

Year Two  
The Third  
Sunday Advent  
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**Edwards Order of Worship  
The First Sunday After Christmas  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**



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Angels we have heard on high

Hymn 96

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

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All standing, the Celebrant says

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*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

## Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*       ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

***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 forever. Amen.***

## First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

*All sit.*

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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 147:13-21

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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 Reading**

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.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                        ***Thanks be to God.***


All stand.

The snow lay on the ground

Hymn 110




1 The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
2 'Twas Ma - ry, daugh - ter pure of ho - ly Anne,  
3 Saint Jo - seph, too, was by to tend the child;  
4 And thus that man - ger poor be - came a throne;



when Christ our Lord was born on Christ - mas night. Ve -  
that brought in - to this world the God made man. She  
to guard him, and pro - tect his mo - ther mild; the  
for he whom Ma - ry bore was God the Son. O



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laid him in a stall at Beth - le - hem; the  
an - gels hov - ered round, and sang this song, Ve -  
come, then, let us join the heaven - ly host; to



*Refrain*

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ass and ox - en shared the roof with them. Ve -  
ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
praise the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



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Words: Source unknown, 19th cent.

Music: *Venite adoremus*, melody adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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## Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

*Deacon*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*            ***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.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*All stand.*

***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.***

## **Peace**

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

## **Holy Communion**

*Celebrant*     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 proceeds*

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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 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***



*The Celebrant 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:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

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 forever. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

***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 forever. Amen.***

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

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive both the bread and the wine of the Eucharist. People who are not baptized or who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward and cross their arms to receive a blessing. Those desiring a gluten-free wafer may request one from the priest when they come forward to receive communion.*

Let us pray.

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*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.***


# Blessing

*God rest you merry, gentlemen*

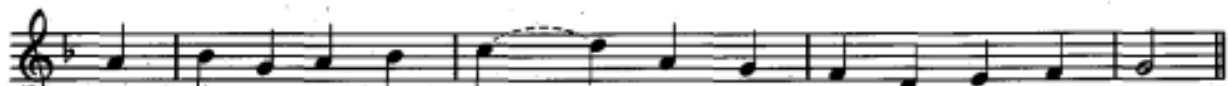
Hymn 105



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
2 From God our heav - en - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

*Refrain*



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

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Music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850

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# Dismissal



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## **Prayer Square**

***Please pray for those who are in need of our prayers:***

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Georgie Zinda