

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two**  
**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**  
**Eve of the Feast of the Holy Name**

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*Officiant 1* Behold, the dwelling of God is with mankind. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them, and be their God. *Revelation 21:3*

*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 against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence*

*Officiant 1* 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.

*Officiant 2* 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 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.

**Venite** *Psalms 95:1-7 Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Come let us sing to the Lord; \*

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

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

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

## Psalm 8

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

O Lord our Governor, \*

**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

Out of the mouths of infants and children \*

**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*

**to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*

**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*

**the son of man that you should seek him out?**

You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*

**you adorn him with glory and honor;**

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*

**you put all things under his feet:**

All sheep and oxen, \*

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*

**and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our Governor, \*

**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

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 Paul's Letter to the Galatians**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

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.

*Officiant 1* The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 2* Thanks be to God

*Canticle* **A Song of Our True Nature** *Julian of Norwich*

*Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \*

**our trespasses and our humiliations.**

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \*

**his blessed wisdom and love.**

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \*

**he raises us in spirit**

**and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.**

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \*

**God is the true father and mother of natures.**

We are all bound to God by nature, \*

**and we are all bound to God by grace.**

And this grace is for all the world, \*

**because it is our precious mother, Christ.**

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honor and nobility of all, \*

**and for the joy and bliss of salvation.**

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 Luke**

*Luke 2:15-21*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. 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.

*Officiant 2*   The Word of the Lord

*Officiant 1*   Thanks be to God

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant 1*

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

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

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

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

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. 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 A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

*Officiant 1* Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. 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*