



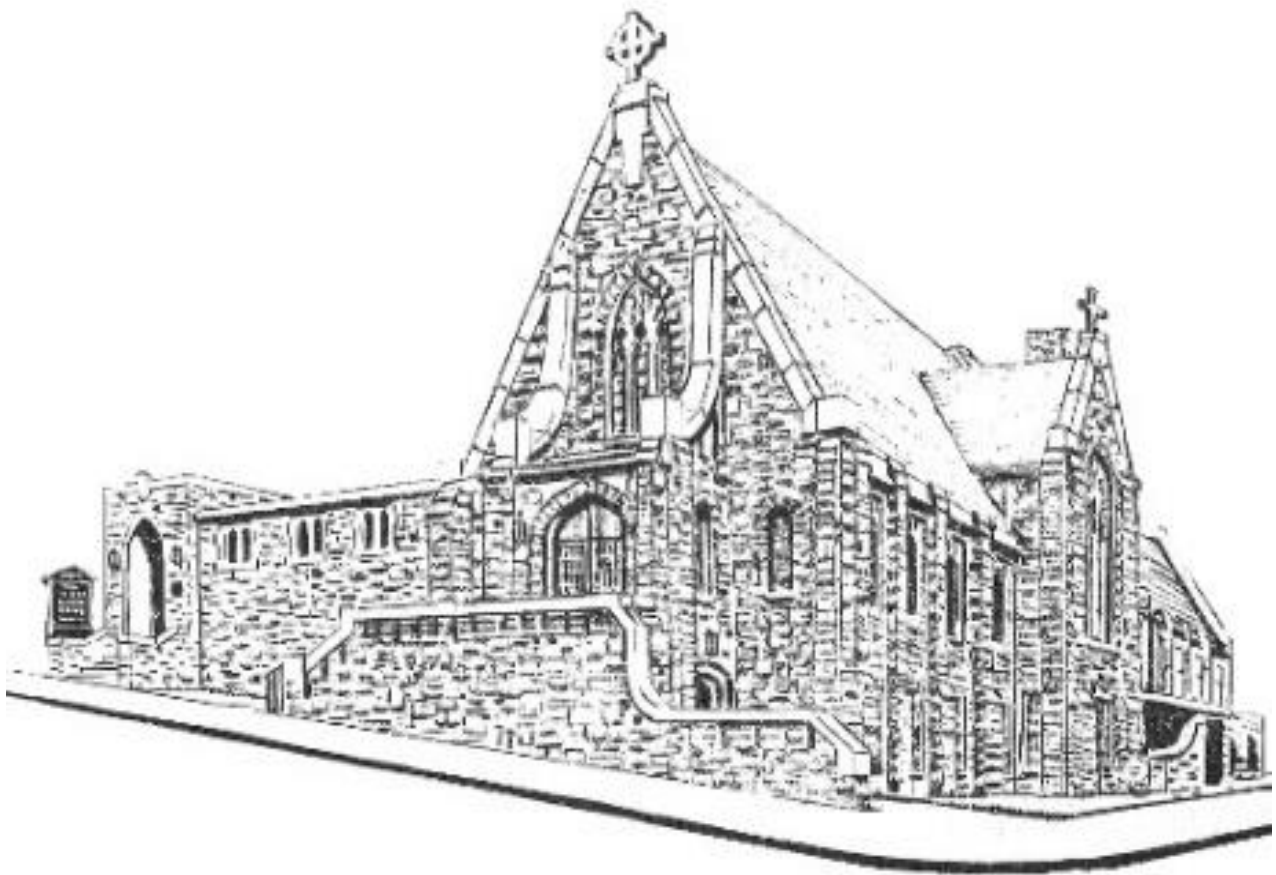
# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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BLUEFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

## The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 8, 2023



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## Prelude

### The Processional Hymn

*On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry*

**H 76**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

*The Celebrant then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* One God and Father of all.

### The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*

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 Hymn of Praise

*The Gloria is then sung, all standing*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## The Collect for the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coast lands wait for his teaching.  
Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

Psalm 29

*Afferte Domino*

*The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse*

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
5. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7. The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
9. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"
10. The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11. The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

### The Second Lesson

*Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Hymn

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

**H 121**

### Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 3:13-17*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Barker

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us join together and renew our baptismal covenant.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the  
breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,  
repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*The Celebrant says*

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with the strength of his presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

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

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

We pray for Matthew, our Bishop, for Paul our Pastor, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*



Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In our Diocesan Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Thomas a Beckett Church,  
Morgantown; St. John's Church, Huntington

We pray for all who are on our parish prayer list, and for any others that we  
might now name, either silently or aloud

*Pause*

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before  
us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud

*Pause*

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and  
loved ones, and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently  
or aloud.

