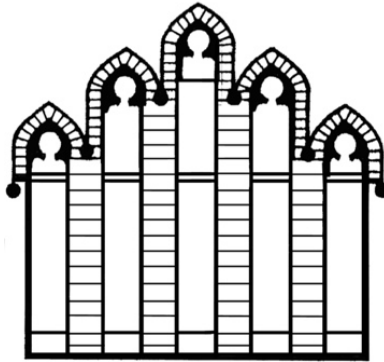


THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

# WORSHIP

DECEMBER 31, 2023  
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*Please join in singing.*

**HYMN 93** *(The Hymnal 1982 Words: James Montgomery Music: Regent Square, Henry Thomas Smart)*

Angels, from the realms of glory



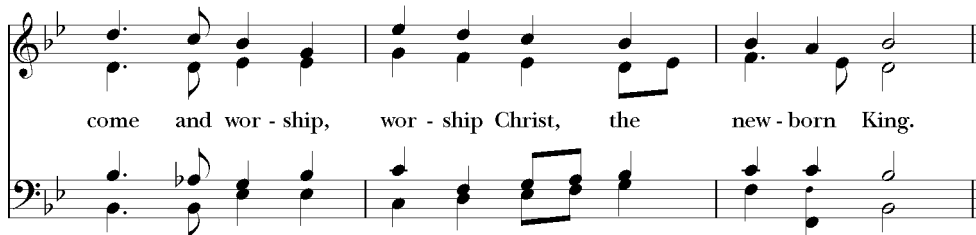
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



*Refrain*  
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal star:  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**    (*Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 50*)

*Celebrant*    Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*        **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**    (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*)

*All*            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.

*Please join in proclaiming.*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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 Creator,  
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 God:  
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 Creator. Amen.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**    (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 213*)

*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.

*All*            **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## FIRST LESSON

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (61:10-62:3)

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*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*We will say the appointed Psalm antiphonally by half verse.*

**PSALM 147:13-21**    *(St. Helena Psalter)*

Jerusalem will worship you, O God, \*  
**and Zion will praise your name.**

For you have strengthened the bars of our gates \*  
**and have blest our children within them.**

You have established peace on our borders \*  
**and satisfied us with the finest wheat.**

You send out your command to the earth, \*  
**and your word runs very swiftly.**

You give snow like wool \*  
**and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.**

You scatter your hail like bread crumbs; \*  
**who can stand against your cold?**

You send forth your word and melt them; \*  
**you blow with the wind, and the waters flow.**

You declare your word to Jacob, \*  
**your statutes and judgments to Israel.**

You have not done so to any other nation; \*  
**to them you have not revealed your judgments. Alleluia!**

**SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the Epistle to the 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.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

We will sing verse 1 before the Gospel, and verse 2 after the Gospel. Please stand as you are able and join in singing.

# **HYMN 24** (Lift Every Voice & Sing Words: Traditional Music: Negro spiritual)

There's a star in the East

*Unison*

1. There's a star in the east on—— Christ - mas morn,  
 2. If you take good—— heed to the an - gel's words,

1. Rise up shep-herd and fol-low,—— It will lead to the place where the  
 2. Rise up shep-herd and fol-low,—— You'll for - get your flocks, you'll for-

1. Christ was born,—— Rise up shep-herd and fol - low.——  
 2. get your herds,—— Rise up shep-herd and fol - low.——

*Harmony*

Fol - low, fol - low, Rise up shep-herd and fol - low,——

Fol - low the Star of Beth - le - hem,—— Rise up shep-herd and fol-low.——

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Gospeler*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1-18)

*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. (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.

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**      *Pastor Tristan Shin*



*Please stand as you are able.*

**THE NICENE CREED** *(Enriching Our Worship 1, p. 53)*

*Celebrant* Standing together with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today, let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

*All* **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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Adapted from Sundays and Seasons, Year B)*

*Celebrant* In Christ God's Word has become flesh dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. Let us pray to the true light which enlightens the world, that from the fullness of God all creation may receive grace upon grace, saying: What has come into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people.

*Leader* Clothe your Church with the garments of salvation and cover her with robes of righteousness, O Gracious One, that we may be your witnesses to testify to the light. *Silence.*

*People* What has come into being in Christ was life,  
**and the life was the light of all people.**

*Leader* Inspire the leaders of our nation and all in authority in the ways of grace and truth, that we may no longer be a people enslaved under the law but may know ourselves to be heirs, adopted as God's children. *Silence.*

*People* What has come into being in Christ was life,  
**and the life was the light of all people.**

*Leader* Be our light in the darkness for all the world, that the fullness of your heart may be made known for the healing of the earth. *Silence.*

*People* What has come into being in Christ was life,  
**and the life was the light of all people.**

*Leader* Live among us, O Word made flesh, and reconcile this community to your light. *Silence.*

*People* What has come into being in Christ was life,  
**and the life was the light of all people.**

*Leader* May your people be a crown of beauty and a royal diadem in your hand, as we pray in faith especially for *[insert prayer list]*. *Silence.*

*People* What has come into being in Christ was life,  
**and the life was the light of all people.**

*Leader* Hear our gratitude for your glory manifest among us, and receive those who have died as heirs of eternal life. *Silence.*

*People* What has come into being in Christ was life,  
**and the life was the light of all people.**

*Celebrant* Loving and gracious Creator, from the beginning you have brightened our darkness with the light of your life: Let your vindication shine out like the dawn, and your salvation like a burning torch, that your Word made flesh may bring grace upon grace to all the earth, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**    (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*)

*Celebrant*    Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel as you are able. Silence will be kept.*

*All*            **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.**

*Celebrant*    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.

## **THE PEACE**    (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*)

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

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

*The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please remain in your pen. Zoom attendees will be unmuted at this time and after the service so we may greet one another.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## OFFERTORY

*During the offertory, a collection is gathered as we look to give back to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings in our life. As stewards of our gifts of treasure this opportunity to give back allows the church to continue its work in the world serving those in spiritual, emotional, and financial need.*

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*Please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN 99

Go tell it on the mountain

A musical score for the hymn 'Go Tell It on the Mountain'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Book of Common Prayer, Eucharistic Prayer B, 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 thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 (say) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS *(Hymnal 1982, S125 Composer: Richard Proulx)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues, you may stand or kneel*

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 God,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection  
We await his coming 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 Mary 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 God, now and for ever.

*All*    **AMEN!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**    (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 364*)

*Feel free to pray in whatever language and words that bring you closer to God.*

*Celebrant*

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

*All*

Our	Mother	who art in heaven,
	Father	
	Creator	
	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.	

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**    (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 364*)

*Celebrant*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All*

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

## **INVITATION**    (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*)

*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.  
*You will be guided when it is your turn to join the Communion line.*

*Please stand and join in singing.*

**HYMN 115** *(The Hymnal 1982 Words: William Chatterton Dix Music: Greensleeves)*

What child is this

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



*Refrain*



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 365)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Being,  
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 Celebrant offers a final blessing.*

*Please stand as you are able and join in singing.*

**HYMN 109** *(The Hymnal 1982 Words: English carol Music: The First Nowell)*

The first Nowell

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
3 And by the light of that same star  
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
4 and there it did both stop and stay  
5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
3 and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## DISMISSAL *(Book of Common Prayer p. 366)*

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

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

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