St. Brendan's Episcopal Church Juneau, Alaska "A Harbor for God's Love" Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament Healing Prayers The Second Sunday after Christmas Day January 5, 2025 ~ 10:30 am



The Mission of the Church: The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 855

We welcome visitors. Take a moment to sign our guest book in the narthex, and join us for coffee hour after the service. Pleases join us in worship again, and may God bless your week. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Holy Communion With Reserve Sacrament Healing Prayers

Led by Worship Leaders trained and licensed by the Diocese of Alaska Dave Muldoon~ Officiant

The Second Sunday After Christmas Day

Sunday, January 05, 2025

Liturgy of the Word

Please Stand as able for the Opening Hymn **Opening Hymn**

The first Nowell the angel did say

Hymnal 109





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6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

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All standing as able, the Officiant says

People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

All stand, as able.

The Officiant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Officiant and People together say

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

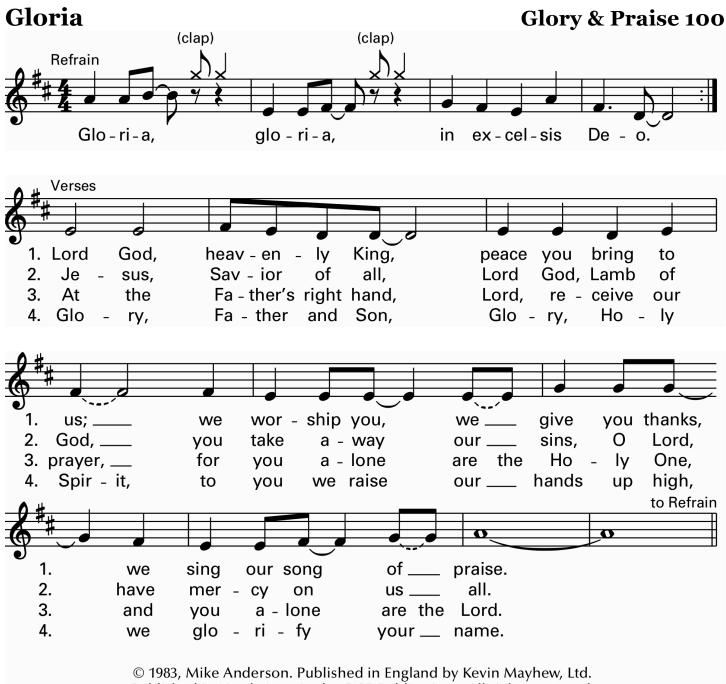
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Officiant says

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 following is sung, all standing, as able.



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Collect of the Day

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Rob Smith

All sit.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Psalm 72:1-7,10-14

Stephanie Hall

Deus, judicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.

- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, * and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, * and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, * and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; * he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12 Barbara Learmonth

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—assume that you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

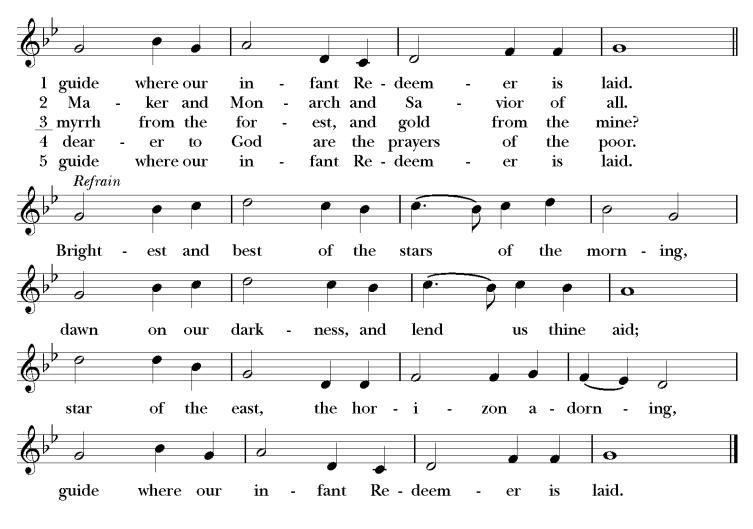
All stand, as able.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Hymnal 118

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Dave Muldoon

All stand as able.

