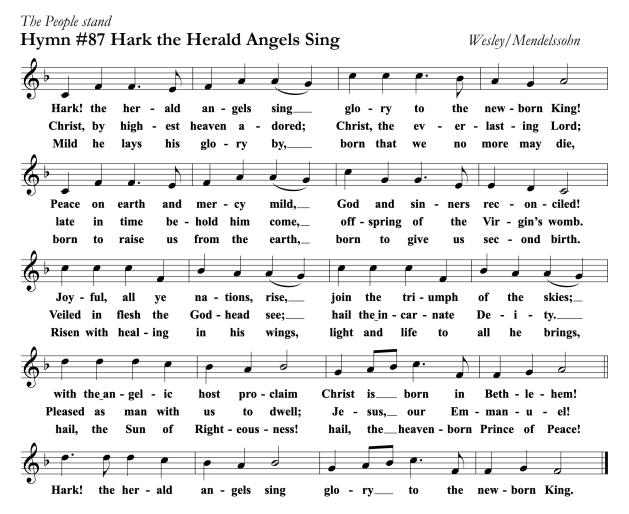
# CHRIST THE KING ANGLICAN CHURCH



Holy Eucharist
The Feast of the Incarnation
December 24, 2025 8:00 p.m. & 10:45 p.m.

Merry Christmas, and welcome to Christ the King. We are so glad you have joined us this evening. Our service is participatory and includes songs, prayers, and readings from the Bible. Everything is contained in the worship booklet and we want to invite everyone to respond with the text in bold. So that we might direct our focus to God, our service begins with a song of praise as the clergy and other servers enter in procession. Now, please stand as we sing our opening song.



#### The Acclamation

Celebrant For unto us a child is born, People Unto us a son is given.

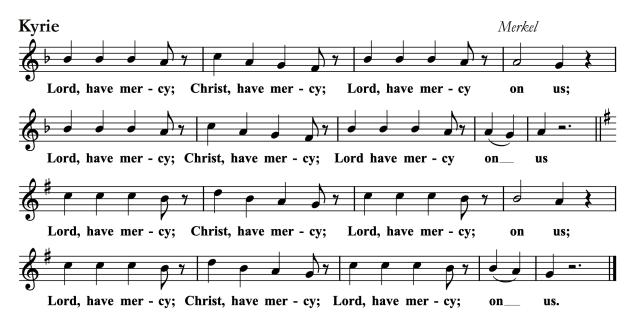
#### The Collect for Purity

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 Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40





#### The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

The next part of our service will focus on God's Word, found in the Bible. After each lesson, the reader will end by declaring, "The Word of the Lord." We are invited to respond with the words, "Thanks be to God."

#### The First Lesson Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand

**The Psalm** Psalm 96

Please stand and join me in reading Psalm 96 by responding with the text in bold.

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; \* sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name; \* tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honor to the nations, \* and his wonders to all peoples.
- 4 For the Lord is great, and highly to be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \* but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Glory and majesty are before him; \* power and honor are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O you families of the peoples, \* ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
- 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honor due unto his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations, "The Lord is King; \* it is he who has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he shall judge the peoples righteously."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \* let the sea make a noise, and all that is therein.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; \* then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
- 13 For he comes, for he comes to judge the earth, \* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

#### The Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the book of Titus.

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Deacon reads the Gospel from the midst of the congregation to demonstrate how Jesus came down from heaven to live among his people. It reminds us that we are called to take his good news of hope out to the world. At least as early as the third century, Alleluias were sung in anticipation of the reading of the Gospel.

#### The People stand

# The Sequence Hymn - Sing Hallelujah To The Lord First time unison, second time men Sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Lord. Second time women Sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Lord. Sing hal-le-lu - jah, Sing hal-le-lu - jah, Sing hal - le - lu - jah, Sing hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord.

#### **The Gospel** Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The sermon is typically given by a member of the clergy and is meant to be an explanation and application of one or more of the day's readings.

The People sit

The Sermon: The Rev. Cn. Eric Zolner

At the conclusion of the sermon we affirm the core beliefs of the ancient church with a statement of faith known as the Nicene Creed. Please stand.

The People stand

#### Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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.

As Christians we are called to be people of prayer. We will now pray for the needs of the church and the world with the Prayers of the People.

