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# The Holy Name

January 1, 2023

## The Holy Eucharist

### Prelude

#### 93 Entrance Hymn

*Angels from the realms of glory*

Regent Square

*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*

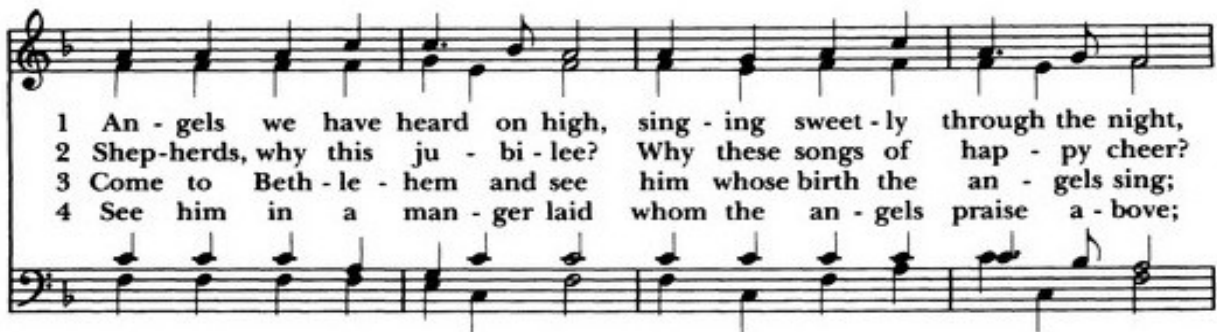
*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

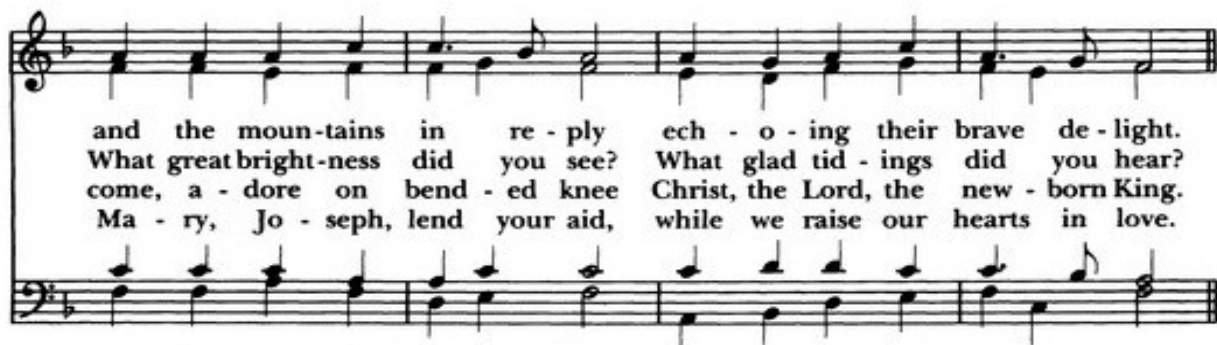
#### 96 Hymn of Praise

*Angels we have heard on high*

Gloria



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.  
 Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

77. 77 with Refrain

## The Collect

*The Celebrant says to the people* **The Lord be with you.**

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

### **The First Lesson Numbers 6:22-27**

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,  
The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

***People Thanks be to God***

### **Psalm 8 (read responsively by whole verse)**

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- <sup>2</sup> ***Out of the mouths of infants and children \****  
***your majesty is praised above the heavens.***
- <sup>3</sup> You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>4</sup> ***When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \****  
***the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,***
- <sup>5</sup> What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- <sup>6</sup> ***You have made him but little lower than the angels; \****  
***you adorn him with glory and honor;***
- <sup>7</sup> You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- <sup>8</sup> ***All sheep and oxen, \****  
***even the wild beasts of the field,***
- <sup>9</sup> The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- <sup>10</sup> ***O LORD our Governor, \****  
***how exalted is your Name in all the world!***

## **The Epistle Galatians 4:4-7**

*Lector* A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

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.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

*The people may stand.*

## **Hymn 94                      While shepherds watched their flocks by night**

Winchester Old

## **The Holy Gospel Luke 2:15-21**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*The people may stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

***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

Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially, ***John Tolbert, Rendol Cobb, Julia Credle, Peggy Parker, Rita Hoggard, Daniel Perry, Steve Wilson, Betty Hayden, Jim and Nancy Davis, Amber Dunlow, Mimi Silver, Bill Pridgen, Janet Worthington, Adrienne Vester, Raines Simonsen, and others known to us;***

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Peace

*The Celebrant says to the people:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.*** *(Please stay in your pew.)*

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory Voluntary

Hymn 101

***Away in a manger***

Cradle song

## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer C*

*In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.*

*The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**S 125 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was



betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 Breaking of the Bread** *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

### **W875 Fraction Anthem**

Choir: Be known to us Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread

**All: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Choir: The bread which we break, alleluia, Is the communion of the body of Christ.

**All: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Choir: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

**All: Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

*Facing the people, the 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.

### **Ministration of Communion**

*The bread and the wine will be offered in stations near the chancel steps. After the choir receives communion, the lectern side will receive first. Everyone should use the lectern side of the aisle going to communion; use the pulpit side of the aisle going back to your seat. We are using biodegradable cups for the wine. Please pick up your own cup, step away from the table, and then deposit the cup into the trash can located in the first pew. Please let an usher know if you prefer to have communion brought to you.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, all stand and 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.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**Hymn 99**

***Go, tell it on the mountain***

Go Tell It on The Mountain

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them*

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

### **Postlude**

### **The Ministers of the Liturgy**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Jim Horton

**Organist:** Pete Armstrong

**Lector:** Mike Spruill

**Ushers:** Free Perry, Norman Perry

**Acolyte:**

**Altar Guild:** Ed Rawls, Cham Trowell

**Hostesses:** Grace DeMajewski, Pat Ivey, Emily Wilson

**Counters:** Mike Spruill, Rosanna Rhea

**Eucharistic Minister:** Marti Tyler

### **Announcements**

**Karen Renner, our Parish Administrator**, will be out of the office from December 20 until January 5. She will return to the office on January 6.

**The Opportunity Shop** is presently open Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., and the first two Saturdays of each month, 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. ... "IF THE FLAG IS OUT, WE ARE OPEN!"

**All announcements** to be included in the weekly bulletin may be sent to CB Guess at [edenhouse3@gmail.com](mailto:edenhouse3@gmail.com) by Wednesdays at noon.

**To add or remove a name from the church's prayer list**, please email Karen Renner at [stthomaswindsor@gmail.com](mailto:stthomaswindsor@gmail.com)

