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The First Sunday after Christmas

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

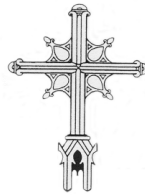
December 29, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Welcome

If you are with us for the first time, please make yourself comfortable. We look forward to meeting you. If you would like to learn more about the church, please fill out a card (hanging in each pew), put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or member of the clergy, and we will be in touch. It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you should need to participate in the service is found here in this bulletin and in the blue hymnal in the pew racks. Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers. Nursery care for young children is available in the Education Wing, and children are also welcome to stay in the service with their families.

Our ushers are here to help create a welcoming and safe space for worship. Please speak to an usher if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. Again, welcome.



THE VOLUNTARY In the bleak mid-winter

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 102 Once in royal David's city

IRBY

All stand and sing.

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

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

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.

People **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

All remain standing and say in unison.

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.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 61:10–62:3**All sit.*

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 PSALTER

*Psalm 147:13–21**The people say the responses in bold.*

- 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 EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

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 SEQUENCE HYMN 98 Unto us a boy is born!

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

All stand and sing. Children are invited to go to Children’s Chapel, and will return at the Peace.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1–18

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

All **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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Walter McKenney

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

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

The people say the words in bold.

As we celebrate with joy the arrival of God with us, Immanuel, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

For bishops, priests, and deacons. For all who serve Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth, which is God's own creation, and for humble stewardship of its resources. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for those on our parish prayer list. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who sleep in Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity. Glory to you for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

THE WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC Vom himmel hoch, da komm ich her Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)
(From heaven above to earth I come)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**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

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

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.

Music: from *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).
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All remain standing or kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and our Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the clergy at the communion rail.

If you would like a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

If you would like healing prayers, please go to the baptismal font at the rear of the nave after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MUSIC I wonder as I wander David Lasky (b. 1957)
Of the Father's love begotten Wilbur Held (1914–2015)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand or kneel.

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

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, Amen.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION 112 In the bleak mid-winter CRANHAM
All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The minister dismisses the people, and the people respond, Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE VOLUNTARY In dir ist Freude (*In thee is joy*) BWV 615 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

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HAPPENING TODAY

Coffee hour after the 10:30 service. Please stay for a cup of coffee, to catch up with old friends and say hello to someone new. We need coffee hour hosts for upcoming Sundays; please sign up on the clipboard in Hubbard Hall.

Deliver a poinsettia. If you are able, please take a poinsettia from the chancel and deliver it to one of our homebound parishioners. Cards with names and addresses are on the windowsill in Hubbard Hall, just outside the entrance to the nave.

Pick up your 2020 offering envelopes. If you requested weekly envelopes for 2020, please pick them up on the bench in Hubbard Hall, just outside the entrance to the nave. If you did not request envelopes but would like some, please contact Ellen in the parish office.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend William J. Eakins

Preacher: The Reverend Walter McKenney

Assisting: The Reverend Margie Baker

Layreader: Jyothsna Diaz

Guest Organist: Ray Giolitto

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Ushers: John and Laura Roche, Susan Clemow, Don Polk

Acolytes: Ethen Worrell, Ford Gillespie, Caleb Worrell, Aviyah Lohr

Altar Guild: Bess Amamoo, Buffy Ineson and Nancy Pedersen

Healing Prayers: Cindy Lawler

At Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center:

Layreader: Paul Shaker

Musician: Helen Hughlett

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Mary Byrd
Kim Green	Meg	Beth	Ann Marie
Janet Ray	Edward Shaker	Chris	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Susan Murray	Edith Connolly	Mary Stoughton	Paul
Brad Babbitt	Linda Evans	Daniel Flyntz	Graham
Michael Bruce	Sally	Ellie Brown	Julie
Amy Jones	Billy Ulrich	Wanda	Scott
Estrid	Nicky	Peter	Eliot Makan
Nonnie	Jane Bartlett		

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Lisa Scoma	Genella Evans	Abigail Thaxon
Paul Faude	Susan Clemow	Caroline Thaxton
Virginia Eikel	Charles Sonne	Olivia Thaxton

Those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Tim Goetz and Neha Pande

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Dioceses of Gabini (Rwanda) and Gambia (West Africa).

