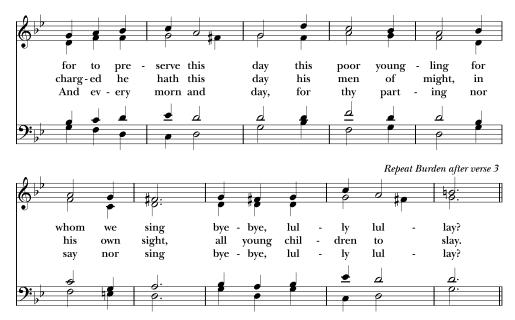
THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. The congregation comes forward to receive communion while the choir sings an anthem. The choir receives after the congregation. All join in singing the hymns.

COMMUNION HYMN 247

Coventry Carol





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (All Stand.)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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

Celebrant: May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen



VOLUNTARY

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.



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