*Pause*

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude  
of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for  
help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*The celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*Silence may be kept*

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 Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Recognition of a Pastoral Relationship**

*The Celebrant addresses the new Pastor*

My brother, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood as Pastor of this Parish.

As Pastor, you shall lead the Parish as a teacher and evangelist to the community at large. It will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve the people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor, and those sick or lonely. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself. You are to preach, teach, help administer and lead the parish, and share in the dispensation of the Sacraments as appropriate.

Paul, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

*Pastor*            I do.

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation*

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Paul in this ministry?

*People*        We will.

*The Celebrant then prays*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then the Celebrant says*

Christ Church, greet your new pastor!

*The Congregation responds*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

*The Congregation may then express its approval with applause.*

*After a moment of celebration, the new Pastor says*

## **The Peace**

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

*People*         And also with you.

## **Announcements**

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### **Offertory**

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

**H 339**

*After the Offertory piece has been played the People stand and sing to the familiar tune of the "Old 100<sup>th</sup>"*

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.

### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

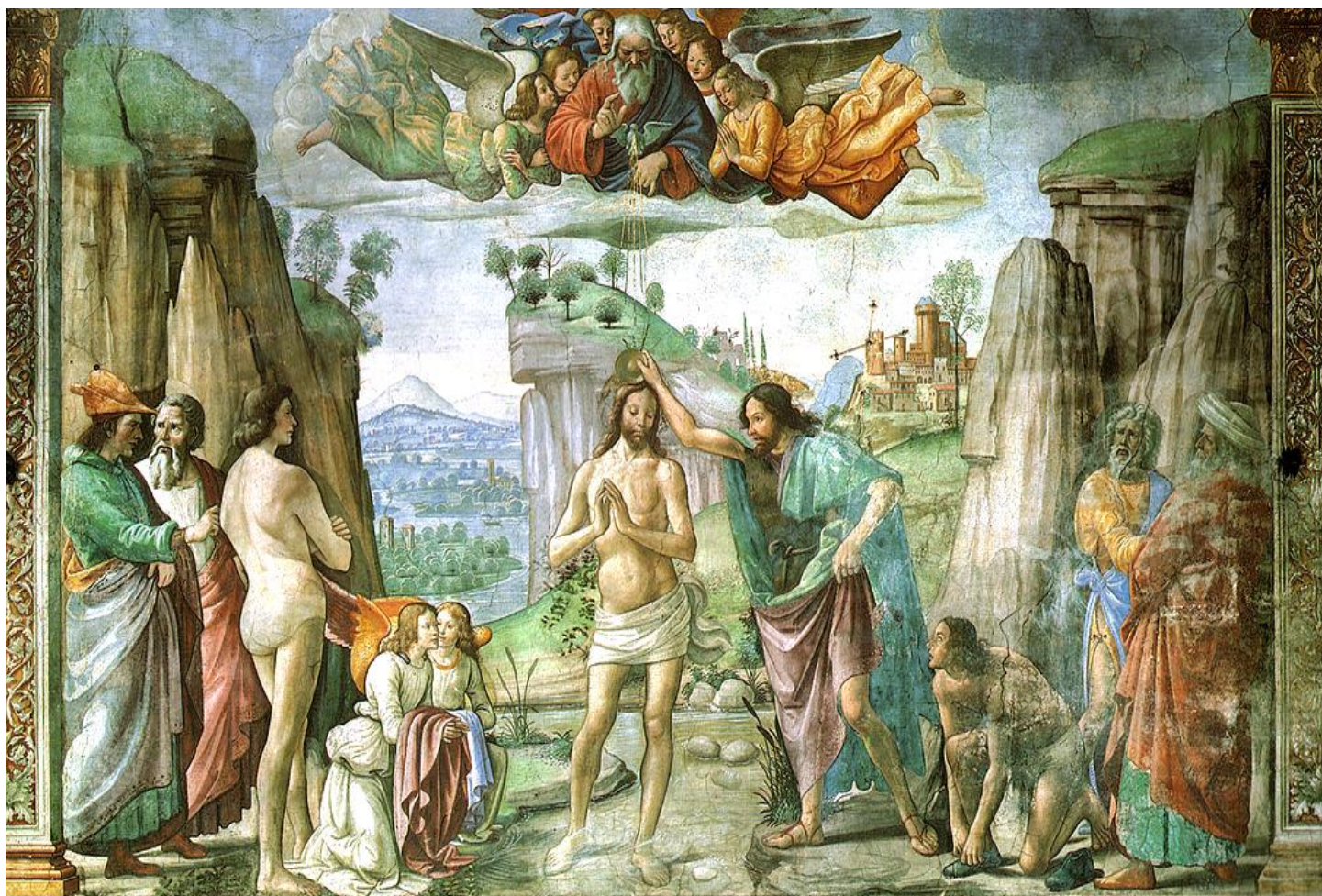
*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

