

Venite Adoremus

## The First Sunday after Christmas

The Holy Eucharist at 10:15AM - December 29, 2024



Welcome to All Saints! We are an inclusive, open-minded, open-hearted community, following Jesus in the Way of Love. We are so glad you are here.

We are committed to love in action through the Woodstock Pantry, Hot Meals, Hygiene, Clothing Closet, Mustard Seed Thrift Store and Social Justice & Advocacy.

Thank you for joining us this morning! Please worship as you feel comfortable. The cross sign (†) indicates customary times to cross oneself, a gesture of receiving God's blessing, if you wish to do so.

Children are welcome in worship — wiggles, giggles and all! We have activity clipboards in the Narthex/Entryway. They are also welcome in the Nursey and/or Godly Play.



Today is often celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Family. The reading from Isaiah affirms the prophecy of the coming Messiah. In Galatians, Paul celebrates how the coming of Christ has replaced the discipline of the Law with the gift of Faith. Finally, the opening of John's gospel proclaims Christ as the eternal Word, present even before Creation.

We are also in the midst of the Twelve Days of Christmas, traditionally marking the time between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi. In medieval and Renaissance times, these came to be observed as a series of religious feast days, celebrations, and entertainments. See today's announcements for the story behind the carol, from one partridge to twelve drummers.

#### Prelude

Noël Variations: Grand Jeu et Duo ("Echo")

Louis-Claude Daquin

# The Word of God

At the sound of the bell, all stand as able. The Celebrant greets the people from the rear of the Nave.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. (†)

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

#### Hymn 100

"Joy to the world"

Antioch



Joy to the world! the Lord is come, #100 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872). Public domain.

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People

### And also with you.

lmighty 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.

#### First Lesson

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

will greatly rejoice in the LORD, L 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

People





#### Second Lesson

#### Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Tibi, Christe, splendor Patris

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.** 

Standing as able.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia



The cantor chants a verse appropriate to the day. The alleluia is then repeated.

Music: Tone 2; refrain from Tibi, Christe, splendor Patris, Moissac MS., 12th cent.; adapt. Marilyn L. Haskel, © 1997 The Church Pension Fund. OneLicense.net A-706704.

#### The Holy Gospel

As the Gospel is presented, you may trace a small cross (†) over your forehead, lips, and heart to signify God in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

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

#### People 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 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.

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Maureen Hagen

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

- Deacon Nurturing God, remembering the exile of the holy family and Herod's slaughter of the children, we remember all who need our sustaining love. Hear our prayers for the church and the community in the world.
- Reader We pray for this church and all faithful communities, that we may share God's love and care with the world. Lord, in your mercy,
- All Hear our prayer.

We pray for our country and those whose duties are to care for it, that they may make wise decisions for the benefit of all our people. Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for all the earth, that your power may protect its people from disaster, war, and injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

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We pray for our Portland neighbors and all who come to the Woodstock Pantry, Hot Meals, and Free Clothing Closet. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for any who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, including Nancie Owens; Karen Corbett; Lucille Pierce; Megan Webber (Centering Prayer Circle); Ken Ouderkirk (brother of Laurie McDowell); Ron Jones; Margo Grant and those we name now, silently or aloud. May they be freed from pain and distress. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died, including Joe Grabskie, Tom Miller, Jean Baker (Hot Meals volunteer & St. David of Wales Parishioner) and those we name now, silently or aloud. May they rest in your light. Lord, in your mercy

#### Hear our prayer.

*Celebrant* Grant that all people may hear together the song of joy, and find their homes in the garden of justice and hope, that we may experience the fullness of life, which is your will for all, in the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

#### The Peace

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

#### Welcome and Announcements

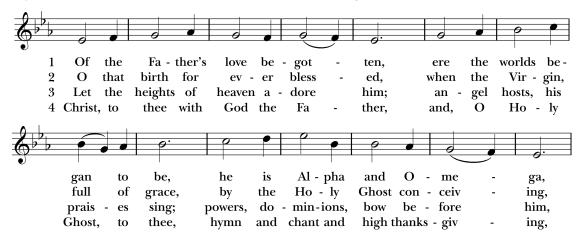
## The Holy Communion

Offerings may be placed in the plate, mailed, or made at allsaintspdx.org/give. Thank you for making the ministries and outreach of All Saint possible through your generosity. To further connect, please fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate.

Offertory Hymn 82

"Of the Father's love begotten"

Divinum Mysterium



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Of the Father's love begotten, #82 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt. Music: Divinum mysterium, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. Piae Cantiones, 1582. Public domain.

#### Presentation of the Offering

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; In heav'n above and earth below; Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one. Amen.

