

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas Day

December 25, 2018 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you for worshipping with us. Whether you are a first-time visitor, a faithful parishioner or a returning friend, please know that you always have a place at God's table. As you enter today, may the gathering of this community strengthen you to take God's compassion and peace to a world in need of both.

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CHRISTMAS MORNING EUCHARIST

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant & Preacher	The Reverend Dr. Preston Parsons
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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The prophet has urged the people to rise out of their despondency. They are in exile, and yearn to return to Jerusalem. They believe that God has deserted them for their infidelity. Now God speaks: my people will know about me; “therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak: here am I”.

Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews stresses the importance of salvation through Christ – perhaps to Jewish Christians who were tempted to return to Judaism, or to Jews who were interested in becoming Christian. Christ is the perfect priest: he is mediator between the Father and humans, and purifies us of our sins.

Reading Hebrews 1:1-12

John wrote his account of the gospel so that we “may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah [the Christ], the Son of God, and that through believing we may have life in his name”. John begins with a summary of the faith.

Gospel John 1:1-14

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Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy.

Response: Hear our prayer.

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The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: *I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 10-11*

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The Venerable Ken Cardwell

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Rector's Warden Marianne Mellinger

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Marlin Nagtegaal, BMus., MMus., U.M.

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Elsie Millerd, RN, BN, DipCS, MTS

Chalice Bearers for December 25 2018

Frank Millerd

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK December 26- December 30

Wednesday December 26

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion cancelled for this week

Office Closed

Thursday December 27

Office Closed

Friday December 28

Office Closed

Sunday December 30

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (No Sunday School)

Automatic External Defibrillator and Naloxone Kits are stationed in the Narthex of the church in case of emergency

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

*The Christmas Flowers throughout the Church
Are Given to the Glory of God and*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

A GIFT OF

Beloved Family & Friends Bob and Maureen Lichti
Harry, Terry, Brian Morris
Lovro and Manda Doric Laura Doric
John Rosemary, Felicity & Zoe
Loved Ones Mindy Hurley
Jim & Gladys Guthrie, Dorothy & Charlie Emery
and Katherine Enid and David Emery
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