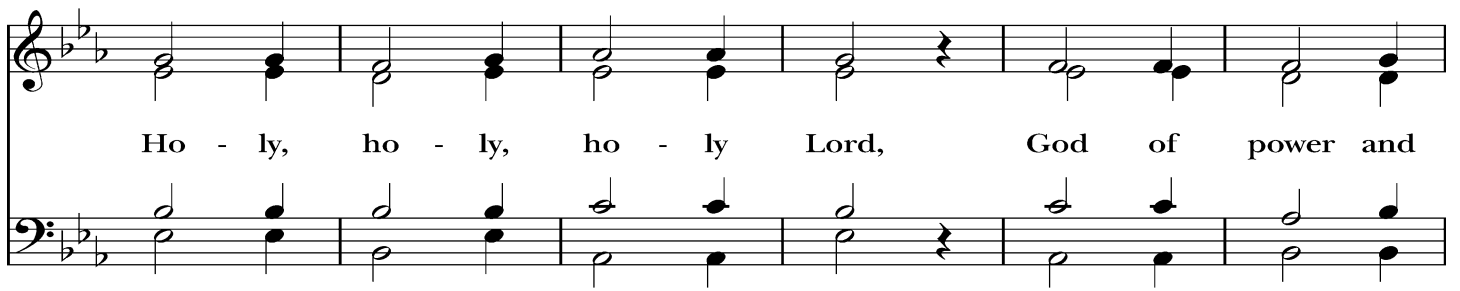
*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your own image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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*





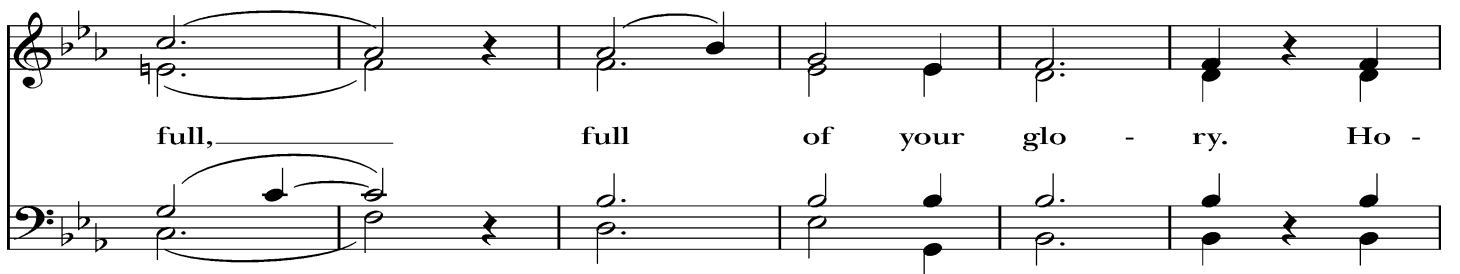
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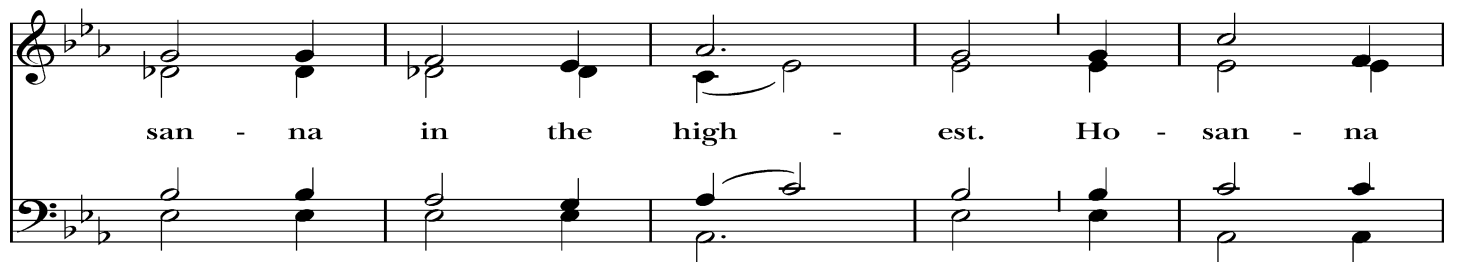
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style.