OfficiantA reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Sermon

Dave Muldoon

Nicene Creed

All stand, as able and together say

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.

Prayers of the People: Form II

Jo Schoeppe All remain standing. In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

All remain standing as able

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for *Sean* our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the wellbeing of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for: Keith & Sandy, Lucas, Nierstheimer family, Denise & family, Marty, Bonnie, Dan & Louise, Fred, Libby, Sara & family, the Fujioka family, Henry, Sharon & family, Ed & family, David & Jackie, Gavin, Billy, Dee, Sam, John, Judi, Mari, Linda, Cheri, Heaven, John, Mike, Ashu, Karen, Ann, Eyerus, Maria, Justine, John, Don A., Mariah,

Miryam, Rudy, David, Steve, Julie, Jerry, Linda, Marilyn, Stephanie, Penny, Marlene, Jim, Arlen, Cyndy, Anne, Steven & Kathy, Aaron & Devonne, Dwayne, Constance, Marsha, Troy, Cheryl, Jordan, Jeremy; for the victims of domestic violence; all who live and work at the Johnson Youth Center and SEARHC'S: Ravens Way; all who live with addictions; all who suffer from long term illnesses; and for those who love and care for them. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Officiant reads the following collect.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Peace

All stand.

OfficiantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Officiant says

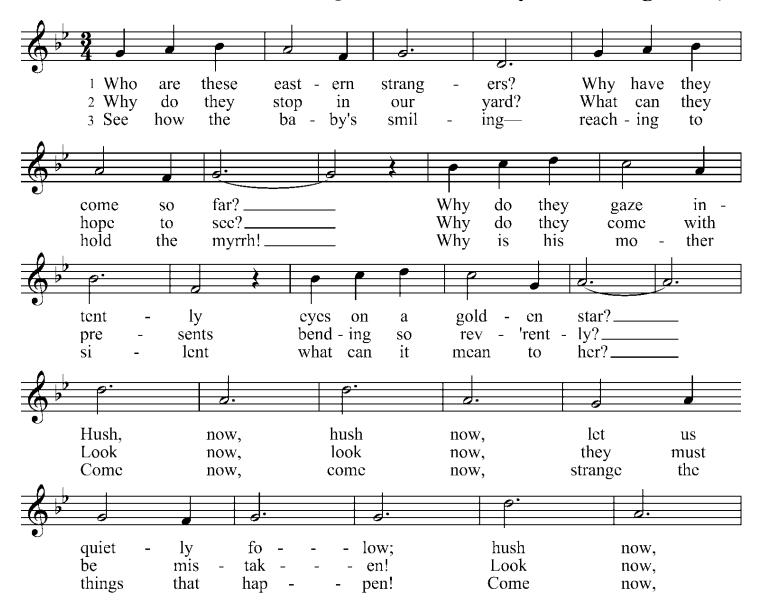
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Today's loose offering will go into the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Offertory Hymn

Who are these eastern strangers?

My Heart Sings Out 72



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The People stand, as able, and sing the Doxology as the offering is brought foward and placed on the Credence Table.

Doxology (a hymn of praise)

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.**

The service continues with the authorized Thanksgiving Prayer, all stand as able.

Prayer of Preparation for Communion

A General Thanksgiving (BCP Pg. 836)

Officiant and People say

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen*.

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

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 Officiant says

Let us make our Holy Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. We are no longer strangers or guests but one family in the Lord. Let the Chalice Bearer know if you prefer alcohol free wine. Chalice Bearers – Jo & Rob

Communion Music

Stephanie Hall

After Communion, the Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together say

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.

On the first Sunday of the month all are welcome to come forward for healing prayers.

Healing Prayers

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia.



