THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHATTANOOGA, IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

DECEMBER 25, 2022–10:30 A.M.

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a joy to welcome you to St. Peter's Church as we worship our newborn king! I pray that you find yourselves drawn into this story in a new way through our worship this morning. May you know the welcome, love, and joy of the savior in the manger — Christ, the Lord — and may you leave here renewed to seek and serve him in our world.

Merry Christmas, Fr. Quinn Parman+

Lectors: Chris Clary (OT), Rachelle Parman (NT)

Intercessor: Kim Kilgore; Livestream / Audio: John Trieber
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Kim Kilgore, Susan Self
Acolytes: Camille Clary, Melissa Clary, Riley Davis
Ushers: Fonda Harwell, Bill James

The Open Offering is for the Mission & Ministry of St. Peter's Church.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand and join in singing the hymn.

OPENNG HYMN: "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" (Hymn 93)





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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Priest 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.

THE GLORIA: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Hymn 96, v 1)



Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

77. 77 with Refrain

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray. O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son

Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

People Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON (Isaiah 52:7-10)

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please read responsively by whole verse.

THE PSALM (Psalm 98)

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1 Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.

- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, 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 therein.
- 9 Let the rivers 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 peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON (Hebrews 1:1-12)

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.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

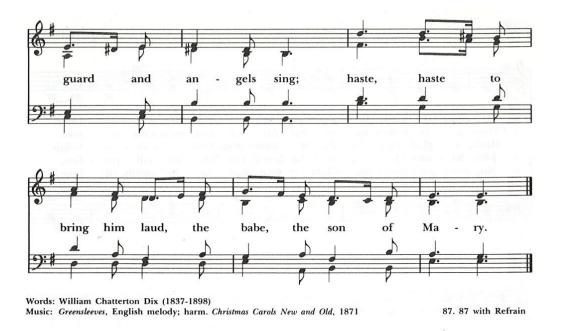
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



SEQUENCE HYMN: "What Child is This?" (Hymn 115)





THE GOSPEL (John 1:1-14)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Priest

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Quinn Parman

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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 (The people stand or kneel.)

Intercessor

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his marvelous light. Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know

you, to worship you, and to serve you.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church

to reveal the mystery of your love and fill us with the Spirit of your truth.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the

nations and bring about your kingdom of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all

your children, bless our families, and renew our communities.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through your birth, life, death,

and resurrection: by your healing power give to the departed eternal rest and

give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE BCP 360

Please stand and greet one another..

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

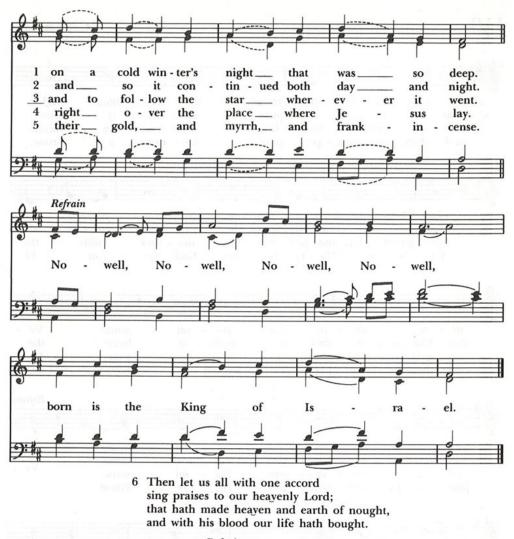
As the Eucharistic table is set, the ushers collect offerings from the congregation. If you prefer to make an online donation, please use this QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY HYMN: "The First Nowell" (Hymn 109)





Refrain

Words: English carol, 18th cent.

Music: The First Nowell, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

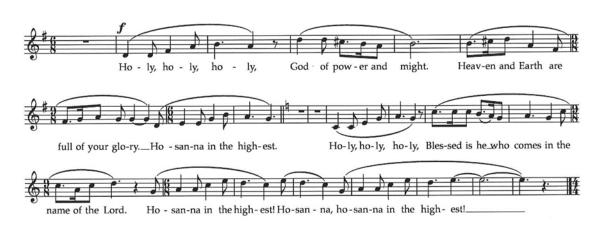
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest 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

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Priest (*The people stand 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 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.

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."

Memorial Acclamation

Priest Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Priest 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 blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, 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. Amen.

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

All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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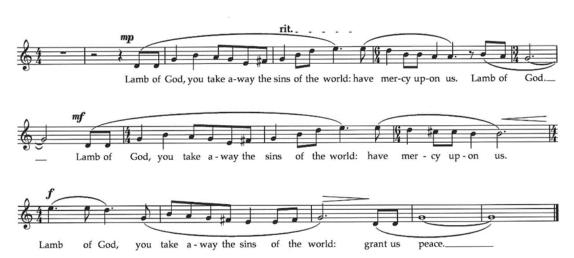
The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE AGNUS DEI

