



The Nativity of Our Lord

Holy Eucharist – Rite II
9 AM, December 25, 2021

Welcome

Liturgical Greeting

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

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

The 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.

Gloria

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for Christmas

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Psalm 98

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Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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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 worshiped 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, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Betsey our Bishop, Archbishop Peni, Bishop Richard and all Bishops, for Mary, Milton, Pat, Bill & all Priests, and for Jeanie, Abigail, and all Deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Tom, Lu & Marcella;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Jacque.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks for the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially: Izzy, Ezalyze, Pat, Cindy, Abigail, Sang Min, Audrey, Emily, and Paige;

For those celebrating an anniversary, especially: Delia & Victor, Lu & Bill, Mac & Gary, and Sally & Mike;

For those expecting a baby, especially: Dana & Zach Slocum;

For those who are to be married: Vanessa & David, Britany & John, Emily & Jacob (Nastruz), and Amanda & Joseph (Nastruz);

For Bishop Monnot and her new ministry in the Diocese of Iowa; and

For our 2nd Offering partner in December, the St. Timothy's Faith & Food Fund and the Angel Tree.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(Silence)*

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Zach, Marshall & Reece;

For St. Timothy's Search Committee and our worship community;
For St. John in Mason City, Grace Church in Charles City, and St. Matthew-by-the-Bridge
in Iowa Falls in the Diocese of Iowa;
For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and
Swaziland;
For the Episcopal Church in Sudan & South Sudan especially their clergy and families;
For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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:

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

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

Celebrant and People

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

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 Timothy 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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive communion.

The usher will guide you to the communion rail.

To receive the bread, place one open hand on top of the other.

To receive the wine, you are welcome to dip the wafer into the vessel.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request – please ask the clergy.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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

Dismissal

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

Christmas 1 - December 26, 10:15 AM

Rebroadcast of Service of Lessons & Carols on YouTube

Epiphany - January 2, 10:15 AM

ONE SERVICE WEEKEND

Links to all services can be found at www.sttimothyiowa.org/worship



Christmas Flowers & Greens

Thanks to all those who have contributed!

In Memory of

Jacquie & Mort Baker, Myrna & Luther Dooley,
and Neil E. & Ruth Guy by Neil & Tammy Guy

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Marlene Cowles by Mark & Elizabeth Slocum

In Thanksgiving for

Our family, by Tammy & Neil Guy

Maggie Bice by Chris & Beth Bice

Our children & grandchildren, our church family,
and Mary Cole-Duvall by Jeanie & Bill Smith

Tom & Janet Hansen and John McKinney, Jr.
by John & Julie McKinney

Ned & Sammy, Lucy, our families and our friends
by Dan & Jana Montgomery

St. Timothy's Staff, Clergy and Vestry
by Mary Cole Duvall

Family by Karen Peters

Our Children & Grandchildren by Marty & Lyndy
Wells

Cheryl Crandell and Stan & Marlys Peterson by
Mary Crandell & Myron Peterson

Our Family & Friends by Mark & Elizabeth
Slocum

Mary, Dave, Jim, Lynn, Matt, Mabel, Tom & Kate
by Tom Carpenter