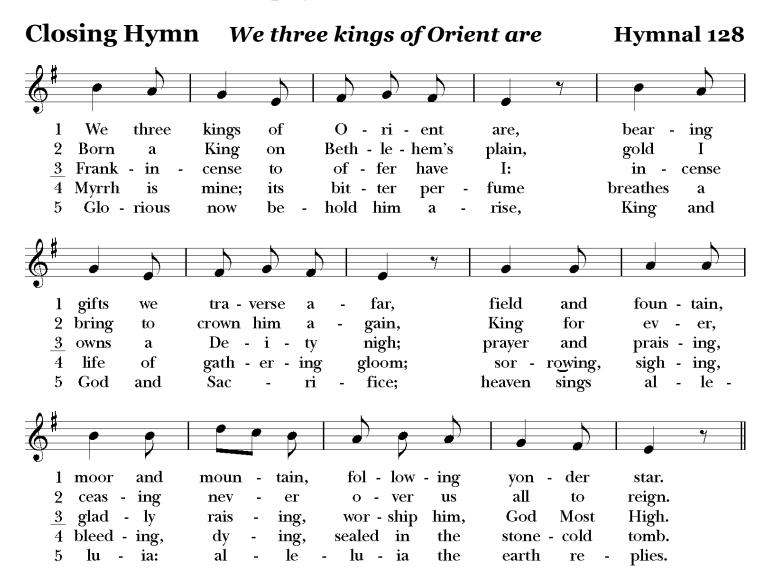
Birthdays/Anniversaries

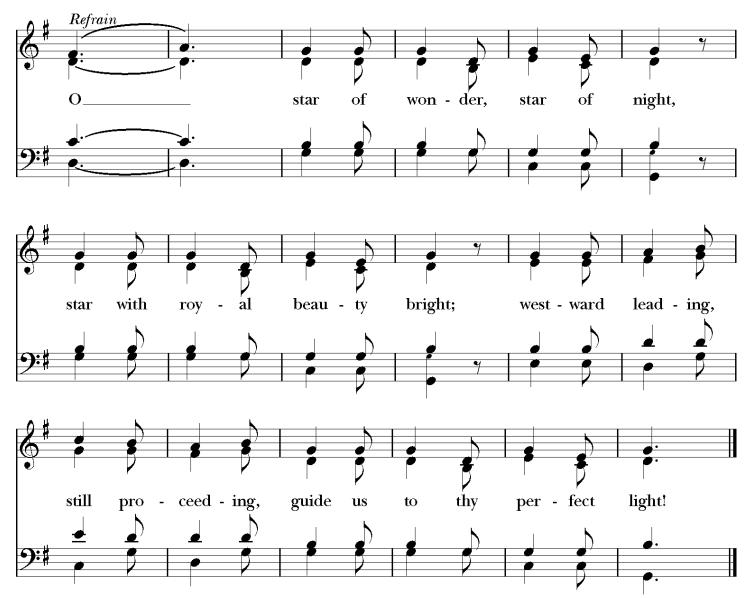
Prayer for Birthdays (BCP 830, prayer 50)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Prayer for Anniversaries (BCP p. 431)

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, N. that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness. That their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements... See page 20





The stanzas may be sung by three soloists: 1 and 5 by the ensemble; 2-4 by individuals; and the refrain by all.

Dismissal

OfficiantLet us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the
Spirit.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Officiant says

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans* 15:13

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Budget/Finance Meeting Monday, January 13, 2025 6 p.m. Adams Hall Vestry Meeting Thursday, January 16, 2025 6:30 p.m. Boesser Hall

Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2025 10:30 a.m. Adams Hall

Adams Hall

At this meeting the congregation will elect two vestry members, and Diocesan and Southeast Deanery Delegates. Any communicant in good standing 16 years of age or older is eligible to vote. The Treasurer will give a 2024 Year-end financial report and present the 2025 Budget. There will also be an update from the Green Committee and the Search Committee. This will also be the time to read, question, and celebrate ministry/committee reports. Please plan to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

Annual Reports will be due January 20 Dan will be contacting you this week to provide you with the report you wrote last year...