

# ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

JANUARY 5, 2025

10:00 AM

**We welcome you to St. Catherine's!**

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.  
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,  
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

**Processional Hymn**

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

**Hymnal 135**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*  
Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

**The Collect for Purity**

*Prayed by the Celebrant alone, with the People joining on "Amen."*

**The Song of Praise**

*Glory to God*

**Hymnal S-280**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Prayed by the Celebrant alone, with the People joining on "Amen."*

**The Lessons** (see insert for *The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

*The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.*

**Sequence Hymn**

*We three kings of Orient are (vv. 1 & 5)*

**Hymnal 128**

**The Gospel**

*(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho**

*Silence may follow.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

**Prayers of the People (Form III)**

**BCP p. 387**

**The Peace**

**BCP p. 360**

**Birthday & Anniversary Blessings**

**BCP p. 830 (50)**

# Lectionary and Music Insert

## THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

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.

## THE PSALM

**Psalm 84:1-8**

**BCP p. 707**

*At 8:00 and 10:00 AM the Psalm is prayed by the Lector and the People.*

## THE EPISTLE

**Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

*Gospeler*      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.

*Gospeler*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

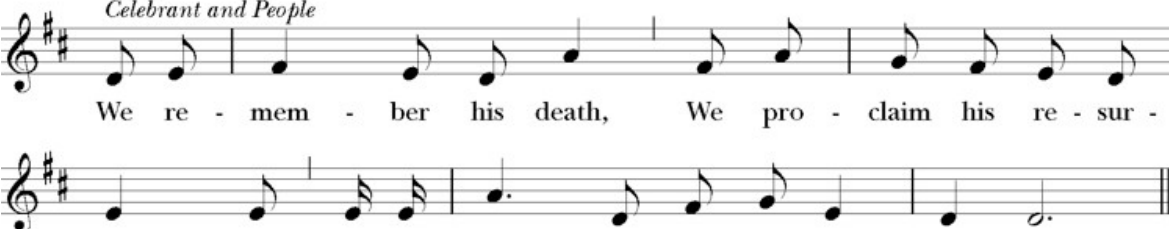
## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*



Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

*Celebrant and People*



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -  
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

## THE GREAT AMEN



A - men. A - men. A - men.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

**Presentation Hymn 380** (Verse 3)

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*All stand who 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. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)**

**BCP p. 367**

*Sanctus*

**Hymnal S-130**

**The Memorial Acclamation** (*see Music and Lectionary Insert*)

**The Great Amen** (*see Lectionary and Music Insert*)

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP p. 364**

**The Fraction Anthem**

**Hymnal S-164**

**Communion Hymn**

*Brightest and best of the stars*

**Hymnal 117**

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

**BCP p. 365**

**Announcements**

**The Final Blessing**

**The Concluding Hymn**

*What star is this*

**Hymnal 124**

**The Dismissal**

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**Postlude**

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**THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

are given to the Glory of Almighty God.

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT**

shines to remind us of our Lord's presence in the Sacrament  
and by Suzette Lemrow in loving memory of Dr. Dale A. Johnson.

**Worship Services**

**Sunday**

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM

Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

**First Wednesday of the Month**

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

**The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector**

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*The mission of St. Catherine's  
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love  
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
and to share the Good News with all.*