#### The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer." I will pause after each bidding, and you may add your own petitions, either silently or aloud.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For Steve, our Archbishop and his wife Jacqui, Julian, our Provincial Dean and his wife Brenda, and Phil, our Bishop and his wife Julie; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially Donald our president, Gavin our governor, and Steve our mayor.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all the abundant blessings of this life we thank you, O Lord.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For those who travel this week, that they might be protected from every danger.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who do not believe in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten them through the Gospel and bring them into the way of salvation.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with this collect

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

We worship a God who forgives. Every time we come together for worship we confess our sins and receive the assurance that God has forgiven us.

#### The Confession and Absolution of Sin

The Deacon says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The People kneel or sit as able

The Deacon and People pray

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 alone stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The People stand

#### The Comfortable Words

Please stand and hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16* 

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

We now greet each other with the peace of Christ by shaking hands with those around us and saying to each other, "Peace be with you."

#### The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Welcome to Christ the King Anglican Church. If you are new or visiting with us today we are so excited that you are here. If you would like more information on who we are and what we do, please fill out a Connect Card located at the end of each row. You can also fill out a digital Connect Card which can be found by scanning the QR code on the back of your booklet.

As we sing our next song, the ushers will bring forward bread and wine to be used for Holy Communion and then we will take a collection of financial offerings for the church. If you are visiting us today, please do not feel obligated to contribute. You are our guest and we want you to simply enjoy the service and fellowship. As the offering is brought forward we will sing together a joyful song of thanksgiving for all that God has provided.

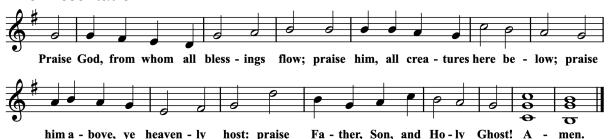
#### The Offertory Sentence

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." *Acts 20:35* 



The People stand

#### The Presentation



The focus of our worship will now shift to the Holy Communion. A special prayer dating back to the early Church will be said over the bread and the wine so that they might become for us the spiritual Body and Blood of Jesus. We invite everyone to join us in singing the songs and responding with the bold text.

#### The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

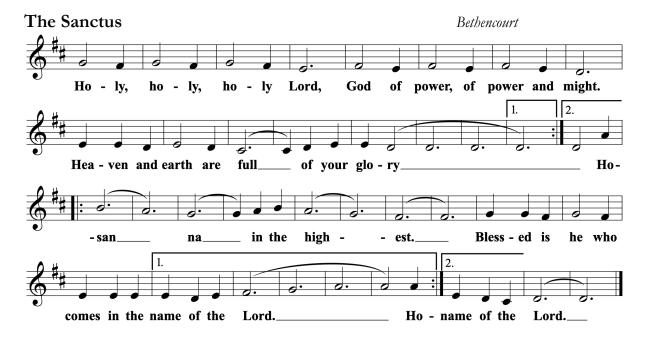
People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right 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:



## The Prayer of Consecration

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

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

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together say

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 Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,

once for all upon the cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

# The Agnus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

People have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

People grant us your peace.

#### The Ministration of Communion

Celebrant says the following invitation

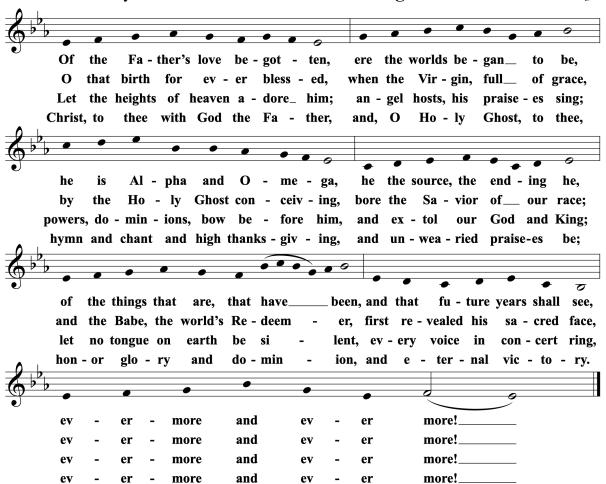
The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated until the usher invites your row to come forward.

