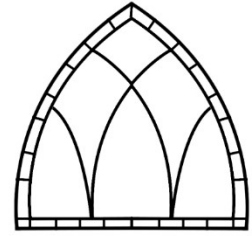


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE REDEEMER  
Shelby, NC



## **The First Sunday After Christmas**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**Sunday, December 29, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m.**

# The Word of God

**ENTRANCE HYMN** *Go tell it on the mountain (Go Tell It on the Mountain) (H 99)*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II (BCP p. 355)**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

**S 280 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (BCP p. 356)**

**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 (BCP p. 357)**

*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.**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10--62:3

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>62:1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

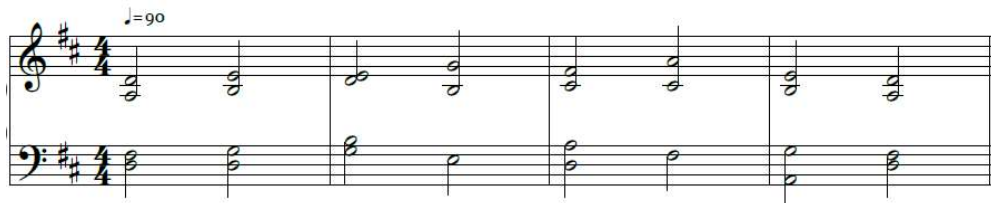
*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM: Psalm 147 (BCP p. 804)

*Remain seated.*



<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our **God!** \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with **praise!**

<sup>2</sup>The LORD rebuilds **Jerusalem;** \*  
he gathers the exiles of **Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>He heals the broken**hearted** \*  
and binds up their **wounds.**

<sup>4</sup>He counts the number of the **stars** \*  
and calls them all by their **names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in **power;** \*  
there is no limit to his **wisdom.**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the **lowly,** \*  
but casts the wicked to the **ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thank**sgiving;** \*  
make music to our God upon the **harp.**

<sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with **clouds** \*  
and prepares rain for the **earth;**

<sup>9</sup>He makes grass to grow upon the **mountains** \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup>He provides food for flocks and **herds** \*  
and for the young ravens when they **cry.**

<sup>11</sup>He is not impressed by the might of a **horse;** \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a **man;**

<sup>12</sup>But the LORD has pleasure in those who **fear**  
**him,** \*

in those who await his gracious **favor.**

<sup>13</sup>Worship the LORD, O **Jerusalem;** \*  
praise your God, O **Zion;**

<sup>14</sup>For he has strengthened the bars of your **gates;** \*  
he has blessed your children **within you.**

<sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your **borders;** \*  
he satisfies you with the finest **wheat.**

<sup>16</sup>He sends out his command to the **earth,** \*  
and his word runs very **swiftly.**

<sup>17</sup>He gives snow like **wool;** \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like **ashes.**

<sup>18</sup>He scatters his hail like **bread crumbs;** \*  
who can stand against his **cold?**

<sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word and melts **them;** \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters **flow.**

<sup>20</sup>He declares his word to **Jacob,** \*  
his statutes and his judgments to **Israel.**

<sup>21</sup>*He has not done so to any other **nation;** \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.*  
**Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

<sup>4:4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>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.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN *Away in a manger, no crib for his bed (Cradle Song) (H 101)***

**GOSPEL: John 1:1-18**

*All stand.*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>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.

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

**THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)**

*The Rev. Anita Ware*

**THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*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 (BCP p. 359)**

*All remain standing.*

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.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

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

***Hear our prayer.***

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

**Hear our prayer.**

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

**Hear our prayer.**

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

**Hear our prayer.**

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

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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 (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.    *Ephesians 5:2*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN *In the bleak midwinter (Cranham)* (H 112)**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B (BCP p. 367)**

*The People remain standing.*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

## ***S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)* (BCP p. 367)**

*Minister and People*

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (BCP p. 363)**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



# The Breaking of the Bread

## **FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## **INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*All are invited to God's Table. If you wish to receive communion, please come forward to the altar rail on either side. You may consume the wafer and sip from the larger chalice, or you may intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine from the smaller chalice before you consume it. It is perfectly OK to consume only bread if that is your preference. If you do not wish to consume the bread and wine, but would like to receive a blessing please come to the altar rail and cross your arms across your chest. Please use the hand sanitizer that is available up front or in your pew prior to coming to the altar rail. This will reduce the transmission of illness, and protect those in our parish who are vulnerable. Thank you!*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## **BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

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

## **POST-COMMUNION HYMN *The first Nowell the angel did say (The First Nowell) (H 109)***

## **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Leaders

**Priest** The Rev. Anita Ware  
**Deacons** The Rev. Pam Bright, The Rev. Michele Wiltfong  
**Organist** Pam Dennis

## Worship Assistants

**Ushers** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Volunteers  
**Crucifer** Lucinda MacArthur  
**Lectors** Kristine Willis, Jay Whisnant  
**Chalice Bearers** Lucinda MacArthur, Kristine Willis  
**Altar Guild** Janet Roebuck

## This Week's Events

### Sunday 12/29

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Coffee & Conversation with Anita (Anita's office)

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Christmas 1

### Monday 12/30

5:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Service (Chapel)

### Tuesday 12/31

Morning Prayer will resume in January

10:30 a.m. Food Pantry box assembly

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Moveable Feast in the Small Parish Hall. **Please RSVP to [RevAnita@redeemershelby.com](mailto:RevAnita@redeemershelby.com) by Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>!**  
Please bring a salad, or dessert to share. Main entree will be provided! A Moveable Feast is a gathering of friends for food, fellowship and Eucharist around the table.

### Wednesday 1/1

9:30 a.m. New Year's Day Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Shepherd's Table food distribution

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Food Pantry Boxes distribution

### Thursday 1/2

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel)

Compline on Zoom will resume in January

### Saturday 1/4

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sacred Craft (Parish Hall)

## Upcoming Dates

### Sunday 1/19

Annual Meeting following Holy Eucharist

### Prayer List




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