



**The Vigil of the Nativity, Christmas Eve
Evening Prayer, and The Holy Communion
24 December 2025 5PM**

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Order of Service

Prelude: Prelude from The Christmas Oratorio C. Saint-Saëns
(1835-1921)
Carol #41 Venite Adoremus *please stand*
Evening Prayer
Opening Sentence BCP p. 21
The Preces BCP p. 25
Carol, The Holly and the Ivy *please see insert-sung responsively*
Psalm 85. Bendixisti, Domine. BCP p. 446
*Please be seated for the responsive reading of the Psalm, responding at the **
Old Testament Lesson Zechariah 2:10-13
Magnificat *please stand* Hymnal #658/BCP p. 26
The Christmas Procession-the Babe is laid in the Manger
Let us go forth in peace. Answer: In the Name of Christ. Amen.
Hymn #12 *Adeste Fedeles*
The Holy Communion, commonly called the Mass
Introit Cantor
Collect for Purity *please kneel* BCP p. 67
Summary of the Law BCP p. 69
Kyrie eleison, threefold Hymnal #709/BCP p. 70
Gloria in excelsis Hymnal #739/BCP p. 84
Collect: Christmas Eve BCP p. 98
Epistle *please be seated* BCP p. 98
Gradual Cantor
Alleluia *please stand* Cantor
Hymn #27 *Mendelssohn* **verses 1 and 2**
Gospel BCP p. 98
Hymn #27 *Mendelssohn* **verse 3**
Nicene Creed BCP p. 71
Sermon *please be seated* *a few moments of silent reflection follow*
Offertory verse Cantor
Carol #40 God Rest You Merry *please stand*
Doxology Hymnal #139
Followed by **Our Fathers God to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God our King.**

Orate Fratres

Pray, Brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

Answer: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Prayer for the whole state of Christ's Church BCP p. 74

Invitation to Confession BCP p. 75

General Confession BCP p. 75

Absolution BCP p. 76

Comfortable Words BCP p. 76

Sursum Corda, Proper Preface BCP p. 77

Sanctus, and *Benedictus* Hymnal #797

Prayer of Consecration-Canon of the Mass BCP p. 80

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #722/BCP p. 82

Libera nos Missal

Pax Domini: The Peace of the Lord be always

Answer: And with thy spirit.

***Agnus Dei*: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Hymnal #712

Prayer of Humble Access BCP p. 82

Ecce Agnus Dei: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.

Answer: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. 3x

Communion of the Faithful

All Adult Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion if they believe in the Real Presence and have said the General Confession.

***Carol #33 Holy Night* sitting or kneeling**

Communion Verse Cantor

The Prayer of Thanksgiving ***please kneel*** BCP p. 83

Dismissal: The Lord be with you. **Answer: And with thy spirit.**

The Mass is ended. Depart in peace. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Answer: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessing BCP. 84

Carol #42 Gloria *please stand*
Postlude: Postlude on *Antioch*

W. Pelz (b. 1926)



The Angelic Salutation

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. AMEN.



Prayer for the Faithful Departed

May the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

And may light perpetual shine upon them. AMEN.