

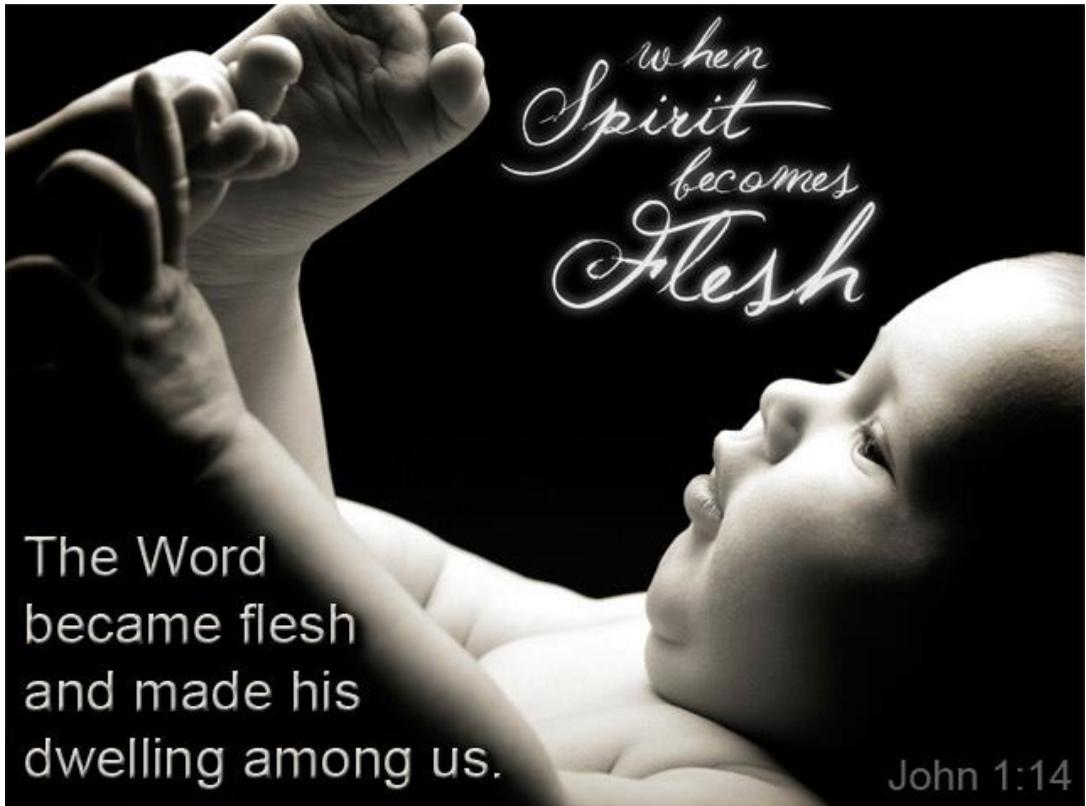
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MISSION STATEMENT

*Zion is a Christian family called to provide fellowship and joy  
through our service with and to the community.*

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Welcome to historic  
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**Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during  
worship**

**We are delighted that you chose Zion as your place of worship today.**

Small children are most welcome during the service. Really! That's right. We believe their voices and natural motion are gifts of life from God to be celebrated by all. However, should you choose, there is a small play area in the middle pew section of the church, and a big rocking chair located in the vestibule if you need some quiet time.

**All Baptized persons** are invited to come to the Altar and please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar; then all will be given instructions from Fr. Heidt on how to receive the Bread & Wine.

The hymns and service music for the service is in the 1982 hymnal provided in each pew. **This service bulletin** contains the readings of the day, as well as listed announcements and activities happening at Zion as we continue to re-gather. Please take this bulletin home with you. **Coffee Hour is temporarily suspended and, for everyone's safety, we ask that you please leave the church immediately after the service.**

If you would like to know more about us or would like to become a member, please request a **welcome sheet** from any usher before you leave and you can place it in the collection plate. Also regular parishioners: please use the welcome sheet to update your own information with the church.

**Please Disinfect Slip-**You will notice in your bulletin we have placed a "Please Disinfect" slip; please place this slip in the pew in which you are sitting. This lets our sexton Chris Klara know where to concentrate his cleaning duties.

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day  
Sunday, January 2, 2022

**9 AM-Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

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All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.

*All hymns can be sung by congregation.*

😊MASKS PLEASE😊

**Prelude:** Joseph Is A Good Husband

*Claude Balbastre (1729-1799)*

Processional Hymn: **109** The First Noel

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*The people standing, the Celebrant sings*

**S 76** - The Holy Eucharist Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

*The Celebrant may say :*

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.**

**Gloria**

*Carol Stack*

*Celebrant and people together:*

**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.**

## **The Collect**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## **The Lessons**

The First Lesson -**Jeremiah 31: 7-14**

*Reader:* The First Lesson is a reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Samuel

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

[9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!]

The Second Lesson: **Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19a**

*Reader:* The Second lesson is a reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is

the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel: John 1: (1-9), 10-18**

*Please Stand*

*Celebrant:* 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. (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.**

**The Sermon**

*Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest*

Second Sunday after Christmas, Year C      January 2, 2022      (John 1: 1 - 18)

In the Name of the Living God:    Father, Son and Holy Spirit.    Amen.

In the illustration of the gospel message today, we are going to do something a little different.

And we are going to ask \_\_\_\_\_ to tell us something about

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Excellent. Thank you.

And, by now, you may wonder what all this has to do with the gospel message this morning.

There was the initial nervousness to be expected upon addressing a crowd through public speaking....but did you notice the joy, the pleasure in the voice and the demeanor? Did you catch the eagerness to tell that story?

Why is that?

I think it is a most natural instinct of our species, something that is born and contained within us.

As a species, need to communicate with each other...with good news or bad.

When someone you really do not know comes up to you in passing and says, matter of factly, "Hi, how are you?"....are not there times when you wish that they really and truly meant, in the heart of hearts, to hear your story as to how you are? You expect that from your loved ones, your family, your neighbors, your co-workers, your fellow parishioners...when they ask, "How are you?", you are more inclined to think that they really want to know, and so you spend a few opening sentences into conversation about....how you are. And, in return, you ask...in a relatively genuine way...how they are, expecting to take some time, in genuine concern, to have that return discussion.

Why? Because, again, innate within us in the DNA of our species, we look forward to communication with each other. And, more importantly, we do that in the framework of relationship.

Relationship.

If we have a relationship with our listener, we have a real conversation. One with meaning and substance, even though it may be brief. If we do NOT have a meaningful relationship with our listener, then...well...we go through the motions of answering the “how are you?” with an answer of “ok”, or “not too bad”, and let it go at that...because, outside of a real relationship, we do not expect anything more.

Does any of that make sense in your life experience?

Sure it does. And we long for those occasions when we can give and take our personal stories with someone who cares to be part of it...just like the tellers this morning. Sure, they get excited and delighted to tell their story because it means so much, and their lives and hearts are bound up with what was shared.

But they are also excited and delighted because of a real expectation that we, as a parish, care to hear about it all. In a sub-conscious way, they are excited and delighted because we, as the hearers of this story, have crossed that line...and are in a substantive relationship with them.

Is any of this a surprise this morning?

We are constantly reminded...and reminding...that as humans, and as Christians, we are made in the very image of God. So much of what we know as good, in ourselves and in the world around us, helps us...or should help us to understand who God is, and what God wants for us. Today’s gospel message from St. John can come to us with far greater understanding and clarity if we look at the world around us...and see and hear it in something as simple as the sharing with us this morning.

Let us listen once more to the words of this beloved carol: “What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?”

That is the question, alright...what child IS this? What do we know about this baby Jesus, born so long ago in the little village of Bethlehem? And what difference does it make to us today? Mark’s gospel says nothing about the birth of Jesus, and the birth narratives found in Matthew and Luke tell us little about the child himself. If you want to get the big picture, the best place to look is in the prologue to the Gospel of John. Right from the get go, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1) Long before the child we now know as Jesus of Nazareth came into this world, he lived in perfect union with God. We continue to celebrate his birth from just a few days ago...here he is, yet another baby. But John’s gospel tells us that he was with God; he was God...a mystery we cannot explain, except to say that it was through him that the universe, as we know it, was created. When it comes to the birth of Jesus,

it is putting it mildly to say he was no ordinary child. He was unique and unlike any other child who came before him or who has come into the world since.

For John, Jesus did not just start at Christmas. Jesus has always been. "In the beginning..." before there were houses, or roads, before there even was a Bethlehem, Jesus was with God. In fact, he was the Living Word of God, and he helped create the world...in the beginning...before anything else existed.

What does this mean? Why, we wonder?

No one really knows. But my spirit is comfortable with an understanding built around the Trinity, around an understanding within the experience that we shared this morning. Let us try it in this way.

God has a story to tell. It is the story of creation, the story of life, the story of all things...then, and now, and forever to come. It is a story that exceeds all time, and space...and it is both as old and as new as possible, both at the same time.

And we exist for one reason....and that is so that God can have more than a "Hi, How are you?" relationship with us. It is so that we can hear that story...as it was, and is, and will ever be told. But God wants....and needs...for someone to hear this story who cares about it.

And it is through Jesus that the story was told...is being told...and will ever be told. This gospel tells us that this little baby Jesus, born and lying in the manger, has an inside on God's story. That it is Jesus within whom the very spirit of God rests and lives in human form. And, that if it were not for Jesus, the story of God would not exist, let alone be able to be told and shared.

This gospel tells us that, if not for Jesus, you and I would not have more than a "Hi, How are you?" connection with God. Imagine not feeling or knowing the emotions, and revelations, and sharing of mutual love heard in the story this morning. Imagine missing all that because you or I did not have the connection upon which to experience that story in a way as our own.

So it is on a far, far greater scale with God. Without Jesus in being the Word, the conveyor of God's story, the interpreter for us, we would not be able to hear, and understand, and live into the story of God...that we would not find the delight, and interest, and insight into that story. And the neat thing, of course, is that we did not have to do anything for this....God made the connection for us. All we have to do is figure it out....make the decision that it is important for us to acknowledge the gift of this Word from God, and to then listen to and follow the story of God along the span of our own lives.

This is how John tells it. Jesus came to the world and love people into the Family of God. And all who follow him, all who believe in him are no longer strangers to God, they are children of God.

And now, let us continue our celebration of Christmas, the nativity of our Lord, and let us look forward to a new year, and a time for new beginnings...because God is impatient and eager for us to hear, and enjoy, and live into God's continuing story....all through the loving Trinity known to us as the Father, and as the Son, and as the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **The Nicene Creed**

*Celebrant and people:*

**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 in the Season of Christmas**

*Leader:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord Father, your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

*Leader:* There was no room for your Son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home, all who live in poverty, and all throughout the world who only know want. Holy God,

*People: **Hear our prayer.***

*Leader:* Mary, in the pain of labor, brought your Son to birth. Hold in your hand those on our prayer list, namely,

Aileen & Wheeler	Chris	David Dutcher
Pat & Peg Corbett	Kurt, Ronna, & Ron	Anne Staple
Sharon Parsons	Catherine Zbiegien	Remington DeBois
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Katie Evans DuBois
Shirley Reali	Janice McNaughton	John & Linda Hunter
Charles O'Neill	Janet Renzi	Georgia Northup
Barbara	Blaze	Lee Northup
Charlotte Rice	Shelly Land	David Land
Chrissy O'Connor	Julie Pangborne	Dave Pangborne
Fusco Family	Dr. Jessica	Cook Family
Reali Family	Wuthrich Family	Marion Sweet
Jim Hoffman	Sara Ennis	Harriet Brennan

as well as those unnamed who are known to you alone in pain or distress. Holy God,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world. Holy God,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in all the world. Holy God,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption. Holy God,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Strangers found the Holy Family, and saw the baby lying in the manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. [remembering especially...] Holy God,

*People: Hear our prayer*

*Leader:* Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth. Open our hearts that he may be born in us today. Holy God,

*People: Hear our prayer.*

*Leader:* Father, angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People: Amen .*

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today:** In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Masimango Katanda. and in The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez.

**For our companion Diocese El Salvador:** We pray for the people of La Divina Providencia, El Maizal, Sonsonate, and their priest, the Rev. Juan Pablo Alvarado.

**In our Diocese of Central New York;** we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals. We also pray for the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Camden and their priest, the Rev. Linda Logan, and the people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Camillus and their priest, the Rev. Jon White. We pray to you, Loving God, for all who are impacted, here and abroad, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus pandemic, and we especially pray for our families, our friends, our loved ones, our communities, and your church.

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant and People together:*

**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 Peace**

*The Celebrant uses this or another authorized absolution*

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***

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

## **The Offertory**

Offertory Hymn: **107** Good Christian friends, rejoice

*Celebrant and People together:* **All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Invitation**

*ALL persons, baptized at any place and of any age, are encouraged and welcomed to receive and share in the communion of Christ's sacramental Body and Blood from God's holy table in this place.*

*The Bread and Wine will now be served from the Altar rail; so, when invited, please come up to the Altar (if you are physically and comfortably able to do so) and take a plastic cup from either side. Then proceed to the Altar where the priest will give you the wafer (**gluten-free available**). Then the Acolyte will pour some wine into the plastic cup. You take both wafer and cup back to the pew when we will All consume together. If unable to come to the Altar rail, let an usher know and you will be served while seated in the pew.*

*In place of Communion, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail.*

*The Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Christmas**

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and together sing the **Sursum Corda***

***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.***

*The Celebrant proceeds-*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed*

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:

**SANCTUS-130** (*Celebrant & People Together*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. (X2)**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (X2)**

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

**Hosanna in the highest. (X2)**

Worship and praise belong to you, Holy God, our Source and Ending, Alpha and Omega. You have called all creation into being, setting the earth on its foundations. You have spread out the heavens like a curtain, filling the earth with goodness.

As a mother gathers her children, so you gather your people, to teach us the way of compassion and love. You sent Christ your son to dwell among us, by the message of an angel, to be born of the Virgin Mary. You send your Holy Spirit to draw us into deeper faith, to inspire us to greater works, and to sustain us in our calling.

