



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD:
CHRISTMAS EVE
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Entrance Hymn: *Adeste fideles*, Hymnal 83

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 *4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 *5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

The procession pauses after the 2nd verse for the Blessing of the Creche

V. Behold, the dwelling of God is with creation

R. He will dwell with us and we shall be his people

V. God himself is with us. Alleluia.

R. Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

V. Let us pray.

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

The Creche is blessed after which the procession continues.

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Celebrant

✠ Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

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.**

Hymn - *Gloria*, Hymnal 96

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

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 96 *responsively by whole verse (Lector then the Congregation)*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *bring offerings and come into his courts.**

- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Epistle: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn - Mendelssohn, Hymnal 87

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

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:

- + the Anglican Communion and the Church of Nigeria
- + the Episcopal Church
- + the Diocese of Springfield and St. Andrew's
- + the Diocese of Tabora
- + the Diocese of Peru

And 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:

- + Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury
- + Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
- + Daniel, our Retired Bishop; and Paul, our Assisting Bishop
- + Elias and Jorge, our companion bishops
- + Brian, our Bishop-Elect,
- + Ben, our priest

And 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:

- + Little Bobby, Laura, Rebecca, Elmer, Joseph, Thomas, Keith, Deborah, Kathy, Trudy, Jay, Linda, Deane, Shirley, Chris, Rhonda, Margaret, Lance, Richard, Mary Jane, JoAnn, Jane, Anita, Denny, Troy, Ben and Family, Lane, Lewis, Sue, John, Sandy, Shelby, Peter, Keith and Family, Margaret, Carl

And all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to Bill and all the departed eternal rest

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Andrew, and all 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 Confession of Sin is omitted during Christmastide.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Offertory: *Angel's Carol*, John Rutter

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367 / Hymnal S 120

The people standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, W. Mathias, Hymnal S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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. 🕯

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 Father:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in 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 the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Andrew, 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.

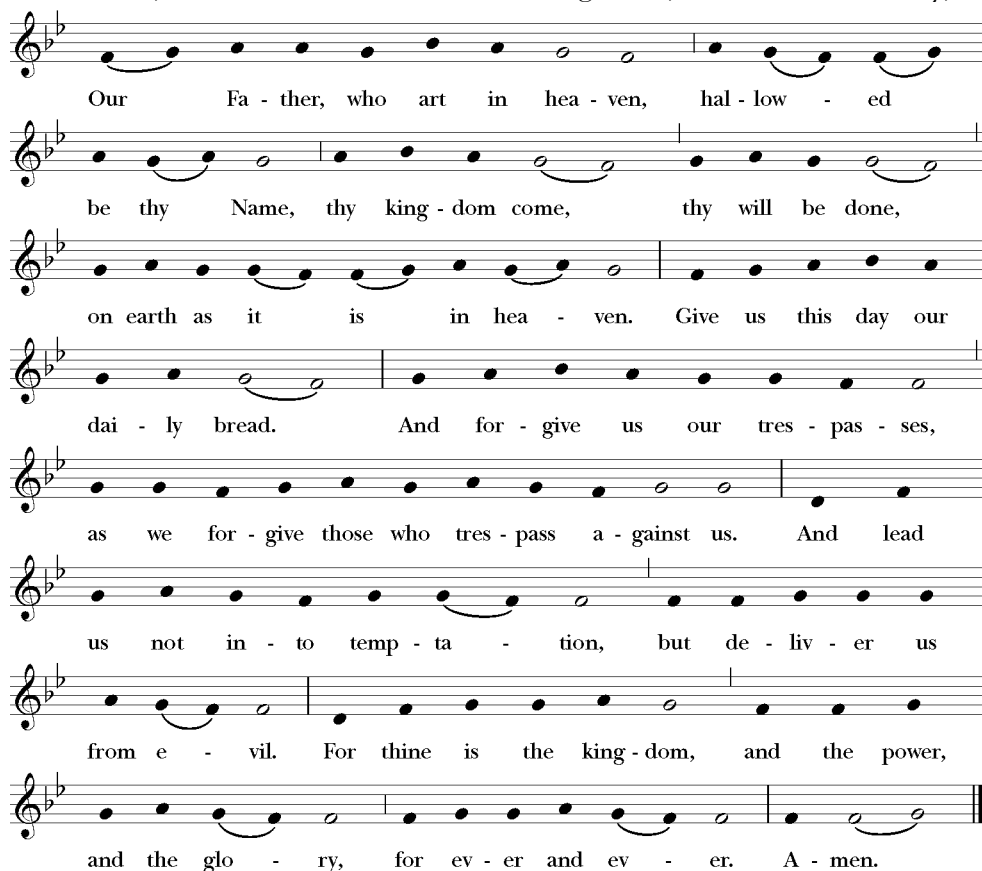
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ✠ 🔔.

People

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A-men.

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal S119)

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



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: (G. Near, S 155) - Music cannot be reproduced due to copyright.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ, our Passover is Sacrificed for us,
Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Those who wish to receive come forward to the Altar rail. The celebrant will administer both the host and the cup by intinction, distributing the Sacrament into the hand. Neither drinking nor self-intinction are permissible. Should you choose to receive only the host, indicate by crossing a single arm across your chest while extending the other to receive in the hand. As always, both arms across the chest indicates the reception of a blessing instead of Communion. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive.

[An Act of Spiritual Communion and additional prayers and devotions from the Book of Common Prayer may be found here.](#)

Please Note: On the way back from receiving Communion, the congregation is invited to light their candles, sharing the light with your neighbor after an acolytes passes the light to each side of the aisle. After Communion, the lights will be dimmed and the service conclude by candlelight. The lights will come up for the announcements and postlude. The congregation is invited to remain kneeling until the procession hymn.

Communion Hymn - *Cradle Song*, Hymnal 101



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 * 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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Communion Hymn - *Stille Nacht*, Hymnal 111

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 hea - ven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
 Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

After Communion, 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.

The people are dismissed with these words

<i>Minister</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>or this</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>or this</i>	Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
<i>or this</i>	Let us bless the Lord.

<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.
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Postcommunion Hymn - *Antioch*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24, 2021

Schedule -*The schedule for other Daily Offices is found on the website.*

Fri., 12/24	9:30 p.m.	Carol Sing
	10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
Sat., 12/25	9 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sun., 12/26	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:15 a.m.	Morning Prayer, no Church School
	10 a.m.	Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion, Coffee Hour following
Mon., 12/27	5:30 p.m.	Feast of St. Stephen
Tues., 12/28	5:30 p.m.	Feast of St. John
Wed., 12/29	5:30 p.m.	Feast of the Holy Innocents
Sun., 1/2	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:15 a.m.	Church School and Adult Forum
	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Coffee Hour following

Notices

Feast Days: The Feasts of St. Stephen, St. John, and the Holy Innocents will be celebrated with services of Holy Eucharist on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 27-29, at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Offerings: Forms for special Christmas offerings are located in the Narthex and on the table in hallway leading to Pearson Hall. Please consider a special year-end gift.

Blessed, praised, worshipped, hallowed, and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory in heaven, in the most holy Sacrament of the altar, and in the hearts of his faithful people;
✠ and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

And may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

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