

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day Holy Eucharist: December 25, 2021

Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!

Our worship uses the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 1982 Hymnal (Hymnal), St. Peter's Songbook (SPS). If you have any questions, please ask any of our members who will be glad to help.

Children are always welcome in worship.

Prelude

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn

(Introit Chant Translation)

To us is born a child
and to us is given a son:
his dominion is on his shoulders:
and he will be called angel of great counsel.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has worked wonders.

O Come All Ye Faithful (Adeste fideles)

Hymnal 83

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

BCP pg. 355

Gloria

Hymnal S-202

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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;

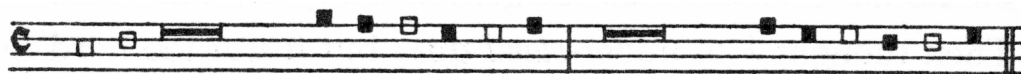
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

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.

After each reading, the Lector says "The Word of the Lord" and the People respond: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino VII.7*



1. Sing to the / Lord a new song, *
for he has done / mar-vel-ous things.
2. With his right hand / and his ho^ly-arm *
has he won for him-/self the vic^to-ry.
3. The Lord has made / known his vic^to-ry; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the / sight of^the na-tions.
4. He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to

the / house of Is[^]ra-el, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen
the / vic-to[^]ry of[^]our God.

5. Shout with joy to the / Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your / voice, re-joyce[^]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 there-in.
9. Let the riv-ers / 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 / peo-ples[^]with eq[^]ui-ty.

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4

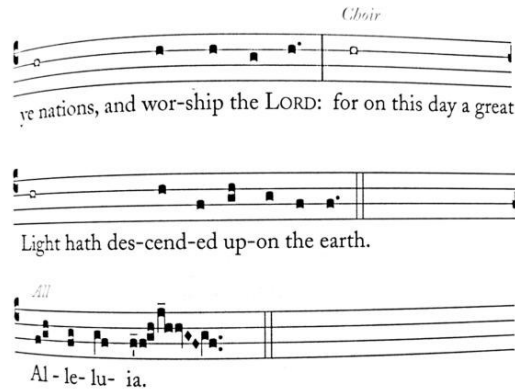
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains 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.

Alleluia

Dies sanctificatus

Cantors *All*
vj. **A**L- LE- LU- IA. Al - le- lu- ia.

Cantors
V. A hal- lowed day hath dawned upon the earth; come,



All stand for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.
 People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Gospel

John 1:1-14

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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Homily

The Reverend Derek H. Miller

Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

Prayers of the People—Form III

BCP pg. 387

Confession

BCP pg. 360

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Chant

Tui sunt cali

The musical notation is arranged in four staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantors' and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff is labeled 'Choir' and contains the melody for the third line. The fourth staff contains the melody for the fourth line. The lyrics are written below the staves.

HE hea- vens are thine, the earth also is thine; thou hast
laid the foundations of the round world, and all that
there-in is: righ-teou-ness and equity are the
ha-bi-ta-tion of thy seat.

Presentation Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 79

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP pg. 367

Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-155

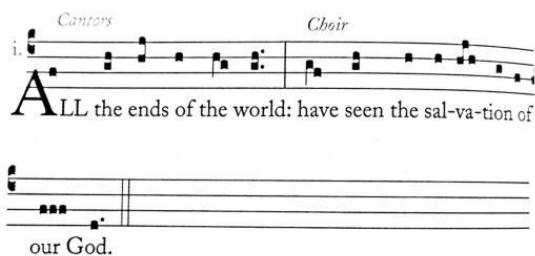
Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant and servers receive Communion as the choir comes forward to the altar rail, after which the ushers will invite the congregation forward beginning from the back of the church. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail as you are able.

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and the ministers will bring the Sacrament to you in the pew.

