

Christmas Season Services

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

The Processional Hymn

See inside cover of bulletin

Greeting

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria #7 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Collect of the Day

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Let us pray.* (see lectionary insert for collect of the day)

The Word of God

See Lectionary insert

(After each Reading the people respond to the Lector:)

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

see inside cover of bulletin

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Gospel Reading *(See lectionary insert)*

Homily

The Nicene Creed *All say 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

Leader: Let us pray to God who has given us the revelation of divine grace and truth through the birth of Jesus, the Messiah, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer”

For hearts and minds open to accepting God’s gift of the Word, allowing the light of Christ to enkindle our hearts with love and bring its message to one another, let us pray

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: For leaders and people in authority in our country, state, and around the world, that the light of Christ may illumine their hearts, empowering them to proclaim truth without fear or deception, let us pray to the lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: For the victims of war, political upheaval, and economic uncertainty, that we may not forget their needs but continually seek ways to offer the assistance that Christ would have us do in his name, let us pray to the lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: For those who are limited by illness, injury, or mental darkness, that they may continue to call upon the hope of God and find relief, let us pray to the lord

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: For all who have died and those who are grieving their separation from their loved ones, that they may feel the presence of the Risen One who assures us death is not the end, let us pray to the lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: For the church as we move toward the challenge of the future, that we rejoice in the faith of our ancestors and in the ever-present support of our family in Christ, let us pray to the lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: In the Anglican Communion of Churches we pray for _____, that God may bless , guide, and keep them, let us pray to the lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for _____, that God may bless, guide, and keep them, let us pray to the lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Leader: For the first peoples of this area of Arizona, whose lives and beliefs are dedicated to the preservation of the earth and the balance of life, that God's Great Spirit may bless, guide, and keep them, let us pray to the lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Concluding Collect:

Presider

*Standing in the midst of the true light that has come into the world and which shines upon the face of the universe, we ask you, Holy One of Blessing to hear our prayers and answer them according to your will and what is best for us. **Amen.***

Exchange of the Peace

Presider *May the peace of the Lord be always with you*

All **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Presider says

Offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14

Offertory Hymn: see inside cover of bulletin

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 #380 v3 only

**♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. ♪**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

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

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power 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:

Sanctus *(Presider and People 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**

Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: (all)

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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also (+) that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

Presider: *As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church.)

Communion Hymns *see inside cover of bulletin*

(people should pick up a candle in a holder after receiving communion. Candles will be lit during the communion music time and church lights will be dimmed for the rest of the service).

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider: Let us pray:

Presider and People

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.

Blessing

The Presider says

May we who gather in this Christmas Season to share this Holy Eucharist and everyone throughout the world who comes together to receive this Holy Presence open our hearts to receive God's love anew for a new year and may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Dismissal

Presider: *Let us go forth in the Spirit of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia (*Alleluia!*)**