

**HYMN H-99**

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**The Gospel:** John 1:1-14

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.  
 People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Stephen Secaur

The people stand to 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 people are led in

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, BCP FORM III**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katherine our presiding bishop, for Mark our Bishop, for Steve and Caroline our priests and Lydia our Deacon and for all the clergy and people.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm:** Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

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

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

The Lord has made known his victory;  
 his righteousness has he openly shown in  
 the sight of the nations.

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.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
 lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
 with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
 shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
 the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
 and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
 when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world  
 and the peoples with equity.

**The Epistle:** 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

The people stand for the singing of the Sequence Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Verses 1 and 2 are sung before the reading and verse 3 is sung after.

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

Christmas Day  
 25 December 2014 at 10:30 am  
 HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

**THE PEOPLE GATHER**

This service is based on the Order for Holy Eucharist: Rite Two found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Two found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. It is customary for the people to prepare for worship in quiet and prayer.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

The people stand to sing

**HYMN H-93** Angels, from the realms of glory Regent Square

**ACCLAMATION**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
 People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

**HYMN H-96** Angels we have heard on high Gloria

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
 People And also with you.  
 Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

The people sit for

**The First Reading:** 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

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.  
 Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
 That our works may find favor in your sight.  
 Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
 That they may be delivered from their distress.  
 Give to the departed eternal rest;  
 Let light perpetual shine upon them.  
 We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
 May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.  
 The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

**THE PEACE**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
 People And also with you.  
 All greet one another in the name of Christ.

**ALTAR PREPARATION**

The congregation is invited to join in singing

**HYMN H-112** In the bleak mid winter Cranham

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY**

The people stand to sing

**At the Presentation:** The Doxology (Hymn 380, verse 3) Old 100<sup>th</sup>

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer B S120

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
 People And also with you.  
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.  
 People We lift them up 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord Sanctus S130**

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and people  
 We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph her spouse, Blessed Bartholomew, 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.**

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

Celebrant and people

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**

**Fraction Anthem** Christ our Passover S154

Celebrant 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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

All baptized people—whether Episcopalian or not—are welcome to join in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation. If you wish to receive a healing blessing from the Celebrant, when you come to the rail for Communion, fold your hands in prayer.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**H-83** O come, all ye faithful Adeste fideles

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant 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 for ever. Amen.

Candles are lit at the end of each pew. The people then light the candle of the next person in the pew until all the candles are lighted.

**THE 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.

The people stand to sing

**HYMN H-100** Joy to the world Antioch

**THE DISMISSAL**

The Celebrant dismisses the people, and the people respond

People Thanks be to God.

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