In these latter days, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by Jesus the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our brother Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a helpless babe, cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath – human, as we are, in need of human love.

Kings bowed down before him, bringing gifts, and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. This Word of God was made flesh and dwelt among us, and his flesh and blood were given to us, in his final gift of grace.

As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen Anointed One is enthroned at God's right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, Take, eat. This is my Body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.'

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, we who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage, in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer** (Kneel or stand)

*Celebrant and People together:*

**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**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast; Alleluia**

*Celebrant:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen**

### **The Post-Communion Prayer** (Kneel or stand)

*Celebrant and People together:*

**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 for ever. Amen**

### **The Blessing**

Recessional Hymn: **105** God rest you merry, gentlemen

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Postlude:** Voluntary on Two Carols

*David Kidwell (b.1968)*

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Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest  
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director  
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**For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries:** especially: Eric Deeley

**The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon**

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AA: AA Room**

M-F 7 & 9 AM

M-F:12-1PM

Sat: 12pm; District - 1st Sat. of the month: 6pm

Sun: 12pm

**NA: NA Room**

Mon. 7 PM

Fri. 7 PM

Sat. 11:30 AM

**\*\*\* 2022 Pledge Envelopes \*\*\***

We have not received the 2022 pledge envelopes yet. In the meantime, we have generic envelopes at the back entrance and in Clarke Hall that you can take and use for the month of January. Please make sure you put your name on the envelope since there is no number associated with them. Anyone on Zoom needing envelopes, please email or call the church and we'll coordinate a pick-up time for you. If you truly can't get here to pick them up, then please let us know and we'll mail them out.

**THIS SUNDAY:** The Second Sunday after Christmas Day  
**January 2, 2022 -9AM - Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom**

**Priest:**

Fr. Jim Heidt

**Chalice/Acolyte**

Annette Clark-Hani

**Lay Readers**

Sandra Piñeiro

**Altar Guild**

Jane Padrón/Michelle Luvisi

**Church Opener**

Willie Talmadge



**NEXT SUNDAY:** The First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
**The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**January 9, 2022 -9AM - *Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom***

<b>Priest:</b>	Fr. Jim Heidt
<b>Chalice/Acolyte</b>	Wayne Osborne
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Meribeth Seaman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Harriet Brennan/Grace Millington
<b>Church Opener</b>	Willie Talmadge



**CHRISTMAS 2021  
FLOWERS, GREENS AND GIFTS**

<u>Given by</u>	<u>To the glory of God and In Loving Memory Of</u>
Muriel & Gary Boulerice	Donald & Irene Stratton, & Evelyn D. Boulerice
Harriet Brennan	Thomas J. Brennan
Annette Clark-Hani	Nancy Adamo, Henry J. Clark
Peg & Pat Corbett	Lester & Pauline Robinson, Richard & Helen Robinson, Joseph Corbett, Jennifer Corbett Alfred & Betty Fitting, Jane Dole, Ronald Cardwell
Elizabeth Crouch	Emerson H. Crouch, Shirley Smith, Frank Smith, Nan Williams
Shirley Early	Catherine Early, Jack Early, & E. Babcock Family, Marian Le Munyan
Fr. Heidt & Meribeth Seaman	Herbert & Dorothy Heidt, Rev. Edwin & Helen Seaman
Sandie Latimer, Ed Latimer	Doris & Al Latimer, Edith Lucios Wightman, Margaret & Al Latimer, Marge Latimer, Margaret Latimer
Brenda & Cindy Outwater	Claude & Virginia Outwater Rose & Dominick DeProspero
Ann Gambier	Sam Hall
John & Joyce McMinn	Ellen McMinn, Ken McMinn & James Ferguson
Janice E. McNaughton	Leon & Diana Pecon, Rob McNaughton
Grace Millington	Wynyard "Kirk" Millington, Delcine Washington

Jane & Angel Padron	Colombina Padron, Charlene & Willis Bienvenue
Sharon Parsons & Family	Jack Parsons, Stephen Parsons, Betty & Donald Wells
Mike & Tina Rescigno	Henry & Grace Schadel Sr., Henry & Frances Schadel Jr, George & Grace Schadel, Joseph & Anna Nubile, Kathy & John Marks, Eugene Maggio, Peter Fiordelisi, Patricia Rescigno, Joseph Rescigno, Ralph Rescigno, Mike Neri
Georgia Northup	Dick Northup, Marion & Ken Smith
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Marion Sweet	Gerald Sweet
Donald Washburn	Warren & Barbara Washburn
Bruce & Geri Watson	Joseph & Josephine Straub, Ray & Mary Watson
<b>For those Zion members who have died this past year</b>	Pat Hoffman, Annie Seymour, Rudy Reali