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Mark's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgewater; Good Shepherd, Bristol and Plainville; and for soup kitchens and food pantries, and all ministries that feed those who go without.

Save the Date

St. John's EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), Sundays from 5 to 7 p.m.

Upcoming EYC events are listed below. Dinner is provided, and more information will be shared about each meeting as it approaches. **Adult assistance is needed! If you are an adult who can help provide supervision or dinner, contact Margie at margie@sjparish.net.**

- December 29 – No EYC for Christmas break
- January 5 – WeHa Youth Group (with Westminster Presbyterian and First Church)

Margie Baker's ordination to the priesthood, Saturday, January 4 at 2 p.m.

All are welcome to participate in this wonderful day in Margie's life and the life of our parish. Following the service of ordination with the bishops of Connecticut and North Carolina, we will have a reception in Margie's honor; **please sign up to help with the reception at <https://tinyurl.com/tmjf43q>**. Everyone is invited to come celebrate!

First Sunday Lunch & Pipes Alive! with Scott Lamlein, Sunday, January 5

Music at the Red Door's popular organ recital series returns on the first Sunday of January, with our own Scott Lamlein presenting a half-hour concert. All are invited to stay after the 10:30 service for the **First Sunday Lunch** followed by the Pipes Alive! concert at 12:30 p.m. Both lunch and the concert are free, although donations are welcome.

Twelfth Night Potluck & Tree Burning, Friday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.

Bid farewell to the Christmas season and welcome the new year at this fun annual tradition (which is scheduled a bit later than usual this year because of Margie's ordination on January 4th). Bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner, and then enjoy a bonfire outdoors with the burning of the church Christmas tree (weather permitting). All needed permits and fire-prevention measures will be in place. Everyone is welcome!

Holy Land Pilgrimage, Fall 2020

The Reverend Whitney Altopp of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ridgefield is organizing a Holy Land Pilgrimage led by guide Iyad Qumri, who also led the St. John's pilgrimage in 2018. Any St. John's members who might like to join them are invited to contact Reverend Altopp at waltopp@ststephens-ridgefield.org or 203-438-3789 x13. The pilgrimage is August 28 to September 8, 2020, and the cost is \$3,699 per person, double occupancy.



By the Grace of God
and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Samuel S. Rodman
Bishop of North Carolina
will ordain

Marjorie Freeouf Baker

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Saturday, the fourth of January
two thousand and twenty
at two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas,
Bishop of Connecticut, will celebrate.

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Your prayers and presence are requested.

Light Reception following

Clergy: Red Stoles

Pipes Alive!

A series of half-hour recitals on the
St. John's Celebrated Austin Organ

2020 Artists:

January 5	Scott Lamlein
February 2	Cheryl Wadsworth
March 1	Grant Wareham
April 5	Zachary Schurman
May 3	Michelle Horsley
June 7	Benjamin Straley

Recitals are held on the first Sunday of each month
at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist each Sunday

4:30 p.m. Celtic contemplative service on the first Sunday of the month (Oct – June)

5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month (Sept – April)

STAFF

The Rev. Susan Pinkerton (susan@sjparish.net)	Rector
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Ralph Valentine	Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus

**These positions are non-stipendiary. These clergy give generously of their time and expertise to support St. John's mission and ministries.*

VESTRY

Virginia Van Dyk	Warden
Wes Winterbottom	Warden
Tim Goetz and John Roche	Co-Treasurers
Ellen Painter Dollar	Scribe

2017-19: Geoff Emerick, Andrew Worrell

2018-20: Steve Crocker, Ann Hutchinson, Alex Nelson

2019-21: Ellen Flynn, David Grimaldi, Teresa Lohr