



The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

January 4, 2025

Welcome to St. Catherine's

We are glad that you have joined us for worship. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to fill out a visitor card, which can be found on the back of the chair in front of you. Completed cards may be given to a greeter or placed in the collection plate.

“BCP” before a page number refers to the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks. “H” before a page number refers to the blue hymnal. Both are in the pew.

You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian Church. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest.

Serving Today

The Rev. Dillon Green, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Sharon Lewis, *Vestry Person of the Day*

Sasha Johns, LEM/*Crucifer*
Gracie Dominguez & Kayelyn

Dominguez, *Torchbearers*

Olivia Ard, *Lector*

Lynne Dominguez, *Intervenor*

Sharon Lewis & Kim Traylor,
Counters

Olivia Ard, *Altar Guild*

Scott Reimer, *Technology*

Kim Traylor, *Greeter*

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 102 Vv. 1, 2 4, 6

Once in royal David's city

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

The Gloria

Glory Be To God On High

Gloria [paraphrase]

Joyously

The St. James Christmas Service

Glo - ry be to God on high,
Je - sus Christ, we now de-clare
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,

To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,
Prai - ses sing in high - estheav'n; To the Fath - er

draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.

Glo - - - - - ri - a
1. | 2.
in ex - cel - sis De - o! in ex - cel - sis De o!

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

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

Psalm 84

The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
*
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
*
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Cantor sings Alleluia; Congregation repeats Alleluia; Cantor sings verse; All repeat Alleluia.

CHRISTMAS SEASON GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Barbara Bridge
Adapted from the *Sussex Carol*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Cantor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: the Lord is God and has given us light. Alleluia!

The Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

`And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dillon Green

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed, *please stand as able.*

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

The Announcements

Offertory Hymn 84

Love came down at Christmas

As the offerings are brought to the altar, standing as you are able, the following is sung

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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Sanctus

The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [in One]

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and_ might, ____ heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. ____ Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem

O Lamb Of God

Fraction Anthem

The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [In One]

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O Lamb of God, O Holy Child, who takes the sin of the world a-way; Have mer-cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the son of Ma-ry. This, this is your bo-dy giv'n, Your pre-cious blood, the gift of heav'n. Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

The Invitation

BCP 364

Communion Hymn 497

How bright appears the Morning Star

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

BOS 11

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.**

Post-Communion Hymn 480

When Jesus left his Father's throne

Dismissal

BCP 366

Postlude

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Please join us following coffee hour following the service!

NOTES

We pray for our Companion Diocese of Honduras and their bishop, Lloyd. We pray for Saint John's, Decatur; for Saint John's, Montgomery; and for Saint John's in the Prairie, Forkland.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Clydene, Steven, Heather, Wendy, Angel, Marti, Joseph, Tracy, John, Sue, Addie, Wanda, Bill, Alice, Claire, Amy, Sasha, Elizabeth, Sharon, Elizabeth, Vicki, Roger, Will, Addi, and Bethany Shae.

We pray for those who serve in the military, especially John Morris.

S A V E T H E D A T E S

Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 6:00 pm!

January 24th—ECW lunch and meeting at 12:00 pm

Our Mission

To seek, love, and serve God through worship, education, and service and to share the redeeming love of Christ with the world.

Our Vision

St. Catherine's, the Episcopal Church in Chelsea, is a welcoming and inclusive family called by Christ to receive and share God's love.

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