

Christmas Day  
December 25, 2016



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The Book of Common Prayer, Rite II (“BCP”)

Voluntary *What is this lovely fragrance?* trad. carol, arr. Dale Wood  
Kristi Kiene, oboe. Timothy Hall, organ

Entrance Rite

Processional	Hymnal 87
<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	Charles Wesley
Opening Acclamation and Response	BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis (Stanza 1)	Hymnal 96
Collect of the Day	

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born 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.*

Word of God

First Lesson	Isaiah 52:7-10
Gradual Psalm 98 <i>Cantate Domino</i>	BCP 727
Epistle	Hebrews 1:1-4
Sequence Hymn	Hymnal 107
<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice</i>	<i>John Mason Neale</i>
Holy Gospel	John 1:1-14
Sermon	The Reverend Liam G. Collins, <i>Assistant Priest</i>

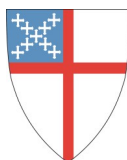
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People <i>Form III</i>	BCP 387
Peace	

### Holy Communion

Offertory <i>Sweet, little Jesus Boy</i>	Robert MacGimsey
Sean Wesley Holleran, tenor	
Doxology	Hymnal 380, v. 3
Great Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus and Benedictus	Hymnal S-125
Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread	
Fraction Anthem <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal S-164
Communion Hymn <i>In the bleak midwinter</i>	Hymnal 112
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP 365
Processional Hymn	Hymnal 109
<i>The first Nowell the angel did say</i> (St. 1,2,3 and 6)	English carol, 18th cent.
Voluntary <i>Angels we have heard on high</i>	French carol, arr. Diane Bish

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The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase, D. Min., *Bishop of Georgia*

The Reverend Michael S. White, *Rector*

The Reverend Sierra Wilkinson Reyes, *Associate Rector*

The Reverend Helen S. White, *Assistant for Children and Family Ministries*

The Reverend Liam G. Collins, *Assistant for Pastoral Care and Spiritual Life*

The Reverend Patricia Rhoads Davis, *Deacon*

The Right Reverend Henry I. Louttit, Jr., *Bishop-in-Residence*

The Reverend George M. Maxwell (1930-2016), *Rector Emeritus*

Timothy L. Hall, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Leslie D. Parker, *Parish Administrator*

**Vestry**

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