

# Christ Episcopal Church

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## M O U N T P L E A S A N T

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day**

**January 4, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.**

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. This bulletin has been created from the prayers found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, and it contains most of the spoken parts of our worship. The Hymnal in your pew rack contains the hymns we will sing.

All are welcomed to our altar at Communion. Baptized Christians (in any Church) are invited to receive the Sacrament of bread and wine. If you would prefer instead to receive a blessing from the priest, you may indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

We are glad you're here, and grateful for your contribution to our common prayer today!

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite 2

Prelude

Greensleeves

arr Stanley Roper (1878-1953)

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Processional Hymn: # 102 (v. 1-2, 5-6)**

Once in royal David's city

*Irby*

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says,* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*The people respond,* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*

*The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity.*

*The people sing the angelic song of Christmas—Gloria in excelsis!*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord

God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### **The Lessons**    *The people sit for the lessons.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** - *The people sit. After the lesson is read, the lector says, 'The Word of the Lord.*

*The people respond, Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm** – *The people recite the Psalm according to the direction of the lector.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson** - *After the lesson is read, the lector says, 'The Word of the Lord.*

*The people respond, Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn: # 587**

**Our Father, by whose Name**

***Rhosymedre***

**The Gospel** - *All stand.*

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying, 'The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to \_\_\_\_.*

*The people respond, Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*After the Gospel, the Priest or Deacon says, 'The Gospel of the Lord.*

*The people say, Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**    *The people stand.*

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

*The people remain standing.*

*The Intercessor bids the congregation's response to each petition by saying, "We join our voices in adoration as we pray..."*

*People* **Glory to God in the highest!**

*\* During this joyful Christmas season, we omit the confession in order to accentuate the saving miracle of God's Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.*

## The Peace

*The people remain standing.*

*The Celebrant says to the people, The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

*The people respond, And also with you.*

## The Offertory

Offertory Anthem:

The First Noel

*Dan Forrest (b. 1978)*

*When the offerings are brought forward, the people sing the Doxology.*

**Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought:  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

*The people stand.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

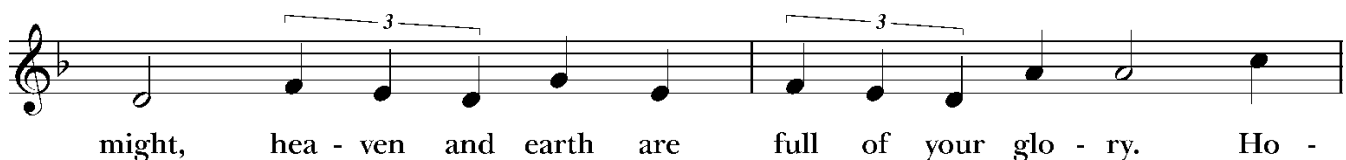
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

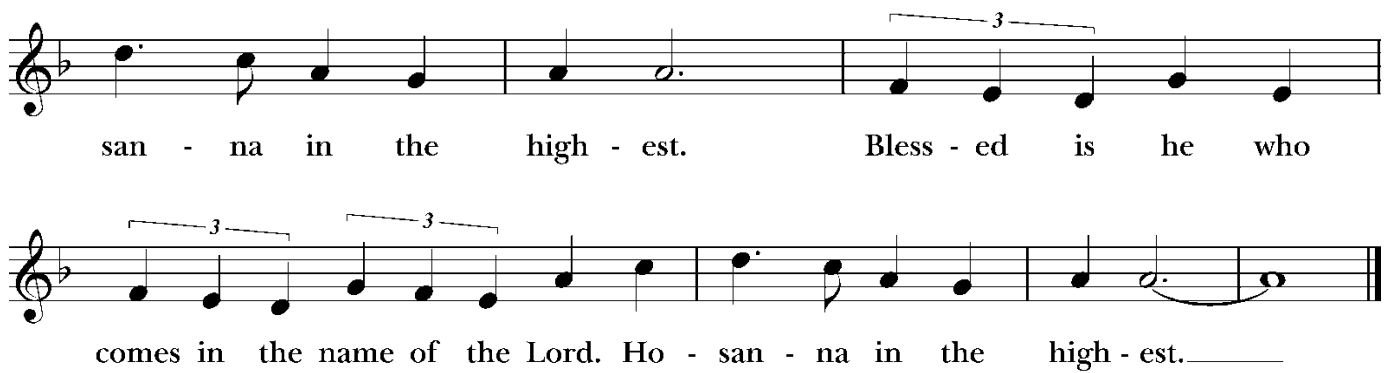
*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant gives thanks for the gifts of God. The people respond with the hymn,*





