

Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

1305 Thomas Dr. Bellevue, NE 68005



**December 28, 2025
First Sunday After Christmas
9:30 am**

Rite II

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are a guest today or are a member who has been away for a while, we are glad you joined us for worship today. Please let us know if you are joining us online by leaving a comment, or by emailing us so that we can say thank you.

God Bless

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The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Opening Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come!

Hymnal 54

Welcome

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

People: And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever Amen.

Celebrant and People:

**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.***

Kyrie Eleison

Hymnal S88

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

People: **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament - Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

CHS 15

The Gospel: John 1:118

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Message

“The Holy Family”

Mtr Margaret

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 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 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.

Prayers of the People (*Form I*)

Please kneel or be seated]

With all our heart and with all our mind; let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for those who serve our country at home and abroad; especially those we know who
are deployed: _____ are there others; for the welfare of the holy Church of God, remembering today in the
Diocesan cycle of Prayer, _____ in the DR for _____; In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for _____
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; for Mtr Margaret our
rector and her husband Jim; Ted and Terri, our deacons, for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Donald Trump our Governor, Jim Pillen; for the elected and appointed officials of the
communities in which we live; and for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air especially: _____ are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially _____ are there others; for those with special concerns; especially: _____, are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For your continued blessings on those celebrating birthdays this week; especially: _____, are there others; *and* those celebrating anniversaries, _____, are there others; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and destitute, especially those who are hungry, cold, and in need of our help; for prisoners and captives, especially those who struggle to survive; for all who remember and care for them, and especially for us, that we may in faith, respond to the crisis before us encouraging and helping those who need our help the most; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection; especially, _____, are there others; and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, so that those you love may know peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of you people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Reader: Let us confess our sins and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Celebrant continues:

For Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Peace

Almighty God, whose will it is to hold heaven and earth in the peace of your kingdom, give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. **Amen**

Offertory Hymn

Go Tell It on a Mountain

Hymnal 99

Doxology

Hymnal 380(v3)

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving *(Prayer B)*

Celebrant: 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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said

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

Celebrant and People

**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.

The people may stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant 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.

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.

The Celebrant 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 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.

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

**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 Hymn

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

Hymnal 83

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Going Forth Hymn

Christ is the World's True Light

Hymnal 542

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**



The Nave Presence Candle is given by the Susan Hedin in Memory of Paul Hedin

WEEKLY MINISTRY TEAMS			
		Dec 28	Jan 4
VPOD		Brian C	Vince C
Hospitality		Team 2	Team 3
Altar Guild		Team 4	Team 1
Spirit Hub		Building & Grounds	-
Altar Bread		Sue P	Jan S
LEMs	5:00 pm	Charlotte A	Charlotte A
	8:00 am	Cindy P	Cindy P
	9:30 am	Vince C Jan S	Jan S Lorei E
LEV		Team 2	Team 3
Recycle		Karen G	Jans S
Acolytes 9:30 am	C T T	Kyper M Isaiah CH Mya H	Olivia H MacKenzie C Ailynn M

Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

Birthday Prayer: O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on *this* your servant, as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness, all the days of *their* life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayer: O gracious and ever living God, look mercifully on these who have been joined together. Grant them your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep their promises and vows; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Birthdays:

Joan M
Karen G
Monika M
Kayla B
Jeffrey S

Anniversaries:

Amanda & Kelly

This Week's Highlights

Come Support Two Eagle Projects: Enjoy pancakes all morning on Sunday, Dec. 28th and your donations will support the Eagle Projects of Vince Cummings III; building storage in the attic and Evelyn Cummings painting the office hallway. Also needed are donations of spare wood. For more info see Rick Hayes.

Spirit Hub: Candle sponsorship, sign-up for bread making, and the directory and all at the Spirit Hub. Please stop by and sign-up and check the directory. Initial by your name if everything is correct. The birth dates are for office use only and will not be published. If your adult children have moved away, please update their address and indicate if they wish to remain active.

Pledges: We are just short of our goal for the 2026 budget. No matter how little, every \$ counts. Even a dollar a week supports a CHS need. Our 2026 Estimate of Giving Cards are available for pick-up. Our online link is found on the front page of our website.

Annual Report: It is time to write your ministry's annual report. We need to start compiling the report for the annual meeting. Please get them to our administrator, Jean, at holyspirit@chsepiscopal.org. If you are not sure what to write, ask Terri, Judy, or Cindy for ideas.

First Friday: Our First Friday sack lunch will be Jan 2nd. Many who can't usually come due to work may be able to come this month. It is at noon in the parish hall.

Annual Parish Meeting: Our Annual Parish Meeting is February 1st being at 10:30am.