The Gospel Hymn **We three kings of Orient are**
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Verse 5

Sermon **The Reverend J David Knight**

The Nicene Creed **BCP, p. 358**

Prayers of the People

As we join the shepherds and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation.

By the birth of the Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Russell our Bishop and the priest, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering especially Clare Davis, Gloria Battle, Beth Howell, Tiffany Turner, for travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering especially expectant parents, Alexa and Vince Bruner, Emily and Justin Kennedy, Kelly and Daniel Dey, Bethany and Lee McAllister.
Glory and praise to you, O living God.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, St. Simons and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
To you, O Lord.

Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. May the Rising Sun of Christ spread across the world and brighten all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin **BCP, p. 360**

The Peace and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory **Sweet Baby Jesus Boy** **Ken Berg**

Presentation **The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving **Eucharistic Prayer B**
BCP, p. #367

Sanctus **S~125**

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn **It came upon the midnight clear**
The Hymnal 1982 #89

Post-Communion Prayer **BCP, p. 366**

Blessing by the Celebrant

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in this Communion Christ's Body and Blood.
People: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Closing Hymn **Hark! The herald angels sing**
The Hymnal 1982 #87

Dismissal
The Deacon dismisses the people.

Postlude **The Holly and The Ivy**
arranged by Chip Davis

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Second Sunday After Christmas * January 5, 2025* 10:00 AM

Clergy: The Rt. Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, Bishop
The Reverend J. David Knight, Celebrant

Choir Director: Kelley Koontz
Organist: Doug Koontz

Prelude **Von Himmel Hoch** **by Johann Pachelbel**

Opening Hymn **Once in royal David's city**
The Hymnal 1982 #102

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect of Purity
All: Almighty God, to whom 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.*

Gloria **"Angels, from the realms of glory"**
The Hymnal 1982 #93
Verse1

The Collect of the Day **BCP, p. 214**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: 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.***

A Reading from 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.

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-12 **BCP, p. 707**

(Read responsively by half verse. The people read after the asterisk.)

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

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

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,*
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

A Reading from 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.

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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The Gospel

Celebrant: 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.

Matthew 2:1-12

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