#### 8:40 a.m.

## THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

#### **Prelude:**

<b>Processional:</b>	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing I	Hymnal # 87

The Opening Acclamation.....BCP pg. 355

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

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

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*.

#### Gloria



# **Collect of the Day**

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*.

# The Word of God

(Please be seated)

#### First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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.

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

#### Psalm 147



*Cantor:* Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; and blessed your children within you. *Refrain.* 

*Cantor:* He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat. He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly. *Refrain.* 

*Cantor:* He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. He scatters his hail like breadcrumbs; who can stand against his cold. *Refrain.* 

*Cantor:* He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel. He has not done so to any other natiuon; to them he has not revealed his judgments, hallelujah. *Refrain.* 

#### Second Lesson: 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.

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

Gradual: Of the Father's Love Begotten......Hymnal #82 (1,2/3,4)

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John. **People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Gospel: John 1:1-18

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.

Celebrant:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please stand)

# The Nicene Creed

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 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

(Please kneel.)

Let us pray.

For the holy Church of God, that we may boldly proclaim the good tidings of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

O God who is with us, hear our prayer.

For the leaders of world, that they may follow the example of the Prince of Peace by striving for peace and justice among the nations. We pray for our armed forces and for those who are deployed, [especially ...]. O God who is with us, *hear our prayer*.

For this parish, that nourished by your word and sacraments, we may minister in love and faithfulness to you and to one another. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for the gift of life itself as we celebrate this week the birthday(s) of ... [and the wedding anniversary(ies) of ... ] and for other blessings we now name.... O God who is with us, *hear our prayer*.

For those who travel, that their reunions may be occasions of celebration and that they return safely to their homes.

O God who is with us, hear our prayer.

For the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, and all who are alone and forgotten, that we, who have received so abundantly, may give generously for their lives and needs. O God who is with us, *hear our prayer*.

For those who do not yet know the Light of Christ, that their hearts may be filled with hope, peace, joy and love.

O God who is with us, hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, that they may be blessed by your healing grace. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, praying especially for... and for those we now name...

O God who is with us, hear our prayer.

For the departed, that they may have rest in that place where the angels sing gloriously for all eternity [remembering especially this week ...]. O God who is with us, *hear our prayer*.

#### Celebrant

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen* 

#### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Leader and People:

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 Absolution

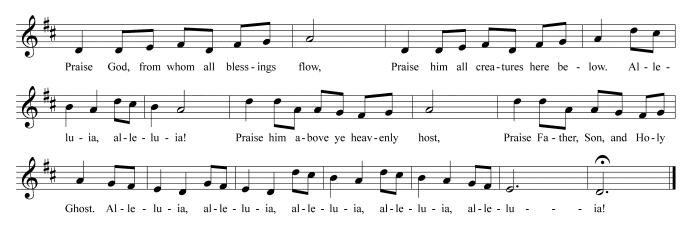
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

#### **The Peace**

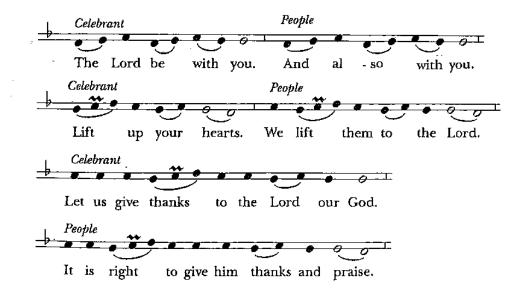
Celebrant:The peace of the Lord be always with you.People:And also with you.

