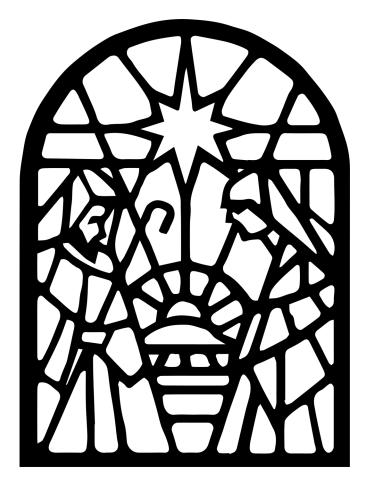
# First Sunday After Christmas



December 28, 2025 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

# Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude "O come, all ye faithful"

The People stand as they are able.

### **Entrance Hymn** 87 "Hark! The herald angels sing"



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# **Opening Acclamation**

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

All say this Hymn of Praise

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 of the Day

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

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.** 

#### The Lessons

The People sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:10--62:3

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**The Response** Psalm 147:13-21 Laudate Dominum

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Recited in unison

13Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \* praise your God, O Zion;

<sup>14</sup>For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \* he has blessed your children within you.

<sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your borders; \* he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>16</sup>He sends out his command to the earth, \* and his word runs very swiftly.

<sup>17</sup>He gives snow like wool; \*
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*

who can stand against his cold?

<sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word and melts them; \* he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

<sup>20</sup>He declares his word to Jacob, \*
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

<sup>21</sup>He has not done so to any other nation; \* to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

**The Second Lesson** Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lector A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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.

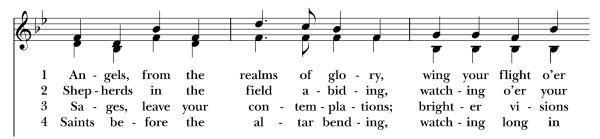
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

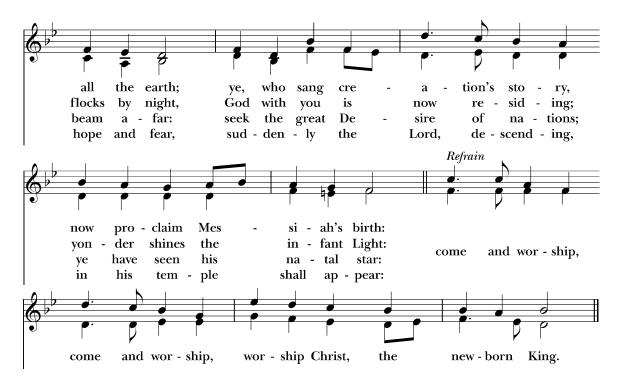
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept for reflection. Then, all stand as they are able for the reading of the Gospel.

## Sequence Hymn 93 "Angels, from the realms of glory"





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The Gospel John 1:1-18

Cleric The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Cleric 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.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. Matthew Roney

Silence is kept for reflection, after which the People are bid to stand as they are able.

#### The Nicene Creed

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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. Iesus 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

Leader God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us.

God of love, **Hear our prayer.** 

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them.

God of love,

Remembering especially Janice, Hazel, Sid, Ken, Marley, Julian, Tim, Joan, John, Reed, Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Matthew, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Carol, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Becky & Dante,

Hear our prayer.

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this land. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Inspire with your wisdom those in authority among us, the leaders of the nations and all whose decisions affect the lives of others.

God of love, **Hear our prayer.** 

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world. We thank you for all who serve Christ and God's kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your grace.

God of love, **Hear our prayer.** 

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, especially Carol, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

God of love

Hear our prayer.

Silence

Merciful God you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

Grant that which we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

The Deacon, or a Priest, says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for recollection of sins. Then, all say

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 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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

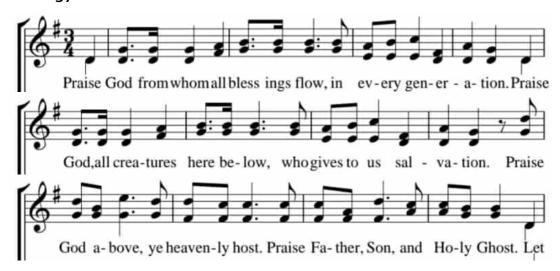
The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

After the Peace, the People may be seated for announcements and the offering.

