

**Order of Service Sunday December 26, 2021**  
**1st Sunday after Christmas**  
**10 am Holy Communion with Rev. AJ Buckley**  
**St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR**



**Prelude**

**Opening Hymn 83** (*blue hymnal*) 'O come, all ye faithful' (Verses 1-3)

**A Greeting**

**Collect for purity:** (*Presider and celebrants pray together*)

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.**

*Gloria* (*let us sing together*) - (Red prayer book BCP, P. 356)

**The Collect for today** (*Presider and celebrants pray together*)

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.**

**Liturgy of the Scriptures**

**The First Lesson comes from the book of Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

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.

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 147: 13-21**

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.

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.  
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.  
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!

## **Second Lesson comes from Paul's letter to the Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

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.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people:
- **Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Hymn 539 (blue hymnal) 'O Zion, haste' (Verses 1-2)**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to John 1:1-18**

- 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.

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- **Praise to you Lord Christ**

## Sermon

**The Rev. AJ+ Buckley**

### **The Nicene Creed** (*let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed together*)

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.**

### **Prayers of the People:** *A Special form for Christmas I*

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

By the wedding of the human and divine natures in Christ Jesus. Lord, hear us.

*People:* Lord, graciously hear us.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Diana our Bishop, for all clergy and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people: of God. Lord, hear us.

*People:* Lord, graciously hear us.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God. Lord, hear us.

*People:* Lord, graciously hear us.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need. Lord, hear us.

*People:* Lord, graciously hear us.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice. Lord, hear us.

*People:* Lord, graciously hear us.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying, especially those on our prayer list and those we remember now. Lord, hear us.

*People:* Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who sleep in Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, especially those whom we now name. Lord, hear us.

*People:* Lord, graciously hear us.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

***To you, O Lord.***

***Presider:***

Source of grace and truth, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May we come to see the true light who shines throughout the world and who is God for all eternity. Glory to you for ever.

***Amen.***

**The Peace**

*(please stay in your pew)*

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

*And also with you.*

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** *(front cover of the red prayer book)*

**Announcements**



**Offertory Music Interlude**

**The Liturgy of The Lord's Supper**

Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

**Celebrants** *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

**Celebrants** *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Celebrants** *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Celebrant and People (*Let us sing together*)

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Blessed 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,  
*Celebrant and People say together*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon this gift that it may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ. 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 Blessed Mary and Martin 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, O God, now and for ever, **AMEN.**

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

**Lord's Prayer** (*let us sing together*)  
Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
Are yours now and forever. **Amen. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
(Note: *We are not yet using the common cup; the bread alone is considered a full Eucharist.*)

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

**Communion Hymn 112** (*blue hymnal*) "In the Bleak Midwinter" (verses 1-2)

### **Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving** (BCP p. 365) (*please say together*)

Eternal God, 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. 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.**

### **Christmas Season Blessings**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless us in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten our hearts with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill us with joy, and make us heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give us his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

**Concluding Hymn 107** (*blue hymnal*) "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" (All 3 verses)

### **Dismissal:**

- **Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia**
- *Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia*