



# Holy Family Episcopal Church

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas

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## Welcome!

*Holy Family seeks to bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.*

Holy Family Episcopal Church is a young and growing congregation with an emphasis on children, youth, and intergenerational ministry, spiritual growth, and community outreach.

If you would like more information about Holy Family or to schedule a meeting, you are invited to fill out a Welcome Card which may be found on clipboards in the sanctuary chair pockets. Completed cards can be dropped in the offering plate, handed to an usher or Father Frank, or placed in the clear box on the Welcome Desk. Thank you for being part of the community this morning!

References marked BCP are for pages in The Book of Common Prayer; those marked as H refer to hymns in The Hymnal 1982 (blue hardback book); those marked as S refer to service music hymns in the front of The Hymnal 1982 (blue hardback book); those marked as G refer to hymns in the songbook Gather (blue paperback book), those marked as WLP refer to hymns in the songbook Wonder, Love, and Praise (dark green paperback book).

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## Holy Eucharist – Rite II

### Entrance Hymn

Sing, O Sing, This Blessed Morn

H 88

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Gloria

Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 4)

H 96

**See him in a manger laid, whom the angels praise above.  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lessons

#### A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 84:1-8**

We will pray the psalm responsively by half-verse,  
breaking at the asterisk.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the  
Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a  
nest where she may lay her young; \* **by the side of your  
altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a  
place of springs, \***for the early rains have covered it with  
pools of water.**

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

#### **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who  
has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the  
heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the  
foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before  
him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children  
through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his  
will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely  
bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love  
toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to  
give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray  
that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come  
to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart  
enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he  
has called you, what are the riches of his glorious  
inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable  
greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sequence Hymn**

The Snow Lay On the Ground

H 110

#### **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem  
of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,  
"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For  
we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him  
homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened,  
and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief  
priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where  
the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem  
of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means  
least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a  
ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned  
from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then  
he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search  
diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring  
me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When  
they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of  
them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it  
stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw  
that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.  
On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his  
mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then,

opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

Father Frank Impicicche

### The Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,**

**the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped  
and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic**

**Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the**

**forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Written by the children, youth, and adults of Holy Family.*

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

We pray for the Church throughout the world — for those who share God's love and serve in Jesus' name. We pray for the global church and the joy it brings through music, fellowship, and community. We pray for all members past, present, and future. Fill us with peace, and help us on our journeys to come closer to you. Guide us to be the heart and the hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming

lives. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, for the Executive Council of our Diocese, for Bishop Mauricio and the Diocese of Brasilia, for Frank our priest, and Kay and Matt our Wardens. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Trinity, Bloomington. **In your love, answer us.**

We pray for our leaders, for wisdom and fairness, and for peace among all nations. Lord, open our hearts and minds to what is possible with your creation, to let your Love transcend the division, hypocrisy, and selfishness that too often weigh us down. Fill our hearts with your grace, and instill in us empathy and intellect to cut through misinformation, separating your signal from the noise.

**In your love, answer us.**

We pray for the world — for creation, peace, and all people in need of healing and hope. We pray for all people to celebrate the diversity of the world as we seek to understand and appreciate those who are different from us. We pray especially for world leaders to put aside differences and come together for the common good of humanity. O God, please bring hope and peace to any people suffering during times of war, hunger, and hardship. Thank you for the beauty of your creation that brings us joy when we spend time in nature and enjoy God's creatures, from Gila monsters to seahorses. **In your love, answer us.**

We pray for our wider community — for our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and local leaders, that kindness, safety, and compassion may grow among all who live and serve here. We pray for unity and acceptance, rejoicing in the changing diversity of our community. We pray for social connection for newcomers within our growing church. We pray that leaders and citizens reflect, identify, and address the needs of the unseen, and/or underserved. We pray for our continued support of Delaware Township Trustee's Food Bank, Fishers Elementary School, and to continue to expand outreach initiatives. We pray that we are aware and responsive to environmental concerns and be good stewards of our natural resources. **In your love, answer us.**

We pray for our parish — for its members, ministries, leaders, and all who find belonging, hope, and spiritual nourishment within this church family. Lord, we thank you for our community here at Holy Family and all of the ministries, seen and unseen, that come together to do your work. We ask your blessing and guidance for all of those who contribute to the ministry and outreach of our church family, including the acolytes, prison ministry volunteers, children's ministry, youth ministry, bread makers, AV experts, administrative staff, ushers, Saint Francis ministers,

musicians, and all others whose work may go unnoticed, but not unappreciated. **In your love, answer us.**

We pray for those in our parish cycle of prayer – the Gray, Guenin, and Hamon families, and those who serve as Vestry members. We pray for the young adults of our parish, especially remembering Sophia, Lily, Charlie, Josh, Jenny, Alex, Zoe, Noah, Matt, Matthew, Lauren, Lexi, Zoey, Maci, Sophia, and Cooper. We pray for all expecting babies, especially Michele and Adam, and Liv and Taylor. **In your love, answer us.**

We pray for the sick, the lonely, and those who are hurting, that they may know God's love and comfort. We pray for those who are experiencing mental and physical struggles and their caregivers. Give them hope in the days ahead. We pray for those who are lonely to find a sense of community, peace, and joy. Help us all to pray and be with you in a life that can seem overwhelming and busy. Let us remember the importance in slowing down and finding joy in God's presence. We pray for those who don't have a safe environment – children, the homeless, immigrants, first responders, and the incarcerated. We pray for those experiencing financial difficulties. Give them daily bread and peace in the midst of life's uncertainties. We pray for children without parents and who don't know how to respond in scary situations, such as fire drills and natural disasters. Let them find God's peace in these times. Together, we pray for: **Raymond, Barb, Terri, Patty, Judi, William and Norma, Katja, Alex, William, Ali, Tyra, Julie, Jim, Susan, Marvin and Marsha, Papa Ed, Nicole, and Chetrice. In your love, answer us.**

We remember those who have died and now rest in God's peace, giving thanks for their lives and love. We remember with gratefulness, the loving memories and traditions they left us, the time spent together, especially playing games. We pray for people who are missing their loved ones, especially those who have lost many people, that they may feel the comfort and peace of God. We pray for those who are alone, especially in nursing homes, that they may feel God's love. **In your love, answer us.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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

### Announcements

### Offertory Hymn

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

*Please remain seated.*

H 114

### Doxology

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### The Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, the Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

S 125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel, the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,

and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with your Holy Family and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 364  
**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.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem** S 164  
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy gifts for God's Holy People.

**The Invitation**

*This table is for everyone. All who seek God are invited to share in Holy Communion. If you wish to participate, but prefer not to receive Holy Communion, please join everyone coming forward. Cross your arms over your chest and we will be glad to offer you a blessing. A gluten free option is available for those who need it. If you wish to have Holy Communion brought to your seat, please let one of the Ushers know.*

**Communion**

In the Bleak Midwinter H 112  
What Child Is This H 115

**Blessing of St. Francis Ministers**

*All children and those who are "young at heart" are invited to come forward for a blessing before going outside to spread birdseed for all God's creatures. They will be accompanied by at least one adult.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Let us pray*  
**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice H 107

**The Dismissal**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

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