

**1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 1

*This service is livestreamed to the parish FB page*

Opening Acclamation	323 (red book)
Canticle	(red book)
Collect of the Day	161 (red book)
I Reading— Isaiah 61: 10-62:3	
Psalm 147	804 (red book)
Epistle— Galatians 3: 23-25; 4:4-7	
Gospel— John 1: 1-18	
Homily	Father Joe Hannah
Nicene Creed	326 (red book)
Prayers of the People	328 (red book)
Confession of Sin	330 (red book)
The Peace	332 (red book)
Announcements	
The Great Thanksgiving	333 (red book)
Sanctus	
The Lord's Prayer	336 (red book)
Communion	
All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead please cross your arms across your chest.	
Post-Communion Prayer	339 (red book)
Blessing	
Dismissal	340 (red book)

### **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.

### **Psalm 147**

804 (red book)

### **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.

### **John 1: 1-18**

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.



**WELCOME TO GRACE**

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). We are glad that you are here with us today.

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