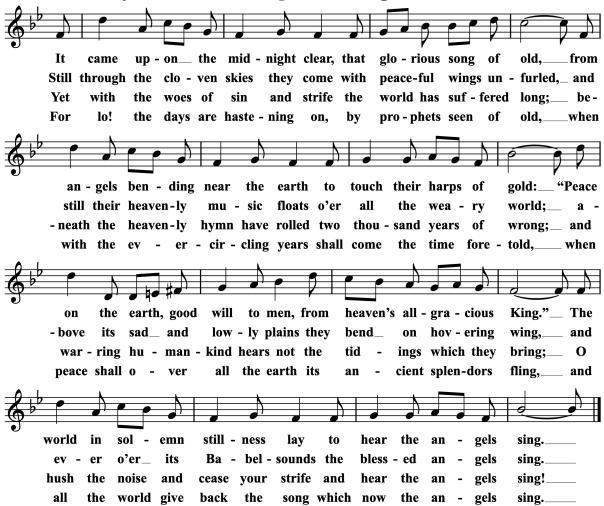
All baptized Christians who come to faith and repentance in Jesus Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. If this does not describe you, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest.

For those receiving communion, you will be offered the Bread first and then the Wine. You may dip the Bread into the small chalice before consuming it or drink directly from the large chalice after consuming the Bread. Once you have received you may return to your seat via the center aisle.

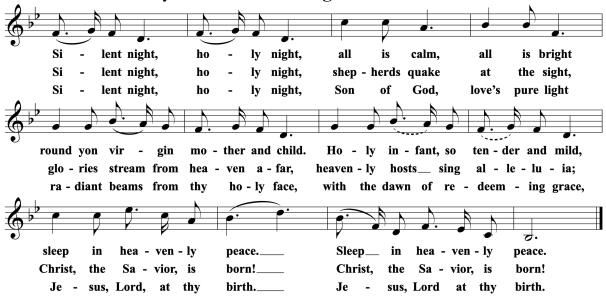
# Communion Hymn #82 Of The Father's Love Begotten Prudentius, 4th Century



# Communion Hymn #89 It Came Upon A Midnight Clear Sears/Willis



#### Post Communion Hymn #111 - Silent Night



Our service concludes with a final prayer and a blessing from the priest. We will then recess out following the cross of Christ. The Deacon dismisses us, charging us to take what we have received and bring it into the world.

# The Post Communion Prayer

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Blessing

The Priest gives this blessing

May the joy of the angels, the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, and the peace of the Christ child be among God's gifts to you this Christmastide; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.



#### The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

On the cover: "Nativity" by Federico Barocci, 1597

# <u>Sermon Notes</u>

## Worship This Week

# **Morning Prayer**

Join us for Morning Prayer Monday through Friday at 9:00 on Zoom. The meeting ID is 467-376-574. The passcode is 774748.

# **Evening Prayer**

Join us for Evening Prayer Monday through Friday at 6:00 on Zoom. The meeting ID is 467-376-574. The passcode is 774748.

# Next Sunday - December 28th

9:00 am and 11:00 am Christmas Lessons & Carols

# **Long Term Prayer Requests**

Annley	Jennette	Noah
Babs	Jeremy	Rich
Cathy	John W.	Sabrina
Capri	Letia	Sebastian
Colleen	Linda	Teresa
Crystal	Marcie	Tom
Diana	Martha	Wally
Doris & Chuck	Maureen	Wendy
Emery	Marilyn	
Jan	Mary	

# **Educational Opportunities**

#### All classes are in recess this week

# **Upcoming Events**

Christmas Lessons & Carols - Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Join us on Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> for a special service of Christmas Lessons & Carols.

Hear the Christmas story starting in the Old Testament and culminating in the birth of our Lord and sing all of your favorite Christmas carols.

# Feast of the Epiphany Holy Eucharist - Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 pm

Our Christmas celebration concludes as we remember the coming of the Magi on the Feast of Epiphany.

Jon us on January 6th for Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm as we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world.

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Our Vision is to glorify God by being a holy and joyful family, devoted to growing in Christ and sharing his message of salvation. Our Mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by boldly following where the Lord leads us in worship, fellowship, teaching, healing, and serving the needs of others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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