

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY EUCHARIST

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023
9 AM**

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Let us stand together and welcome the Christ Child in worship.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Angels from the realms of glory

Hymnal 93

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant I bring you good news of great joy.
People **A Savior has been born. Alleluia!**
Celebrant Unto us a child is born.
People **Unto us a Son is given.**
Celebrant Alleluia! This is Christ the Lord.
People **We worship and adore him. Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who
announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
 for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
 has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
 and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
 with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
 shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
 the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
 and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4

Lector A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: The first Nowell the angel did say

Hymnal 109

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Imogen Rhodenhiser

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Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 383

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Altar Flowers

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: Of the Father's love begotten

Hymnal 82

PRESENTATION HYMN: What child is this, who, laid to rest (verse 3)

Hymnal 115

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

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 thank to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant ... Let 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:

SANCTUS: Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 125

**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.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on page 368 in the Book of Common Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

INVITATION AND 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

Hymnal 101

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Hymnal 81

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Celebrant 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.**

CLOSING HYMN: Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hymnal 107

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Serving Today

Usher Christie Barbee

Lector & Chalcist Richard Netherby

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You always are most welcome here at
The Church of the Good Shepherd,
and we look forward to worshipping with you
in the New Year!

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 AM Adult Formation

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II & Children's Chapel

11:30 AM Fellowship Time

5:30 PM Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

EPISCOPALS - FAITH AND FUN THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Starting in January 2024, we are re-launching EpiscoPals—a monthly gathering centered around food, fun, and growing in the faith for kids (infants through 5th grade) and their families. The first Sunday of every month, families are invited to stay after the 10:15 service, grab a bite to eat at the Beyond Our Doors Community Lunch, and participate in games, crafts, service projects, and opportunities to connect with other families at The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Coming up on **January 7** is our Chili Cookoff and Epiphany Party! We'll have delicious chilis, as well as crowns to create, crafts to decorate, and an Epiphany Photobooth with Magi costumes (beards optional).

Contact Rev. Andrew (andrew.phillips@cgs-raleigh.org) for more information

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