

Saint Monica & Saint James
CAPITOL HILL
WASHINGTON DC



The First Sunday after
Christmas

The Sung Mass

December 31st, 2023
11:00 a.m.

A very warm welcome to Saint Monica and Saint James

Our Celebrant and Preacher today is The Rev. Dr. Lisa Barrowclough.

We sing from two Hymnals: *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice & Sing II*. Our Mass is taken from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, abbreviated *H82*, *LEV*, *BCP*.

Restrooms are found through the doors at the rear of the church on the far side of the Frances Perkins Parish Hall.

Please join us in Frances Perkins Hall for coffee after Mass.

INTROIT HYMN *H82* 87

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant ✝ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.

All Amen.

THE GLORIA *H82* 96 *Stanzas 1 and 2*

Angels We Have Heard on High

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Please sit for the lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON –Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Read by Jill Kern

Reader A reading from 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 he LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

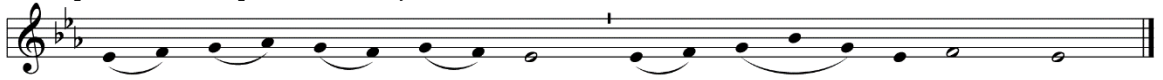
Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 147:13-21

Lauda, Jerusalem, Dominum

All repeat the Antiphon below after the Choir.



The Word was made flesh and dwelt a - mong us.

The Choir sings the verses below.

All repeat the Antiphon above as marked.

- 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. *Antiphon*
- 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. *Antiphon*
- 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. *Antiphon*
- 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! *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE – Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader A reading from the Letter of Saint 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

If you are able, please stand for the Gospel procession.

THE ALLELUIA *Cantor, then All repeat.*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir We have seen his glory; glory that is his as the Father's only Son.

All repeat the Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 1:1-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel ✝ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All **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.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Lisa Barrowclough

THE NICENE CREED

If you are able, please stand.

All

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: *(You are invited to bow your head)*
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. *(We raise our heads again)*

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sisters and brothers, rejoicing in the love of God that has taken flesh among us in Christ Jesus, let us confidently bring to the Lord the petitions of our heart, saying “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Leader For the believing community throughout the world, especially those in positions of leadership, that they might always work to give glory to God and to bring peace to our earth.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the church gathered in this place, that we might always bear the good news of God’s living presence in our world, towards deepening of Christmas faith and living that faith in love.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For those lost in the darkness of prejudice, hostility, and fear; for those burdened by the yoke of injustice, terrorism, hunger, violence, and war; and for all our brothers and sisters in any need, that the light and life that is the Lord might touch their hearts this night.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the homeless, and for the children born in the midst of poverty and pain, that there be room at the inn for all Gods’ people.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God; for all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann and Chilton, our Bishops; and for John, our priest, and for all other bishops and ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation
Silence

All Hear us, Lord; for your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

All We will exalt you, O God our King: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, including those listed in our intercessions, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence

All Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We pause for a moment.

All 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.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

THE PEACE *If you are able, please stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSING OF GIFTS

Please be seated as the Celebrant makes a few announcements.

Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn. A collection will be taken.

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Representatives of the Congregation bring the people's offering of bread, wine, water, and the collection to the Celebrant.

Celebrant Pray, dear friends in Christ, that this my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty father
All **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues, ending

Who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

From A Community Mass, Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or sit.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, ending

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. **All Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

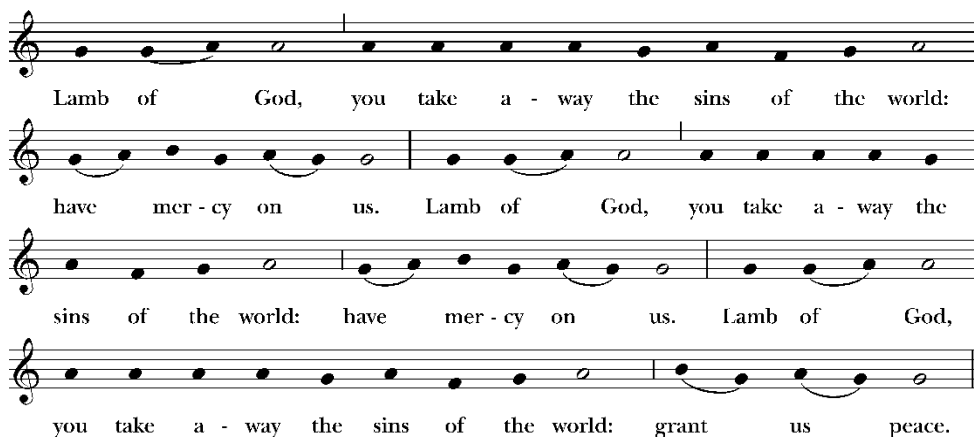
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against 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 BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Anaphora chant, adapt. Mason Martens



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God

Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

All Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,
But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Please make your way to the Altar rail as directed by an usher. Kneel or stand.

Both the Host and Chalice will be offered. Should you wish to receive the Chalice, please remain kneeling or standing at the altar rail after receiving the Host.

The Host and the Chalice are given with these words

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

ANTHEM Hodie Christus Natus Est Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Hodie Christus natus est. Noe! Noe! Hodie Salvator apparuit, Alleluja.
Hodie in terra canunt angeli. Laetantur archangeli. Noe, Noe, Noe!
Hodie exultant justii dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluja. Noe, Noe, Noe!

Today Christ is born. Noe! Noe! Today a Savior has appeared, Alleluja.
Today angels sing on earth. Archangels rejoice. Noe! Noe!
Today righteous exult, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluja. Noe, Noe, Noe!

Words: Antiphon to the Magnificat at Second Vespers on Christmas Day

COMMUNION HYMN H82 91 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Please kneel or sit.*

Celebrant Let us pray.
All 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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL *If you are able, please stand.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the Congregation, to which All respond **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the Congregation, to which All respond **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN H82 105

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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