# Offertory

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

### Doxology





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#### The Great Thanksgiving

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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 God thanks and praise.

Priest It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

#### Priest and People

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 or kneel. The Priest continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you,

our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Priest and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

#### The Priest continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

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

#### The Lord's Prayer

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Priest 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

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then, the Presider says Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All present are invited forward. If you are not a baptized Christian or choose not to receive, please cross your arms in front of your chest and instead receive a blessing.

If you would like to learn more about receiving the sacrament of baptism, Fr. Matt would be overjoyed to speak with you after the service.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

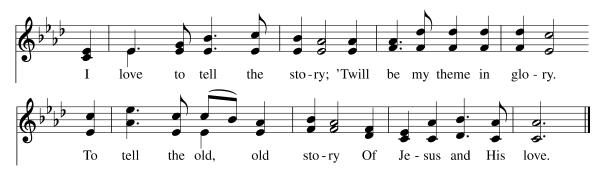
The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen. The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Optional prayer for those who cannot receive due to absence, such as those worshipping at home Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

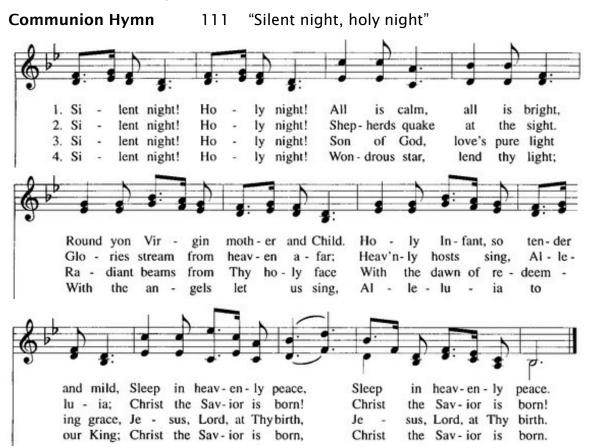
The people may be seated.

### **Hymns During Communion**

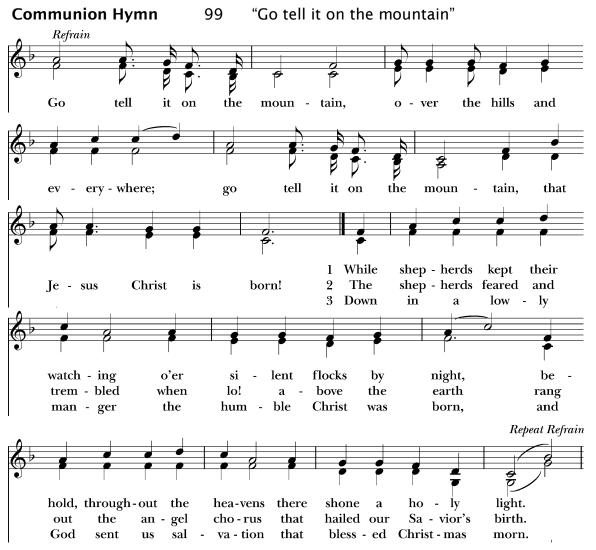




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The People stand as they are able.

# **Post-Communion Prayer**

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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 Priest bestows a blessina.

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.** 



The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Postlude** "Joy to the world"

#### The Flowers On The Altar

In Praise and Honor to God Celebrating 32 Years of Marriage Don & Rebecca Stockdale

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

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For Healing & Convalescing: Janice LeMonds, Hazel Farnum, Sid Urbanowicz, Ken Hubbard, Marley Hamp, Julian Liske, Tim Fitzpatrick, Joan Campbell, John Precord, Reed Hamp, Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Matthew Van Zetten, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, Michelle, Harry, Sue, Becky & Dante.

**Military:** Ian Hamp, Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

**Birthdays:** Ed Ludwiczak (28), Betty Masters, Elijah Harbson, Betty Westrope, Carol Welker, Naoko Young (29), Angie Collins (3)

**Cycles of Prayer:** Diocesan: St. John's, Freemont, Church of the Resurrection, Battle Creek, and Lay Leaders of the Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lakes; Anglican: the Anglican Church of Canada

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Today	9 & 11 AM 4 PM	,
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Alpena Groove - Lower Level
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1 PM 7 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	9 AM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Cleaning Crew at Trinity (Please try to avoid planning activities during this time)
Friday	5:30 PM	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AA

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