FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS | HOLY EUCHARIST

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God.

About this Gathering

Merry Christmas! The Twelve Days of Christmas proclaim the fulfillment of the hope and anticipation of Advent. At Christmas we welcome Jesus, joyfully celebrating his birth and giving thanks for God's greatest gift of love to us, the Son, Jesus the Christ. Please add your voice to worship, prayer & song!

Hymn 100 | Joy to the world! The Lord is come | Omit v. 3



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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

God's bright glory will shine

And everyone will see it.

The Word was made flesh, alleluia.

The Word was made flesh, alleluia.

And dwelt among us:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, alleluia: God is the Lord; the one who has shined upon us, alleluia.

Hymn 96 | Angels we have heard on high



Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

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*.

Isaiah 61:10–62:3 | Isaiah celebrates the expected glorification of Israel after the restoration of Jerusalem.

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 beautiful crown in the hand of the Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147 | God's sovereignty over the natural order and human society.

Let us read Psalm 147 responsively.

¹³Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; * praise your God, O Zion;

¹⁴For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *****

he has blessed your children within you.

¹⁵He has established peace on your borders; * *he satisfies you with the finest wheat.*

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

¹⁷He gives snow like wool; *

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

¹⁸He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *****

who can stand against his cold?

 $^{19}\mbox{He}$ sends forth his word and melts them; *

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

²⁰He declares his word to Jacob, *****

his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

²¹He has not done so to any other nation; *

to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 | What humanity is given in Christ is not a better instructor, but a redeemer who sets us free.

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

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 reckoned as righteous 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 101 | Away in a manger, no crib for his bed





John 1:1-18 | Jesus was an in-the-flesh person who lived among us as the ultimate revelation of God. The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

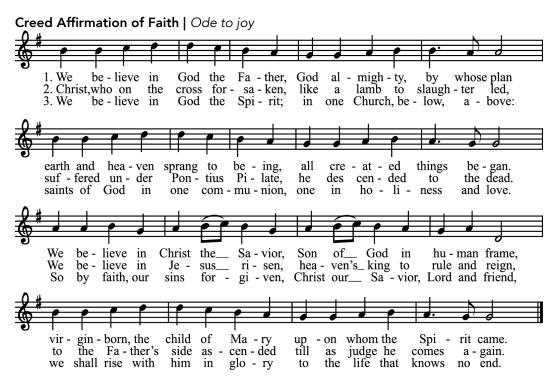
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 overtake 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 the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known. The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon



Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), alt.

Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all lay ministers, bishops, priests, deacons and other pastors and ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially...

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially...

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially... that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

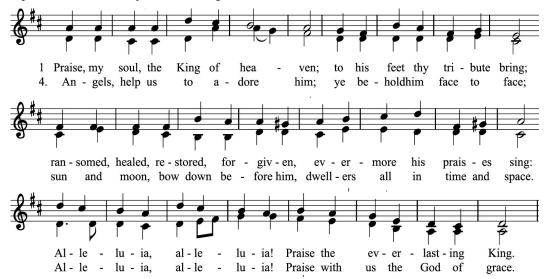
And also with you.

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Hymn 410 | Praise my soul the king of heaven



O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power;

because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Amen.

God be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

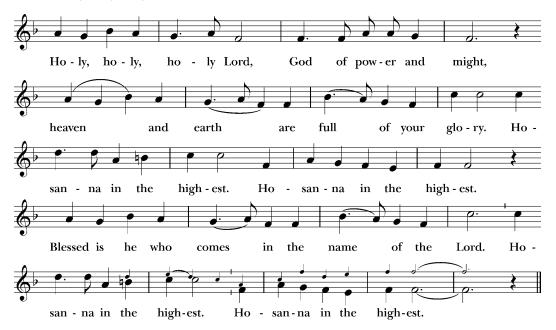
Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, the true and living God, through Jesus Christ. You are the source of life for all creation and you made us in your own image. In your love for us you sent Jesus, your only Son, to be born for us, to be our Savior, who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

In the fullness of time he became incarnate, and suffered death on the cross. You raised him in triumph, and exalted him in glory. Through him you send your Holy Spirit upon your church and make us your people. And so, we proclaim your glory, as we sing:

S 125 | Holy, holy, holy



To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

With thanksgiving and hope we say:

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. United in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we raise to you, O God, our songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **AMEN**. As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray boldly in our chosen language and voice.

Our Father in heaven,	Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,	hallowed be thy Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,	thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.	on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.	Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those	And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who sin against us.	who trespass against us.
Save us from the time of trial	Do not let us fall into temptation,
and deliver us from evil.	but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,	For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory are yours,	and the glory,
now and forever. Amen.	for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Communion

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us.

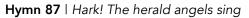
Sending Prayer

Let us pray together.

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

Blessing Over the People

May you be blessed with the spirit of the Christmas season which is peace, the gladness of the Christmas season which is hope and the heart of the Christmas season which is love and may God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, and the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. *Amen.*





Universal Prayer of Peace | Iona Community

Let us pray together.

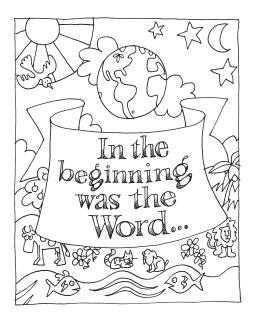
Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our lives, our world, our universe. Peace, peace, peace. Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace and love in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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