

**1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**DECEMBER 29, 2024**

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 1

*This service may be livestreamed*

Prelude: Organist Phill Sterling

Opening Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing 87 (blue book)

**The Word of God**

Opening Sentences, Rite 1 323 (red book)

Gloria in Excelsis 324 (red book)

Collect of the Day 1st Sunday after Christmas Day 161 (red book)

**First Lesson—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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 147 : 13-21**

- 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!

## **Second Lesson — 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

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

*People:* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

### **Gospel— 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.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily

Fr. Joe M. Hannah

Nicene Creed	327 (red book)
Prayers of the People	328 (red book)
Confession of Sin	331 (red book)
The Peace	332 (red book)
Announcements and Birthday/Anniversary Prayers	
Offertory	

### **The Holy Communion**

Preparation of the Table	<i>Organ Interlude</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer 1		333 (red book)
The Lord's Prayer		336 (red book)
At the Breaking of the Bread	<i>Alleluia Christ our Passover</i>	3154 (blue book)
Communion	Instrumental	
<i>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.</i>		
Post-Communion Prayer		339 (red book)
Blessing		
Closing Hymn Joy to the World		100 (blue book)
Dismissal		340 (red book)

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