

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
First Sunday after Christmas
Christmas Carol Singing
December 30, 2018, 10:30 am

From our first carol

Merry Christmas! Today our focus is on the Carols of Christmas. Enjoy!

We will stand and take turns lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath as we sing Joy To the World. We will remain standing for both carols.

Joy to the World.....100
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....87

The Collect of the Day (*we remain standing*)

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.

We sit for the following carols

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice.....107
Silent Night.....111

The First Reading – Psalm 147 (*we stand*)

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

**He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.

**The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.
**He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;**

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind.

**He provides food for flocks and herds
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

He is not impressed by the might of a horse;
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
**But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who await his gracious favor.**

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.**

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.**

He gives snow like wool;
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;
who can stand against his cold?**

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 nation;
to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah!

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.

We remain seated for the following carols.

O Little Town of Bethlehem.....79
Love Came Down at Christmas.....84

The Prayers (*we stand or kneel*)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

**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.**

We sit.

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

Offering (*we remain seated*)

Offertory Carol: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flock By Night*...94

Presentation Carol: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (*we stand*)....96

The General Thanksgiving (*we continue standing*)

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.

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.

Final Carol: *Once in Royal David's City*.....102

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Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Here's something to think about during those 11, count'em, 11 college football bowl games tomorrow and on New Year's Day. On the first day of January we Episcopalians, along with most of Christendom, will mark the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This commemorates the eighth day of Christmas when Jesus was circumcised and received his name. "After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." Luke 2:21.

Next Sunday, January 6, will be our Epiphany celebration! There will be no Confirmation Class. We will worship at 10:30 in the nave. Then we will adjourn to the Little House for lunch on the grounds and our annual Epiphany meeting. At that meeting we will hear about 2018 and plans for 2019 and elect two new members of the vestry. The church will provide the entrée; please bring a side dish to share.

Confirmation Classes resume two weeks from today, on January 13. Lee and Amanda Borden will lead a conversation about the Ministry and Organization of The Episcopal Church.

Serving at Epiphany this week:	And next:
Ushers: Lavonne Hart and Jimmy Weldon	Ushers: Mike Rallo and Dana Barlow
Altar Guild: Dana Barlow	Altar Guild: Betty Weldon
Lay Reader: Kathy Haynie	Lay Reader: Betty Weldon
Officiant: Betty Weldon	Eucharistic Lay Minister: Mike Harber
Refreshments: Lee/Amanda Borden	Refreshments: Laura Williams