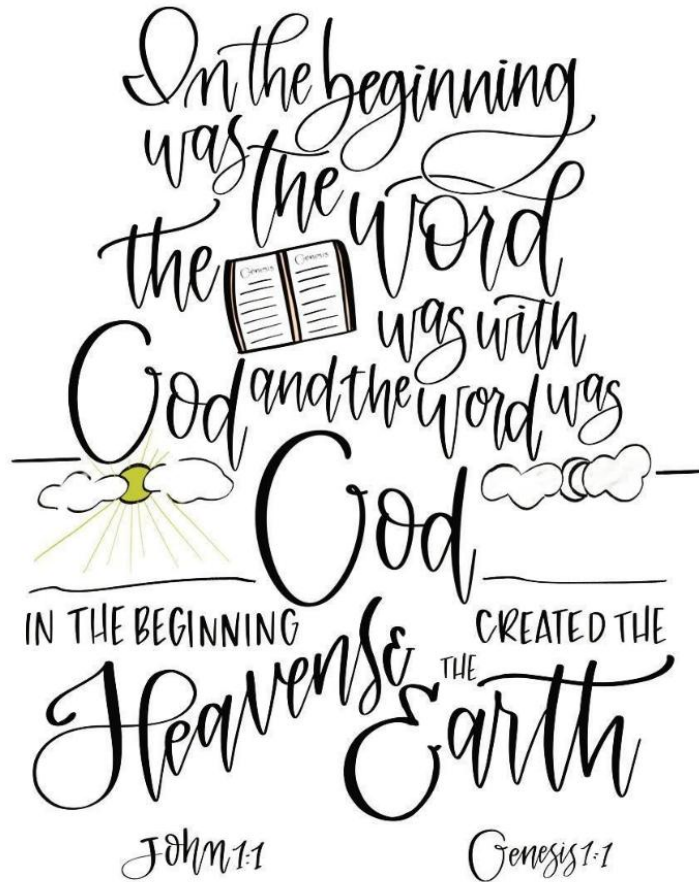


**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
December 29, 2024  
Holy Eucharist 10:15 AM



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All Saints Episcopal Church  
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Prelude

*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.  
Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Hymn #96** "Angels we have heard on high"

**Welcome**

**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**Opening Acclamation**

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**The Collect for Purity**

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**The Gloria #S278**

William Mathias

**The 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 Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

Len Ludovico

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**

***Laudate Dominum***

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!**

#### **A Reading from Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Michael Ling

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.**

**Orthodox Alleluia:**



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:1-18

**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. (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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Repeat the Alleluia**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Mary Frances Schjonberg

**Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

As we join the shepherds and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation.

By the birth of the Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For Sally our bishop and the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the giving of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to the whole human race.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For the travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

Remembering our most glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

We join in thanksgiving with those celebrating birthdays, especially Cindy McGlynn. **Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. We remember those we hold in our hearts and those on our parish prayer list especially Greta, Edward H., Jason, Florence, Barbs, Dominic, Hannah, Jen T., Sharon, Greg, Laurie, Joyce, Leslie B., Jim W., Martha H., Sarah, Laura, Alfredo, Linda R., Ian, Megan, Paula, Katherine C., Jorgy, Les, Pete, Pat, Yolande, Jen, Jim, Priscilla, Patti, Sabina, Rich and Lindsay Coda.

**Glory and praise to you, O living God.**

**Celebrant:** Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Peace and Offertory Sentence**

*Please share the peace with those in your pew and a distanced greeting with others.*

**Offertory Hymn #107** "Good Christian friends rejoice"

### **The Doxology**

**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 HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**Sanctus: #S125**

Richard Proulx

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Fraction: #S164**

Richard Proulx

## The Communion of the People



*All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar for Communion, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. Those who desire to receive the wine may do so by sipping from the chalice or intinction, which is to dip the host into the consecrated wine. To drink from the chalice please hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips. It is available to all but required of none.*

### Communion Hymn #115 “What Child is this?”

Hymn: #109 “The first Nowell”

### The Post-Communion Prayer

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### The Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

### Announcements

Closing Hymn: #87 “Hark the herald Angels sing”

### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

### Postlude



The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

### Service Participants

Celebrant

and Preacher: The Reverend Mary Frances Schjonberg

Verger: Clayton Smith

Usher: Mark Durham

Lectors: Len Ludovico, Michael Ling

Eucharistic

Ministers: Edwin Griffin, Clayton Smith, Francine Ling

Organist: Barbara Klemp

Altar Guild: Janice Kiefer, Ada Draesel, Lois Eberhart

Hospitality: Kathy and Derry McLeer