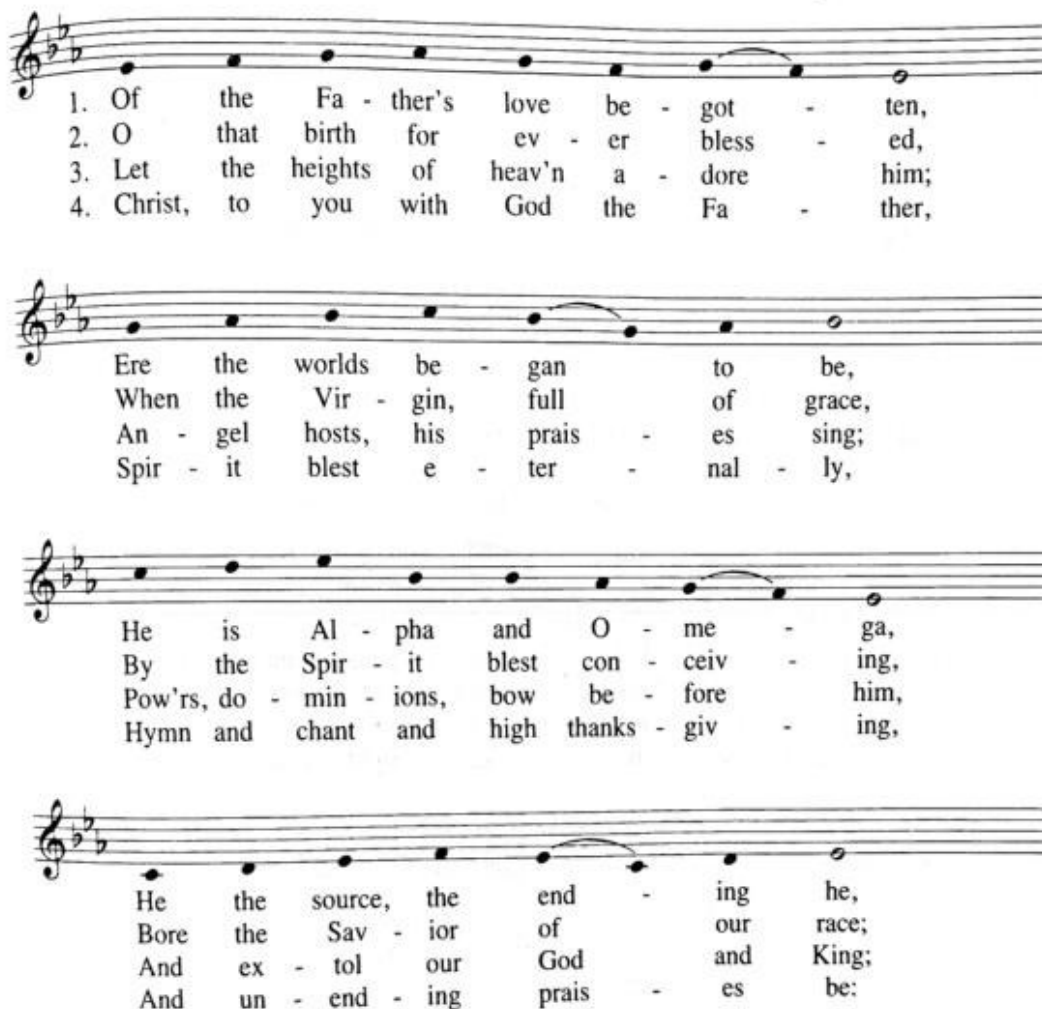
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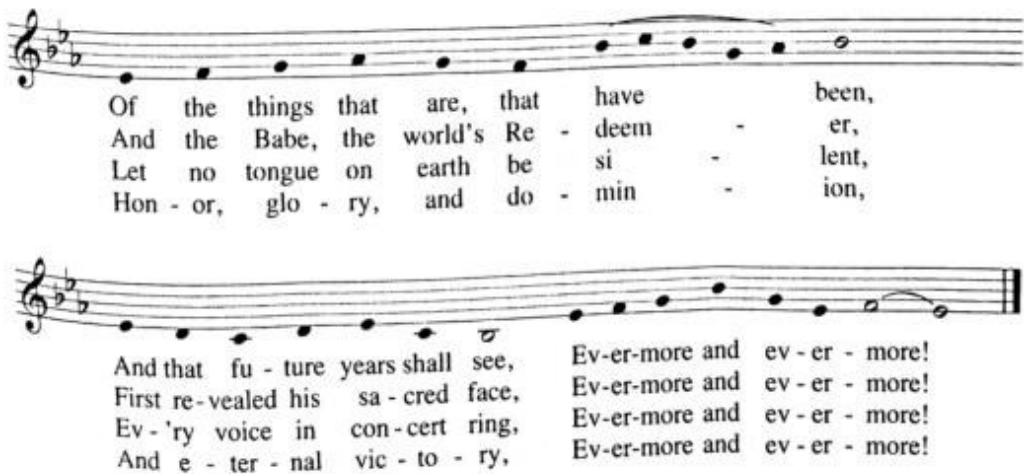
Viderunt omnes



Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten





Post-Communion Prayer

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Christmas Blessing

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.***

Recessional Hymn

Angels We have Heard on High

Hymnal 96

Dismissal

Response:

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

March (Occasional Oratorio)

George F. Handel

The clergy, vestry and members of St. Peter's Church welcome you to this most joyous celebration and wish you a very blessed Christmas and joyous New Year.

We hope you will think of St. Peter's as your spiritual home. If you are seeking a faith community, we invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of St. Peter's Church by speaking to our clergy or members, or by visiting our web site at stpetersec.org.

You can connect with us on YouTube at YouTube.com/StPetersEllicottCity, follow us on Twitter @StPetersEC, and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/StPetersEC. St. Peter's is a community rooted in Christ who welcomes all and serves the world in his name.

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Day • Saturday, December 25, 2021
10:00 AM Mass

Christmas I • Sunday, December 26, 2021
9:45 AM Lessons and Carols with Communion

Holy Name • Saturday, January 1, 2022
7:00 PM Mass

Christmas II • Sunday, January 2, 2022
9:45 AM Mass

Epiphany • Thursday, January 6, 2022
7 PM Mass

Baptism of our Lord • January 9, 2022
9:45 AM Mass

Confession of St. Peter • January 18, 2022
7 PM Mass



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