

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Wednesday, December 28, 2022**  
**The Feast of St. John December 27**

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*Officiant 1* This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us  
*1 John 1:2*

*Officiant 2* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.  
*John 1:1, 14*

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant 1* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence*

*Officiant 1* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Officiant 2* 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.

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant 1* Lord, open our lips.

*Officiant 2* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant 1* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*Officiant 2* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant 1* Alleluia. To us a child is born:

*Officiant 2* Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Jubilate** *Psalm 100 Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*

**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

*Officiant 1* Alleluia. To us a child is born:

*Officiant 2* Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

**Psalm 92** *Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, \*  
**and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;**  
To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
**and of your faithfulness in the night season;**  
On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
**and to the melody of the harp.**  
For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; \*  
**and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**  
Lord, how great are your works! \*  
**your thoughts are very deep.**  
The dullard does not know, nor does the fool understand, \*  
**that though the wicked grow like weeds,**  
**and all the workers of iniquity flourish,**  
They flourish only to be destroyed for ever; \*  
**but you, O Lord, are exalted for evermore.**  
For lo, your enemies, O Lord, lo, your enemies shall perish, \*  
**and all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.**  
But my horn you have exalted like the horns of wild bulls; \*  
**I am anointed with fresh oil.**  
My eyes also gloat over my enemies, \*  
**and my ears rejoice to hear the doom of the wicked**  
**who rise up against me.**  
The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
**and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.**  
Those who are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
**shall flourish in the courts of our God;**  
They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
**they shall be green and succulent;**  
That they may show how upright the Lord is, \*  
**my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**  
  
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.**

**The Lessons**

*Officiant 1* **A Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of John** *1 John 1:1-9*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Officiant 1* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of God's Love**

*1 John 4:7-11*

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Beloved, let us love one another, \*

**for love is of God.**

Whoever does not love does not know God, \*

**for God is Love.**

In this the love of God was revealed among us, \*

**that God sent his only Son into the world,  
so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us \*

**and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

Beloved, since God loved us so much, \*

**we ought also to love one another.**

For if we love one another, God abides in us, \*

**and God's love will be perfected in us.**

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.**

Officiant 2 **A Reading from the Gospel according to John**

*John 21:19b-24*

Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me." Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

Officiant 2 The Word of the Lord

Officiant 1 Thanks be to God

*The following version of the Apostles Creed will be read  
antiphonally by Officiant 1 and **Officiant 2**.*

**Antiphonal Affirmation of Faith** by Drew Cottle

Taken from the traditional version of the Apostle's Creed, #881 in  
the 1989 *United Methodist Hymnal*

Affirmation: United Methodists for LGBTQIA People and Our  
Allies <https://www.umaffirm.org/site/>

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in God, creator of the universe and of Earth,  
creator of humanity and creator of Love.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

**And in Jesus Christ, disturber, comforter and beacon,**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

**Who was brought into the world by extraordinary means,**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

**suffered great pain in extraordinary circumstances;**

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**and was given an extraordinary place in history,**

**and is with us to this day,**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**to him we are accountable: in him we have an advocate.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**I believe that the living God is with us always,**

the holy catholic Church,

**that the believers all over the world are brothers and  
sisters, no matter their name,**

the communion of saints,

**that those who have gone before have lessons to teach**

the forgiveness of sins,

**and that we have more than one opportunity**

**to learn and grow,**

the resurrection of the body,

**that God is mercifully in control of human history,**

**and will bring it to completion,**

and the life everlasting.

**and we will be in God's memory forever.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

## The Prayers

*Officiant 2* The Lord be with you.

*Officiant 1* And also with you.

*Officiant 2* 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.

## Suffrages (from *Enriching Our Worship*)

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

*Officiant 1* Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Collect of the Day*

*Officiant 2* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

*Officiant 1* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen. *Prayer for Mission*

## **The Peace and Greetings**

*Officiant 2* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Officiant 1* **And also with you**

The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

*One of the Officiants prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions shared in Chat.*

## **Closing Prayers**

*Officiant 2* 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.

*The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant 1* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

*Officiant 1* Let us bless the Lord.

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God.

*Officiant 1* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*