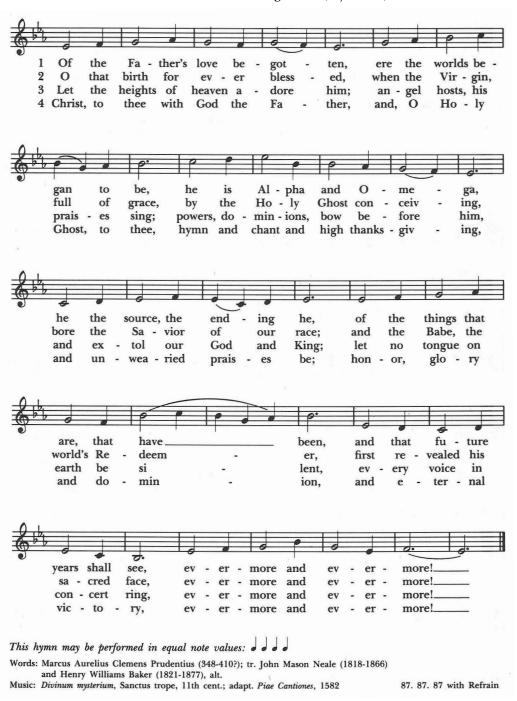
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Come up the center aisle to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive the bread and wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please let the clergy know by crossing your arms in front of you at the altar. At this time, for many people, it is safest simply to reverently acknowledge the presence of Christ in the wine, while the minister says, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

COMMUNION HYMN: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" (Hymn 82)



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All 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 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

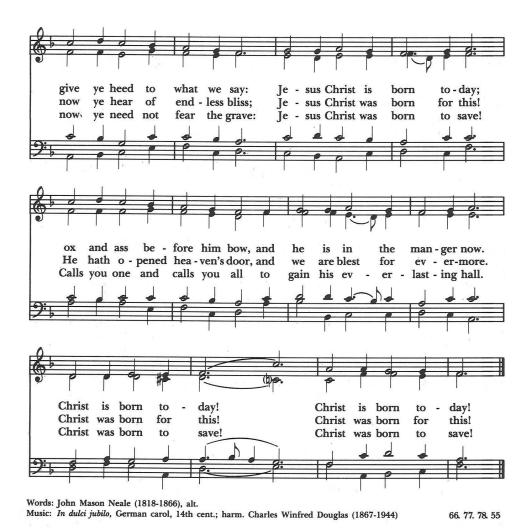
May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand.

CLOSING HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (Hymn 107)





THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

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And in Loving Memory of

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The Rev. & Mrs. Jackson Brooks by Jack Brooks
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Our parents: Jack & Mary and John & Loreen by Bob & Jacqueline Hoover

Our dear friend Alice Smith by Bob & Jacqueline Hoover Odell & Ruth Leinart by Bill James

Nancy Cope Lyons and Juliette Searcy James by Bill James Nels & Mabel Lauritsen and by William & Garnet Johnston

William Gray & Mary Russell Johnston by William & Garnet Johnston

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Our parents by William & Sarah Orman
Marie Middleton Orman by Jack Shannon Orman
John Norman Lawrence by the Parman Family
Fritz Quinn Parman III by the Parman Family
The Rev. Sam Payne by Carolyn Payne
Julia Reilly Fields by Mary Jane Reilly
Gladys Riefler by Rachel Riefler
Jack McDaniel by Rachel Riefler

Patty Colosia by Rachel Riefler

Pop & Mama Jean Riefler by Rachel Riefler

Dolores Finley by Shanda Schmitt Edgar & Evelyn Self by Susan Self

Bob Boehme, Cody & Eloise Smith, and Tom Toussaint by Josh & Cyndie Smith
The Stephens Family — Charles, Ethel, Phillip, and Chris by Betty and Janelle Thompson
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A.J. & Louisa, Bernard & Flossie, Charlie & Dot, Charlie & Marylynn, Jack & Margaret
The Rev. Hallie D. Warren, Jr.
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And in Honor of

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Carter Paden by Fonda & Patty Harwell
Nancy Cope James by Bill James
Susan Lawrence and Vicki Parman by the Parman Family
Lee & Anna Self by Susan Self
James & June Glass by Betty and Janelle Thompson
Chip & Rena Stansbury by Betty and Janelle Thompson
Sharilyn Toussaint by Josh & Cyndie Smith
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Dixie Warren

And in Thanksgiving for

Fr. Quinn Parman and the people of St. Peter's Church by Allen & Tina Chambers

Melissa, Piper, Camille, and Preston by Chris Clary

James & June Glass by Tom & Kathy Greenholtz

Riley, Melissa, Aaron, Jax, Aurora, Piper, and Lillie by Jaye & Susan Harris

Jack and Duncan by Jaye & Susan Harris

Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren by Fonda & Patty Harwell

Bill Kazmier by Fred & Joani Koch

Our children and grandchildren by William & Sarah Orman

The people of St. Peter's Episcopal Church & School by the Parman Family

St. Peter's Acolytes by Carolyn Payne

St. Peter's Lectors and Intercessors by Carolyn Payne

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Armen Epperson and Jeff & Jenny Wiberley by Spencer, Ellen, and Viola Wiberley

The wreaths in the Nave are given to the Glory of God

And in Loving Memory of

My mother, Janet Fassinger, by Susan Crawford
John William Batterham Lindsey & wife, Jimmie Lee Lindsey, by Pete & Anne Garland
Jack & Sara Payne and John & Neely Harwell by Fonda & Patty Harwell
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And in Honor of

Lois Baird by Alan Baird & Cassandra Lynch

And in Thanksgiving for

Hank and Jessie Long by Kirt & Chassie Long
Our grandchildren by Bill & Sarah Orman
My family by Jack Shannon Orman
The people of St. Peter's Church & School by the Parman Family
The St. Peter's Altar Guild and Flower Guild by Sarah Poole
Our family by Chip & Rena Stansbury

The Nativity pieces displayed at the Altar and in the Narthex are a gift to the glory of God from Jack Shannon Orman.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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January 15, 2023 get your recipes ready