

ORDER OF SERVICE
The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day
10am, December 25, 2022



**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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EUCCHARIST AT TEN O'CLOCK

Prelude

Processional Hymn

**O Come,
All Ye Faithful**
Common Praise 118

The Greeting

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Collect of the Day

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the collect. The people respond,

People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

ISAIAH 62:6-12
TITUS 3:4-7

PSALM 97
LUKE 2:8-20

First Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 97

Said together, BAS page 835

Second Reading

The lesson is read.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

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

The Gospel is read.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

A silence for reflection follows.

The Nicene Creed

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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

<i>Reader</i>	God, of grace,
<i>People</i>	Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Offertory

Offertory Hymn

Common Praise 121

**O Little Town
Of Bethlehem**

Prayer over the Gifts

The presider says a prayer over the offerings.

Eucharistic Prayer

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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God ...
 ... to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

All **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.

After the Sanctus, the eucharistic prayer continues:

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God ...
Therefore, Father, according to his command,

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

Presider and we offer our sacrifice ...
... all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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 for ever. Amen.**

The Fraction

The Invitation

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Prayer After Communion

Presider Let us pray.

The community prays silently. The presider then says the prayer after communion. The people respond,

People **Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The presider blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

Common Praise 138

**Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing**

Dismissal

The presider dismisses the people. The people respond, saying,

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

We thank the following people for assisting with worship

Altar Guild

Organist

Preacher

David Sapelak

The Revd Dr Preston Parsons

Presider	The Venerable Ken Cardwell
Servers	Karen Sunabacka
Reader	Alice Croft
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