Offertory: O come, little Children ......arr. David Giardiniere

Doxology



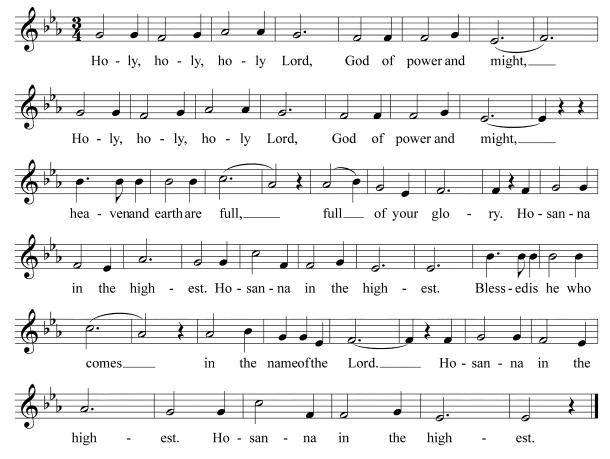
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B



**Celebrant:** It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

#### Sanctus et Benedictus



# 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,

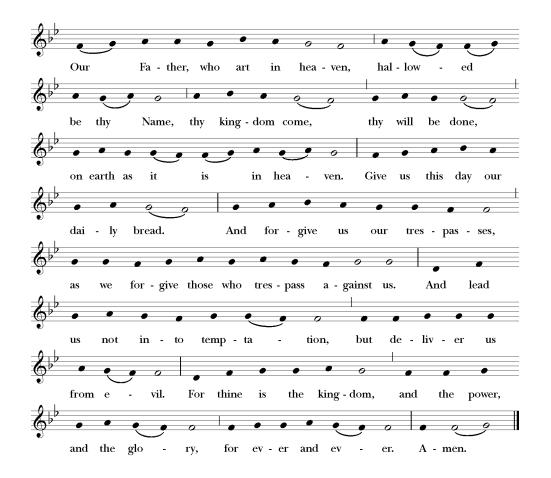
*Celebrant and People* We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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. *AMEN*.

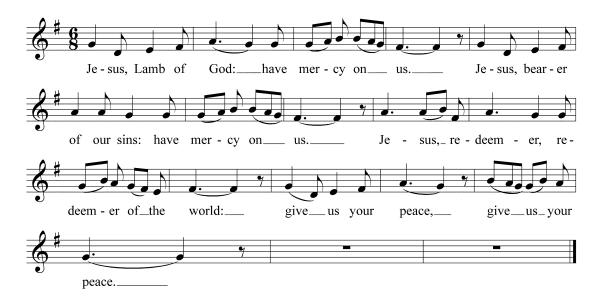


And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

# The Breaking of the Bread

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

# **Agnus Dei**



**Celebrant:** 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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing and are encouraged to speak with one of the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body.

Communion Hymn: It came upon a midnight clear ...... Hymnal # 89

#### (remain kneeling)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# The Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

# The Dismissal

Celebrant:Let us go forth in the name of Christ.People:Thanks be to God.

Postlude

# Today's Liturgy

#### Liturgists

#### 8:40 a.m.

Lay Readers – John Clancy, Corky Nordgren LEM's – John Clancy, Terri Lolcama, Doris Sherrill, Brad MacGowan Acolytes – Keegan Kelley, Brandon Vollmer, Sarah Snyder Ushers – Ken Hamrick Greeters – Jo Jastad, Phil Kiss

#### 10:50 a.m.

Lay Readers – Diane Chick, Monty Tolman LEM's – Frank McCracken, Jan Morrison, Donna P. Snyder, Dave Johnson Acolytes – Matt Burgess, Jack Bowen, Katie Willebrand Ushers – Ken Hamrick, Dave Johnson Greeters – Sylvia Poyner Altar Flowers

Nicholas Christomos in loving memory of his daughter, Kathy.

Remembrances for the Week

#### **Birthdays**

- 29 Nicki Adams
- 29 Amy Dunkelberger
- 30 Eric Dudley
- 30 Ken Hamrick
- 31 Sophia Guffey

January

- 1 Bettye Craft
- 2 Sidney Kuljam
- 4 Betty Shambrook

Special Announcements

Join us for Parish Brunch & Caroling Today after services

**Death Anniversaries** 

Alice "Beth" Bitar

29<sup>th</sup>

# Adult Cate-WHAT??

Introducing the Adult Catechumenate! Beginning Wednesday, January 7, 2009, our Adult Catechumenate will explore with great depth and lively engagement topics such as Holy Scripture, Salvation History, Church History, the Book of Common Prayer, and much, much more. Two identical class times are available: 3:00—4:30 p.m. and 7:00—8:30 p.m.

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