

# CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

*Cashiers, North Carolina*



**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**25 DECEMBER 2025 | 10:00 AM**

# *Welcome*

*We welcome all who are worshiping with Christ Anglican Church today. We are thankful for God's Spirit joining us together in corporate worship.*

## *Our Guests*

*We invite you to complete a Connect Card (located on the pew back) with your name and pertinent contact information and any needs you would like the CAC staff to address. Please tear the card in half and place the completed portion in the offering plate or give to the Rector as you leave today. You may wear a name tag so we can greet you by name. Please sign the guest book and take one of our welcome gifts in the narthex.*

## *Name Badge*

*We invite everyone to wear your name badge located in the Narthex. If you do not have one and would like one, please contact the church office and one will be created for you. You do not have to be a member of the church to receive a nametag.*

## *Prepare for Worship*

*It is essential for all in worship to enter the sanctuary in quiet reverence for the triune God and cultivate a posture and spirit of prayer. You are encouraged to take a few moments in silent meditation as you prepare for worship. You may read one of the prayers on page 676 of the Book of Common prayer, read one of the hymn texts, read one of the Scriptures appointed for today, or pray your own prayers of thanksgiving and petitions as you ask the Lord to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

*The Service begins on page 123 of the **Book of Common Prayer** (BCP) or you may follow along in the service sheet. Our hymns are found in the **Worship and Rejoice Hymnal** (WRH) and the Scripture Texts are in the **Pew Bible**. If you are new to the Anglican way of worship, you will find assistance in the "Worship Overview and Preparation" handout in the narthex or under "Anglican Helps for Worship" on our website.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Christmas Hymns*

Albin Whitworth

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People stand and sing*

THE PROCESSIONAL *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their old fa -  
2. I thought how, as they day had come, The bel - fries  
3. And in de - spair I bowed my head: "There is no  
4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not  
5. Till, ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The world re -

mil - iar car - ols play, And wild and sweet the  
of all Chris - ten - dom Had rolled a - long th'un -  
peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and  
dead, nor doth He sleep, The wrong shall fail, the  
volved from night to day A voice, a chime, a

words re - peat Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.  
mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."  
right pre - vail, With peace on earth, good will to men."  
chant sub - lime, Of peace on earth, good will to men.

*The People remain standing.*

THE ACCLAMATION

BCP 123

*Celebrant* For unto us a child is born,

*People* ***Unto us a son is given.***

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 124

*The Celebrant and people 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.***

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 124

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

## THE KYRIE

BCP 124

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 125

*Celebrant* The Lord be with You.

*People:* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

*The people remain seated for the reading of God's Word.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 52:7-12*

Bible 613

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." <sup>8</sup>The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.*

### THE PSALTER VERSES

*Psalms 98*

BCP 397

<sup>1</sup>O sing unto the LORD a new song, \*

**for he has done marvelous things.**

<sup>2</sup>With his own right hand and with his holy arm, \*

**he has won for himself the victory.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD declared his salvation; \*

**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>4</sup>He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel, \*

**and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.**

<sup>5</sup>Show yourselves joyful in the LORD, all you lands; \*

**sing, rejoice, and give thanks.**

<sup>6</sup>Praise the LORD with the harp; \*

**sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.**

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets also and horns, \*

**O show yourselves joyful before the LORD, the King.**

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, \*

**the round world, and those who dwell therein.**

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, \* **for he has come to judge the earth.**

<sup>10</sup>With righteousness shall he judge the world, \*  
**and the peoples with equity.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

## *Hebrews 1:1-12*

Bible 1001

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup>He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? <sup>6</sup>And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” <sup>7</sup>Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.” <sup>8</sup>But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” <sup>10</sup>And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup>they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup>like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           ***Thanks be to God.***

*The People stand to sing the Sequence Hymn and remain standing for the Gospel Lesson.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*** (Stanzas 1&2) WRH 191

*Deacon*           The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

*People*           ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

*John 1:1-18*

Bible 886

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.*People*        ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***THE SEQUENCE HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (*Stanza 3*)    WRH 191

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 127

*All Standing, Celebrant and People say*

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

*All Kneeling*

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*People* *That we all may be one.*

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

*People* *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

*Reader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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



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

*The Celebrant Concludes with this Collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.   *Silence*

*All remain kneeling and 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 Celebrant says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## THE PEACE

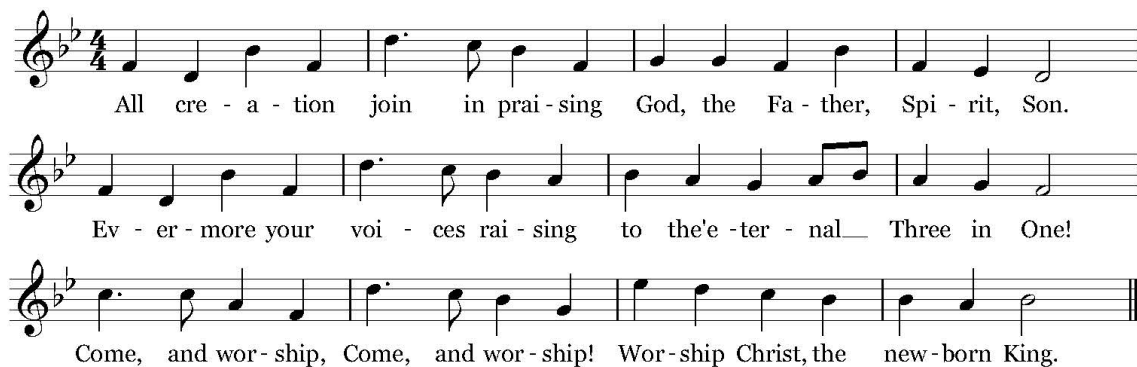
*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

## THE OFFERTORY

*All stand and sing*

## THE DOXOLOGY



All cre - a - tion join in prai - sing God, the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son.

Ev - er - more your voi - ces rai - sing to the'e - ter - nal Three in One!

Come, and wor - ship, Come, and wor - ship! Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

*People* ***And of your own have we given you.***

*All Remain Standing*

## HOLY COMMUNION

## THE SURSUM CORDA

BCP 132

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

*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.***

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

WRH 738

*Celebrant and People Sing*

***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 PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. ***Amen.***

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 134

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People together pray*

***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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

## THE FRACTION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 135

*We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## THE AGNUS DEI

BCP 136

*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***have mercy on us.***  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***have mercy on us.***  
*Celebrant* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
*People* ***grant us your peace.***

## THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to come forward for communion. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. You may stand or kneel at the altar. To receive communion in the traditional manner you may consume the bread and drink from the chalice or you may dip the bread in the wine. If you desire gluten free bread, please tell the server. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.*

Heavenly Father, 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

THE RETIRING PROCESSION *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let no - thing you dis - may;  
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bles - sed an - gel came,  
 3. "Fear not," then said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
 4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es all you with - in this place,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day  
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same;  
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
 and with true love and broth - er - hood each other now em - brace;

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we had gone a - stray.  
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
 to free all those who trust in Him from Sat - an's pow'r and might."  
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face.

O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy;

O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

## THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY *While By My Sheep*

arr. Gordon Young

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

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*Celebrant*

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson

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## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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**Sundays 9:15 AM** – Choir Rehearsal

**Sundays 9:15 AM** – Adult Christian Formation.

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