

*Grace Episcopal
Church
Holy Eucharist*



Sundays after Christmas

*The Right Rev. Frank Logue,
11th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia*

The Rev. Kit Brinson, Rector

Mr. Mike Taylor, Musician and Choir Master

The Procession Hymn (*# found on insert*)

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**
Amen.

The Collect for Purity (*said in unison*)
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.

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (S 280)**

The Collect of the Day (*standing*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(The people are seated as readings from the Old Testament, Psalms, and New Testament are read)

The First Lesson

Reader: A reading from _____ :

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Psalm *(found on insert)*

The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from _____

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn *(standing)* *(found on insert)*

The Holy Gospel

(The people remain standing. It is customary to make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips, and heart during the Gospel announcement)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____

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

(following the reading of the Gospel)

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *(seated)* Rev. Kit Brinson *(silence follows the sermon)*

After the sermon, all stand and say

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 *(on insert)*

*God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who by their life and preaching cast into that darkness the light of God's peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive God's word, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance, especially Edgar, Sandy, Gordon, Linda, Teresa, Irene, the Greene family, Rick, Dayton, Rob, Lucie, Karen, Alyssa, Susan, Ed, Carolyn, Donna, Debra, Sally, Chris, Carly, Billie, Doti, Thomas, Barb, Teal, Lonnie, Allen, Tom, Sara, Johnny, Denny, C.J., Zachary, Lauren and Shary; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(*Silence may be kept.*)

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Announcements

The Offertory H 380, vs 3—tune: Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also 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.**

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:

The Sanctus (*S 130*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand, sit or kneel)

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 the 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

**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 Communion of God's People

Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then may be sung

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us, Alleluia, let us keep the feast.”

(Eight-fold Alleluia)

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

The Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Procession (*# found on insert*)

The Dismissal

The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God**



The Eucharist is a large part of our Sunday worship. We want everyone to feel safe in receiving the elements. We offer three choices. (1) You may come to the altar rail and kneel, receiving the wafer, then consuming the wafer and drinking from the common cup. (2) You may hand the wafer to the Eucharistic Minister and they will intinct the wafer and hand it back to us to consume. (3) Or, you can remain in your seat and Rev. Kit will come bring the wafer to your pew.

The First Sunday after Christmas 2021

Entrance Hymn *O Come, all ye faithful*

H 83

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Prophet 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. The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

**Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; * he has blessed your children
within you.
He has established peace on your borders; * he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth, * and his word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool; * he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; * who can stand against his cold?
He sends forth his word and melts them; * he blows with his wind, and the waters
flow.
He declares his word to Jacob, * his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
He has not done so to any other nation; * to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians (3:23-25, 4:4-7)

Procession Hymn *Angels from the realms of glory* **H 93**

Announcements: –

December 26th - LEM: Jim Brown, Brandy Holland Lector: Tom
Strait Intercessor: Donna Robinson Altar Guild: TBA Usher: Debra Strickland,
Gail Walker Refreshments: Team 7 (Ann Combs)

December Vestry Team – Cynthia Herrin, Rick Charlett, Mike Taylor