#### Standing as able.

The Great Thanksgiving			
Celebrant	God be with you.		
People	And also with you.		
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.		
People	We lift them to the Lord.		
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		

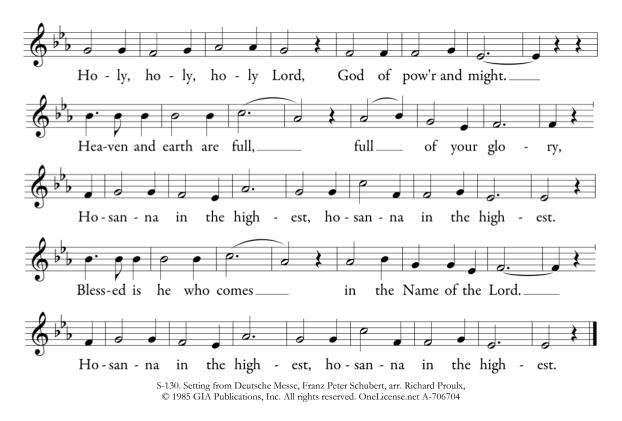
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with a prayer of thanksgiving.



Puer Nobis

**Eucharistic Prayer B** 



Kneeling, standing, or seated. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Following the Words of Institution, the Celebrant says:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

#### All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with the following:

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**.

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 an ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem



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#### The Communion of the People

All who hunger for relationship with God in Christ are welcome to come forward. After receiving the bread, you may drink directly from the chalice or give the bread to the server to dip for you. Gluten-free bread is available. To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Music at the Communion

Voluntaries From Weihnachtsbaum From 79 Chorales In dulci jubilo

Two settings Franz Liszt Marcel Dupré

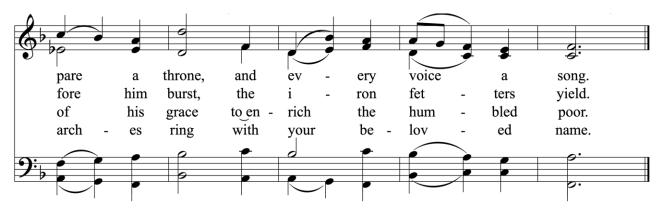
#### The Post-communion Prayer

*Standing or kneel as able* Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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 (†)





Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes, #72 from The Hymnal 1982 — Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816). Public domain.

#### Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation. The people respond, Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

In dulci jubilo (Fantasia)

J.S. Bach

#### From the Music Director: More than just a song...

The carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" may embody meanings far deeper than the lyrics themselves. Theories abound, and among them is one suggesting it represents a catalogue of key items of faith and religious observance, perhaps to disguise believers during times of religious persecution.

A Partridge in a Pear Tree is said to represent Jesus Christ (a mother partridge is known to be willing to die while protecting her young), and is given on "the first day of Christmas" since the first of the twelve days falls on Christ's birthday.

*Two Turtle Doves* symbolize both the Old and the New Testaments.

Three French Hens stand for faith, hope and love.

Four Calling Birds are the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Five Golden Rings represent the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Old Testament.

Six Geese-A-Laying are the six days of creation (before the seventh day of rest).

Seven Swans-A-Swimming symbolize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading and mercy.

*Eight Maids-A-Milking* are the eight Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-10).

*Nine Ladies Dancing* represents the fruit of the Spirit (according to Galatians 5:22-23): Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

*Ten Lords-A-Leaping* are the Ten Commandments.

Eleven Pipers Piping stands for the eleven faithful disciples.

*Twelve Drummers Drumming*, finally, symbolizes the twelve tenets of faith as stated in the Apostles' Creed.

— James Denman. Paraphrased from https://parade.com/1108781/kelseypelzer/12-days-of-christmas, accessed 26 December 2024.

# What's Happening at All Saints

Holiday Office Closure: The Office will be closed December 25 through January 1.

Sunday, January 5 – Feast of Epiphany: Magi, Crowns, King's Cake and more!

**Chairs in Parish Hall-**The black chairs in the Parish Hall which have ripped or torn seat covers are in the process of being recovered. There may be a slight shortage during the process, however soon we will have a fully operational inventory with beautiful coverings. Our thanks go to sisters Jean and Sherri who are devoted to the Hot Meals program. They volunteered to take on this project and pay for the material. Also, Steve D and Lana are helping with the disassembly and reassembly.

**Crackin' Crab Feed**-Tickets on sale, online, by phone or in person. Last year we sold out by early January, so be sure to buy you tickets soon. They make great stocking stuffers for Christmas. A fun messy experience of Oregon dining on our native crab. Tickets \$60, \$50 for seniors 65 and over, plus you can buy a table and invite friends.

**Mustard Seed Cashiers Needed:** We could use a couple more volunteers specifically to cashier on Fridays. Comfortable adding up numbers, making change and using a very simple card reader are required. Humor and good listening skills are helpful as some of our shoppers are coming in for social time or to share challenges. Contact Sonja at <u>sonjadavidm@gmail.com</u>.

# Outreach

**Outreach December 21 & 22:** The Woodstock Pantry served 182 Households last weekend, reaching 354 people. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Hot Meals team served 75 indoor meals and prepared 69



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