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*The people stand for the remainder of this prayer.*

*In the midst of the Great Thanksgiving after the Celebrant says, “Therefore, according to his command, O Father,” the people join in declaring the mystery of faith:*

**We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.**

*At the conclusion of the prayer, the people respond, Amen.*

## The Lord’s Prayer

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant and people speak the Fraction Anthem:*

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

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

## The Distribution of Gifts

*The Celebrant then says the following invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

*The people come forward to receive Holy Communion. Those on the right side of the altar fill in the rail from right to left (back to front). Those on the left side of the altar also fill in the rail from right to left (front to back). All exit the rail along the side aisles.*

**Communion Hymn: # 480**

**Communion Hymn: # 115**

**When Jesus left his Father’s throne**

**What child is this**

***Kingsfold***

***Greensleeves***

**Postcommunion Thanksgiving Prayer**      *The people stand.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant and People have been strengthened to stand and pray,*  
**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 Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

**Closing Hymn: #497**      **How bright appears the Morning Star**      *Wie schön leuchtet*

**The Dismissal**

*Priest:*      Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude      Pastoral Air with Variations      *Franz Xavier Anton Murschhauser (1663-1738)*

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## Our Prayers

### Thanksgivings

*Please share with Fr. Furman any graduations, marriages, births, adoptions, or other special life events if you would like us to include them verbally in our thanksgivings during The Holy Eucharist.*

We give thanks for: the people & ministries of Christ Episcopal Church

### Healing

*Please share your name with Fr. Furman if you are preparing for, or recovering from, surgery or other therapies and would like to be remembered verbally during The Holy Eucharist.*

We pray for all those who are sick or suffering, or in any need or trouble, including:

Kaitlyn Booth	Jeffrey Smith, cousin of Kaitlyn Murray
Capers Cross	Sharron Huza, friend of Kaitlyn Murray
Charles Farmer	Brenda Beaudry, aunt of Dylan Murray
Jack Jansta	Yvonne Dickson, mother of John Dickson
John Legun	Michael Tate, nephew of Nancy Reynolds
Margaret Passailaigue	Elee Bassett, friend of Jennie Scudder-Levin
Carly Wilkins	Molly Begle, granddaughter of Caroline Gendelman
Ed Wyatt	The Rev. Chris Huff, friend of Fr. Furman
Keith Cox, relative of Anne Kilpatrick	Anna Clifford, friend of the Buchanan family
Ted Smith, brother of Claire Burt	Carol Stephens, sister-in-law of Taylor & Judy Stephens
Sandy Hobbs, friend of Carolyn Moon	Katy Jurkiw, daughter of Suzy & Allyn Jones
Carrie Davis, friend of Cheri McCusker	Sarah Paxton, daughter of Ralph and Andrea Knupp
Jon Andrew Allan, father of Julie Allan	Charlie & Malinda Tulloh, friends of Marianna MacIntyre
Marty DeWitt, friend of Suzy Jones	Jeanie Bane, mother-in-law of Danielle Bane
Sherry Blatt Hooper, friend of Lee Early	Emogene Bane, daughter of Danielle Bane
Elizabeth Davis, friend of Jo Hethcox	Joan Forsyth, sister-in-law of Linda Smith
James Huffman, friend of Jo Hethcox	Nicole Foster, cousin of Cheri McCusker
Tom Whanger, father of Dave Whanger	Olivia Nachman, cousin of Natalie Bily
Caitlin Jester, sister of John Daley	Joe Padgam, son-in-law of Dan & Sunsan Sokoloski
Kayle Kelly, friend of Ilameta Moore	

### Repose

*Please share with Fr. Furman the names of any relatives or friends who have died, and we will include them in our verbal prayers for repose during The Holy Eucharist.*

We pray for those who have died, including:



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