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*The people remain standing as able in solidarity with the risen Christ*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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 Virgin 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."

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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. 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 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, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

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

*People and Celebrant*

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

*The Celebrant then breaks the Consecrated Bread*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*The Deacon then presents the Sacrament to the People*

The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

## The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited and encouraged to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing— simply cross your arms in front of you approach the priest. Each row, beginning in the front, should come up to the chancel step to receive the Blessed Bread. The Chalice cannot be offered at this time by direction of the Bishop of West Virginia. Once the priest has dropped the Blessed Bread in your hand you should return by the side aisle to your pew. Once a row has been Communed, the next is free to come to the chancel steps. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

## Communion Hymn

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

**H135**

## Our Prayer after Communion

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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.

### **The Blessing**

Recessional Hymn

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*


**H616**

### **The Dismissal**


Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### Postlude



Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Peter and Patty Richardson. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!



**Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers:** Dorene Dimes, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Bob and Peggy Walk, John Kersey, Martha Linkous, Jay Kephart, Buck Sowers, Donna Fortune, Ed and Gladys Fortune, Ivy and the Gaines Family, John Beckett, Brian, Lane, Sherry, Scot, Max, Brad, Sandi, Joan, Mike Boosier, Pam Spracher, Barry Dinger, and Joel Hammond.

### **Participants in Today's Liturgy**

Celebrant

The Rev. Canon Chad Slater

Preacher

The Rev. Paul Barker

Organist & Choirmaster

Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Acolyte

Becky Beckett

Lector

Katherine Lewis

Altar Guild

Linda Ammar and Elizabeth Clement



The Altar Flowers are given today for the greater Glory of God  
by The Clement Family.



**Birthdays This Week:** Lisa Van Dyke, Linda Thomas, and Lee Rose

**Attendance Last Sunday:**

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### **Calendar of Events**

Wednesday – January 11

Union Mission 4:30pm

Tuesday – January 17

DOK Meeting 10:30pm

Wednesday – January 18

Vestry Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday – January 19

Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am

Wednesday – January 25

Union Mission 3:30pm

### **Announcements:**

Coffee Hour: A Coffee Hour host or hostess needed. Sign up on the white board located outside the Library. Ask Mary Catherine Williams (276-326-2411 or [mkw@dlwco.com](mailto:mkw@dlwco.com)) if you have any questions. This is a very important ministry at Christ Church.

Food Pantry Collection: The Food Pantry is still collecting hats, scarves, gloves, socks, and blankets for our Food Pantry friends. A plastic tub is located in the narthex for these items.

Recycling Program: Christ Church will be starting a recycling program soon. We need volunteers to take the items to a recycling truck at Mitchell Stadium every Thursday from 1-4 pm. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be in the narthex. Thanks for all who volunteer for this program.

Acolytes and Lectors needed: If you would like to participate in this valuable ministry, please contact Rob Merritt, 304-920-860; [robmerritt202@gmail.com](mailto:robmerritt202@gmail.com)

DOK Project: The Daughters of the King is still collecting sweatpants for the children at The Wade Center. Plastic tubs are located in the narthex for these items. Sizes needed are M (8-10), L (12-14) and XL. We thank you for donating these items. Please contact Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.

Altar Guild Flower Donation List: The following dates are available in 2023 to donate altar flowers – April 23, July 7<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you interested, please contact Linda Ammar: [lwammar1@gmail.com](mailto:lwammar1@gmail.com) .

Canterbury Club: January 8 will be at the home of Linda and Missy Thomas, 345 Mountain View Ave. at 6pm. Come and bring your favorite dish and an adult beverage of your choice.

Pledge Envelopes: Please pick up your pledge payment envelopes, which are located on the table in the narthex.

To any committee in Christ Church: we will need your report for the Annual Meeting January 22. Please have them to Emma for printing by January 11. Contact Susanne Pulse ([susannepluse@gmail.com](mailto:susannepluse@gmail.com)) or Mary Catherine Williams ([mkw@dlwco.com](mailto:mkw@dlwco.com)) if you have any questions.

### **Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish**

The Rev. Paul Barker	Pastor
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Mr. David Kersey	Senior Warden
Mr. Peter Richardson	Junior Warden

