

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The First Sunday After Christmas**

**Sunday, December 26, 2021— 10:00 a.m.**



**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
**Los Gatos, California**

# The Holy Eucharist

**Prelude** *Shepherds' Farewell, from Childhood of Christ* Hector Berlioz

## Opening Hymn 109

*"The first Nowell the angel did say"*



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three



1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5 full re - verent - ly up - on their knee,



1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
4 and there it did both stop and stay  
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence



1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

Words: English carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Collect for Purity

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

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.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word:  
Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Lesson

*Isaiah 61:10–62:3*

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

## Psalm 147:13–21

- 13    Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
      praise your God, O Zion;
- 14    For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
      he has blessed your children within you.
- 15    He has established peace on your borders; \*  
      he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16    He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
      and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17    He gives snow like wool; \*  
      he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18    He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
      who can stand against his cold?
- 19    He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
      he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20    He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
      his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21    He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
      to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
      Hallelujah!

# The Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

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

## Gospel Hymn 93 (verses 1 & 2)

*“Angels, from the realms of glory”*



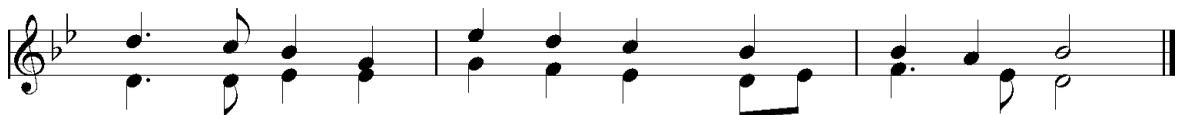
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye, who sang cre - 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,



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



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

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Clergy*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                         according to John.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*John 1:1–18*

*Clergy*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Hymn 93** (verses 3 & 4)

*“Angels, from the realms of glory”*

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Ernest Cockrell

## **The Nicene Creed**

*Said by all*

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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified, who 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**

Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda, our Bishop,  
and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.*

# The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

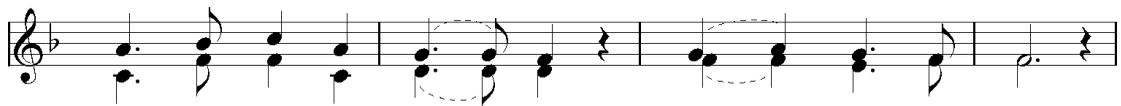
# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Hymn 112

*"In the bleak mid-winter"*



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;  
3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:  
cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throng - ed the air;  
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

## Prayers Over the Gifts

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, **and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation; through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the Cup of Salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, friends, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty. **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of God's Name, both to our benefit and that of all God's Holy Church. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

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

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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,

**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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Joseph, and 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*Said by all*

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.

# The Breaking of the Bread

*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 Hymn 98

*“Unto us a boy is born!”*



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -  
2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
3 He - rod then with fear was filled; “A prince,” he said, “in  
4 Now may Ma - ry’s son, who came so long a - go to  
\*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the  
2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that  
3 Jew - ry!” All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.  
2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.  
3 Beth - le - hem in his fu - - - ry.  
4 to the joys a - bove \_\_\_\_\_ us.  
5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

*The accompaniment for stanza 1 may be used for all stanzas.*

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## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*Said by 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.

## A Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 99

*“Go tell it on the mountain”*



Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born.



1 While shep-herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



be - hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: African-American spiritual, adapted by John W. Work (1872-1925)

Tune: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, African-American spiritual, 19th cent, harmonization Horace Clarence Boyer,

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## The Dismissal

*The clergy dismisses the People and they respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Postlude on Adeste Fideles*

Noel Rawsthorne









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