

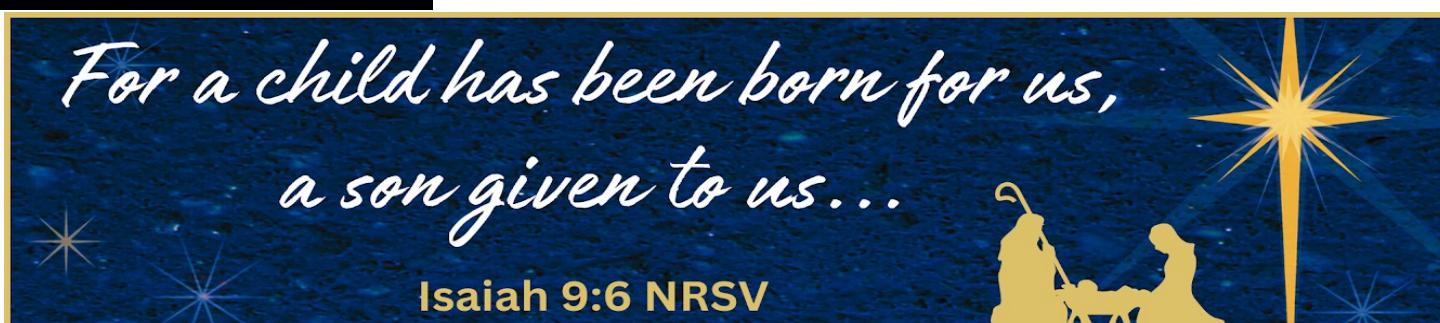


# St. Mary's Episcopal Church

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II The First Sunday after Christmas

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

December 28, 2025  
9:00 am & 11:00 am



Prelude

### The Service of the Word

**Processional Hymn: O come, all ye faithful (Hymn 83)**

Acclamation

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

*People*      And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

*All—Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Carol of Praise: Angels we have heard on high (Hymn 96, vs. 1,3)**

*Angels, we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night.*

*And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.*

*Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Collect of the Day

*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 for ever. Amen.

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

*Lector: A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.*

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 Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147: 13-21

*Lector: The psalm will be spoken responsively by half verse.*

- 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 words 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!**

**The Epistle—Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

*Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.*

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 Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: The first Noel (Hymn 109, vs. 1)**

**The Holy Gospel**

*Stand as you are able.*

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

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

**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 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 the 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.

The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

*All 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 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.**

\* The word 'catholic' means universal or world-wide.

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant*

We kneel before you, O Lord, inviting your presence to be born anew in our hearts as you have been born anew into the world this Christmas season.

*Intercessor*

Jesus Christ you are the Savior of the world, you have taught us to pray for each other, therefore we pray for all people everywhere that they may be gathered to you.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

Fill the hearts of all the leaders of the world with peace and good will.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For all those who have needs, we pray that you lead them, guide them and restore them to wholeness. For the inmates, for all officers, and their families, especially Arlene and David Correction Officers at Blackwater Correctional Facility, we pray.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

For all people who seek you, meet us within that seeking.  
**Lord hear our prayer.**

Our Savior Jesus Christ, restore wholeness to those who are broken, health to those who are sick, and strength to those who minister to anyone in need, especially those on our prayer list \_\_\_\_\_. For those among us with unspoken prayers.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of almighty God, in thanksgiving and loving memory of Richard Cole.

**Lord, we give our thanks.**

Be the light of the world, and the light in our human lives during this season of Christmas.  
Grant light perpetual to all those who have been gathered to you.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

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

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

Let us rejoice in your appearing; Jesus, Our Living Savior. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.**

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 360*

*Celebrant*

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 Christ be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Announcements

*(All are invited to come forward to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to you or someone in the pews, please notify the ushers. Anyone who does not wish to receive is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. All are welcome.)*

### The Holy Communion

**The Offertory**

**Offertory Anthem: In the bleak mid-winter**

Jim Beaumont, guitar

*Gustav Holst*

*Stand as the gifts are being brought forward.*

**Doxology: 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. Amen**

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 ay 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

#### **Sanctus**

*Land of Rest, American Folk Tune*

**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 people stand or kneel.*

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 for all 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;**

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 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 pray,

*Celebrant and People*

*Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364*

**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**

*Book of Common Prayer, pg.364*

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

### **Fraction Hymn: Take, O take me as I am**

*John L. Bell*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (sung 3 times)**

*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.

**Music at Communion: It came upon a midnight clear (Hymn 89)**

### **Post communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**All—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 the 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.**

*Celebrant*

The Blessing

**Hymn in Procession into the World: Go tell it on the mountain (Hymn 99,vs 1-3) Afto-American spiritual**

The Dismissal: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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### **Today**

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS  
**BREAKFAST**



Join us at 10:00am for a delightful breakfast  
provided by our amazing Vestry leadership team!

### **Next Sunday**

NOW SERVING  
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Heather Lindsay, Sr. Warden, Vestry  
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Jim Beaumont  
Organist/Choir Director: Sam Klauss  
Choir: Alice Grillo, Heather Lindsay, Jean Gillis,  
Mary Starr,  
Mark Starr, Rudman Stevens, Susan Bilbo, Jack Bilbo

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**Prayer Requests****Family**

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Henry Green  
Jim Miller  
Jack Bilbo  
Jessica Morawski  
Jim Longshore  
Jesse & Jennifer Reeves  
Janette Grey-Cusack  
Robert Lenzo  
Sam Klauss  
Scott DeLoatch  
Sylvia Stern  
Vicki Blackmon  
Wanda Wadsworth  
Waylon  
Wayne Keen

**Our Friends**

Kelley & Pam Eddings  
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Travis Preece  
Rachel Kaiser  
Rhonda Watson  
Thomas Atwell  
  
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Cade Campbell  
Gabriel Bustillo  
Caleb Parks  
Christopher Vance  
Edward Estrada  
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Gage  
Kevin Murphy  
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