

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 2023

10:00 AM

We welcome you to St. Catherine's!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE THE SERVICE.

Website



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Support



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Welcome

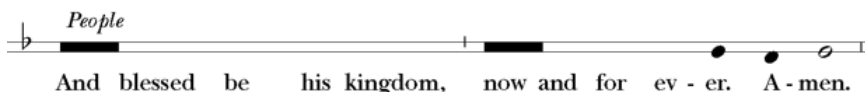
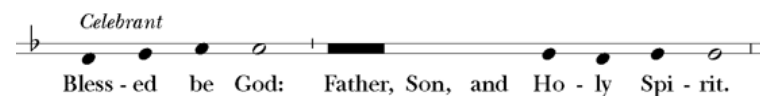
The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Processional Hymn

The first Nowell

Hymnal 109

Opening Acclamation



The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Song of Praise

Angels we have heard on high (verses 1, 3, & 4)

Hymnal 96

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 213

The Lessons (*see insert for The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

Away in a manger

Hymnal 101

The Gospel

(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Silence may follow.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People (Form I)

BCP p. 383

The Response is, "Lord Jesus, be born in us."

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

BCP p. 830 (50)

Lectionary and Music Insert

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
 and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 147:13-21

BCP p. 805

At 8:00 AM the Psalm is prayed by the Lector and the People.

At 10:00 AM the Psalm is chanted by the Choir.

THE EPISTLE

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

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

THE GREAT AMEN



A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Offertory	<i>What child is this</i>	16th c. English “Greensleeves”
Presentation Hymn 380 (Verse 3)		<i>Old 100th</i>
<i>All stand who are able.</i>		
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. Amen.		
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)		BCP p. 367
<i>Sanctus</i>		Hymnal S-130
The Memorial Acclamation (<i>see Lectionary and Music Insert</i>)		
The Great Amen (<i>see Lectionary and Music Insert</i>)		
The Lord’s Prayer		BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p. 364
The Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S-164
Communion Hymn	<i>A stable lamp is lighted</i>	Hymnal 104
The Postcommunion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Announcements		
The Final Blessing		
The Concluding Hymn	<i>Angels from the realms of glory</i>	Hymnal 93
The Dismissal		BCP p. 366
Postlude		

The Clergy, Vestry, and Staff of St. Catherine’s
Wish you and yours many blessings during these twelve days of Christmas
And a happy, healthy, and holy New Year in 2024!

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

are given to the Glory of Almighty God.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

shines to remind us of our Lord's presence in the Sacrament.

Worship Services

Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM

Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector

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*The mission of St. Catherine's
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and to share the Good News with all.*