



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves**

**January 1, 2023 – First Sunday After Christmas**

### **MORNING PRAYER – Rite Two**

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**OPENING HYMN- *Blue Hymnal 109- The First Nowell- Vs. 1-3 and 6***

**OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)**

*The Officiant says*

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

**CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)**

*The Officiant says to the congregation:*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and Congregation together, all kneeling:*

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 officiant says:*

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

**VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)**

*All stand*

*Officiant*

Lord, open our lips.

*Congregation*

*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and Congregation*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**ANTIPHON S 293B**

*Officiant:* Alleluia. To us a child is born: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

**INVITATORY (BCP p. 80)**

*Officiant and Congregation:*

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

*Officiant and Congregation:*

*(Prayed in alternating verses, beginning with the officiant)*

**PSALM: Psalm 147:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;

<sup>14</sup>*For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.*

<sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>16</sup>*He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.*

<sup>17</sup>He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

<sup>18</sup>*He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?*

<sup>19</sup>He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

<sup>20</sup>*He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.*

<sup>21</sup>He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

*Officiant and Congregation:*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10--62:3

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>62:1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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.*

*Silence may follow.*

### FIRST CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)

Canticle C (EOW): The Song of Hannah

*1 Samuel 2:1-8*

*Officiant and Congregation:*

My heart exults in you, O God; my triumph song is lifted in you.

My mouth derides my enemies, for I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like you, nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.

Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance;

Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the weak are clothed in strength.

Those once full now labor for bread, those who hungered now are well fed.

The childless woman has borne sevenfold, while the mother of many is forlorn.

God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; \*

gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.

God raises the poor from the dust; and lifts the needy from the ash heap

To make them sit with the rulers and inherit a place of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are God's on which the whole earth is founded.

**SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. <sup>4:4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>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.*

*Silence may follow.*

**SECOND CANTICLE (BCP p. 85)**

Canticle N (EOW): A Song of God's Love

*1 John 4:7-11*

*Officiant and Congregation:*

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us,

that God sent his only Son into the world,

so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \*

and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.

**THIRD READING: John 1:1-18**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from John.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was

life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>(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.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>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.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

*Reflection, Silence or Homily may Follow*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)**

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

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

The Prayers

### **SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)**

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          *And also with you.*  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)**

*Officiant 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.

**SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)**

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Congregation:* And grant us your salvation.

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Congregation:* Let your people sing with joy.

*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Congregation:* For only in you can we live in safety.

*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Congregation:* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon earth;

*Congregation:* Your saving health among all nations.

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Congregation:* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Congregation:* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### **FIRST COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

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 for ever. *Amen.*

### **SECOND COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **THIRD COLLECT (BCP p. 98)**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **CLOSING HYMN- *Blue Hymnal 100- Joy to the World***



**CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**Assisting with the service today**

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