

# Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 29, 2024



*Welcome to Good Shepherd. We welcome your full participation in this service. Page numbers in this leaflet refer to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymn numbers refer to the Hymnal 1982. Hymns with LEV refer to the Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal. Numbers with an S prefix refer to the Service Music section in the front of the Hymnal.*

*Please turn off any cell phones before the beginning of the Eucharist.*

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for you are in the house of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.*

## PRAYER FOR PREPARATION OF WORSHIP

O God, your Son Jesus Christ promised to be with us whenever we gather in His name. We thank you for Good Shepherd Church and the love that holds us together. Make us eager to gather for worship. Inspire us to learn and grow spiritually, as individuals, and as a faith community. We seek knowledge of Your will for us. We pray for our strength and courage, wit and wisdom, and the humor and creativity to follow Jesus, so we can love people and change the world. Amen.

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

**AT THE PROCESSION** *Joy to the world! The Lord is come* H 100

Service Begins BCP 355

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endureth for ever.

*The following is sung, all standing*

Gloria [BCP p 356] S 280

## Collect of the Day

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.

**OLD TESTAMENT** *All sit.* **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,



- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.]
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

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

## THE NEW TESTAMENT

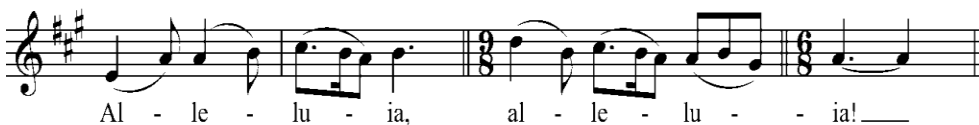
**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

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.

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

*All stand*

### Sequence    Celtic Alleluia



## THE GOSPEL

**John 1:1-18**

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

*People*

Glory be to thee, O Lord

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.

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

*Priest*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**THE SERMON**

The Rev Keith Fallis

**Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**Prayers of the People**

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as a father's only son, full of grace and truth. We are witnesses, praying, "Shine forth in our lives, O Lord. Hallelujah!"

Abba, Father, you have received us as your children. Make our hearts shine ever brighter with the pure light of Christ, that all people might witness your all-encompassing love.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

***Hallelujah!***

Almighty God, let all the nations witness your glory. Cause righteousness and praise to cover the earth.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

***Hallelujah!***

Great Lord, you are mighty in power: you graciously make the earth to burst forth with green plants; you provide food for flocks and herds; you give us the resources to thrive on this planet. May we be thankful in our hearts and generous in our lives.

*Congregations' petitions.*

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

***Hallelujah!***

O God, it is you who establishes peace. Comfort your people with safety and security; assure us that it is not by our own strength, but by your goodness, that we can rest in quiet confidence.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

***Hallelujah!***

Loving God, you are the healer of the brokenhearted; it is you who binds up their wounds; you lift up the lowly. Clothe your children with the garments of health and salvation.

*Congregations' petitions.*

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

***Hallelujah!***

O God, you sent your Son to redeem us from sin and death: draw us closer to your Son Jesus--into your heart, both now and in the life to come.

Shine forth in our lives, O Lord.

***Hallelujah!***

*Celebrant concludes with a Collect.*

**Confession of Sin**      *All kneel.*      BCP 360

**Peace**      *All stand.*      BCP 360

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

**Announcements**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

“And the Word became flesh and lives among us, and we have seen his glory.” (John)



**Offertory** *Word of God, come down on earth*

H 633

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

*During the offertory, we joyfully respond to God's gift of Jesus Christ by giving to the church for its work. To support Good Shepherd financially, please place a gift in the offering basket or scan the QR code to give any amount.*



**Great Thanksgiving**

BCP 361

**Sanctus**

[ BCP 362]

S 129

**Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

**Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Prayer of Humble Access**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, without regard to denominational affiliation. If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion and would like to receive a blessing from the priest, come forward, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing. At Good Shepherd, we offer Gluten-Free communion with a separate chalice. We also provide non-alcoholic wine.*

**Communion Hymn** *What wonderful love is this*

Hymnal 439

**Closing Prayer**

BCP 366

**Closing Hymn**    *O come, all ye faithful*

Hymnal 83

**Closing Prayer**

Grant, we beseech you, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

*Priest*    Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sun Dec 29 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day** (Candy, Shelia)

**UNITY SUNDAY**

**Volunteers**

**Greeter:** Mary Watt

**Crucifier:** Jeremy Sullivan

**Torch Bearers:**

**Eucharistic:** Bill Barnes

**Lectors:** Rynd Barnes, Gloria Wiley

**Psalms:** John Algeo

**Oblationer:** Alana Herron

9:15am Formation

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour-Join us after the service for coffee in the parish hall

*Happy Birthday Roman Shelton & Kevin Wilson*

*Happy Anniversary Jimmy & Kelley Naifeh*

Mon Dec 30 *Happy Birthday Julia Naifeh & Sam Naifeh*

Tues Dec 31 NEW YEARS EVE

Office Closed

Wed January 1, 2025 NEW YEARS DAY

Office Closed

*Happy Birthday Mary Watt*

Fri Jan 3 *Happy Anniversary David & Jamie Miles*

### **GIFTS AND MEMORIALS**

As we begin the Advent Season, flowers are not used at the altar. Poinsettias are used during the Christmas Season. If you would like to purchase, they are \$25 a piece and may also be given in memory or honor of anyone or occasion.

**ANNUAL MEETING: JANUARY 19, UNITY  
SUNDAY....GET YOUR CHILI RECIPE  
READY....ELECTION OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS &  
CONVENTION DELEGATES. NEED NOT BE PRESENT  
TO WIN.**

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- **Adult Formation:** Sunday, 9:15am
- **Holy Eucharist:** Sunday, 8am and 10:30am
- **Unity Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month