

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / HOLY INNOCENTS
DECEMBER 28, 2025 - 10:30AM

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in your pew rack titled "The Book of Common Praise 2017"
The priest will announce when it is time to stand and sing

HYMN #38
"Once in royal David's city"

THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray. (*all kneel*)

¶ *Minister:*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *Turning to the people, the minister continues:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith,

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *Congregation SINGS Kyrie (right):*

Minister: Let us pray.

The Collect for the Feast of Holy Innocents

OALMIGHTY God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings has ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their death; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by the grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

709 *In unison* **Kyrie eleison, threefold** HEALEY WILLAN, 1928

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The Collect for 1st Sunday after Christmas

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

(SITTING)

Lector: The passage appointed for the Epistle Lesson is written in the 14th chapter of St. John's Revelation beginning at 1st verse.

I LOOKED, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Lector: Here endeth the Epistle lesson.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

(STANDING)

HYMN #176 (*verses 1 & 2 only*)

"Lully, lullay"

Minister: The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew beginning at the 13th verse.

Congregation SINGS:



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

THE angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard,

lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation SINGS:



HYMN #176 – Verse 3 only

THE NICENE CREED

(STANDING)

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS SERMON HYMN

**(SITTING)
(STANDING)**

HYMN #54 “On Christmas night all Christians sing”

SERMON

(SITTING)

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

¶ Offerings should be placed in the alms basin located on the table in the Narthex or electronically through Givelify. You may also visit our website www.stmkaty.org and look for the donate button. You can also scan this QR code to go directly to the donate page.



¶ *When the table has been prepared and all things are ready, the people will stand and sing the doxology.*

THE DOXOLOGY

(STANDING)

Praise God, from who all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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. Amen.

Minister: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church. (*All kneel*)

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [**alms and*] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [*a silent moment is observed during which you may offer up names*]. ✠ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

¶ *Then shall the Priest say to those who come to receive the Holy Communion,*

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *Then shall the Priest, or the Bishop if he be present, turn to the people, say,*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ *The shall the Priest say,*

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

COME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11:28*
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2:1, 2*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: (sung) **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Priest: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: (sung) **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest:

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man, of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



¶ Congregation sings Sanctus & Benedictus

The musical score is written for a congregation, with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line.

System 1:

- Vocal: *p* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
- Piano: *p*

System 2:

- Vocal: *mf* Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
- Piano: *mf*

System 3:

- Vocal: *mf* Lord God of hosts, *f e cresc.* heav - en and earth are full of thy
- Piano: *mf* *f e cresc.*

System 4:

- Vocal: *f* name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the *rall.* high - est.
- Piano: *rall.*

System 5:

- Vocal: *ff* glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.
- Piano: *ff*

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¶ The Priest then prays,

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.✠ Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.✠

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

AND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood ✠.

AND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ hath 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.**

Priest (kneeling):

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

¶ *Congregation sings the Agnus Dei (next page)*

In unison, slow
mp O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, . . have mer - cy up - on
us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
mf on us. O Lamb of God, that
cresc. ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, . .
grant us thy peace.
red.

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The Distribution of Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive)

¶ After the distribution is completed, the congregation will sing the Communion hymn

HYMN #62 - "O little town of Bethlehem"

Priest: Let us pray.

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

Priest *In unison, in moderate time*

mp

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we

glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,

O . . Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God . . . the Fa - ther Al -

Priest *In unison, in moderate time*

mp

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we

glo - ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry,

mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

First pace

For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou

on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most

high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

rall.

A - men.

PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Minister: Let us pray. *(The people kneeling)*

ALMIGHTY Father, who binds us together in the one body of Christ, we thank you for the family that you have brought together at St. Matthias. We are blessed by the gifts, talents, support, and fellowship that we have with one another. Our faith is strengthened through the lives we share. We offer up our thanks and our praise, in particular, for *Frank Massie*. Continue to bless *him* and make thy face to shine upon *him*; through Him who prayed that we be one, Thy Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

¶ The priest, or the Bishop if he be present, shall pronounce the blessing.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

(STANDING)

HYMN #81

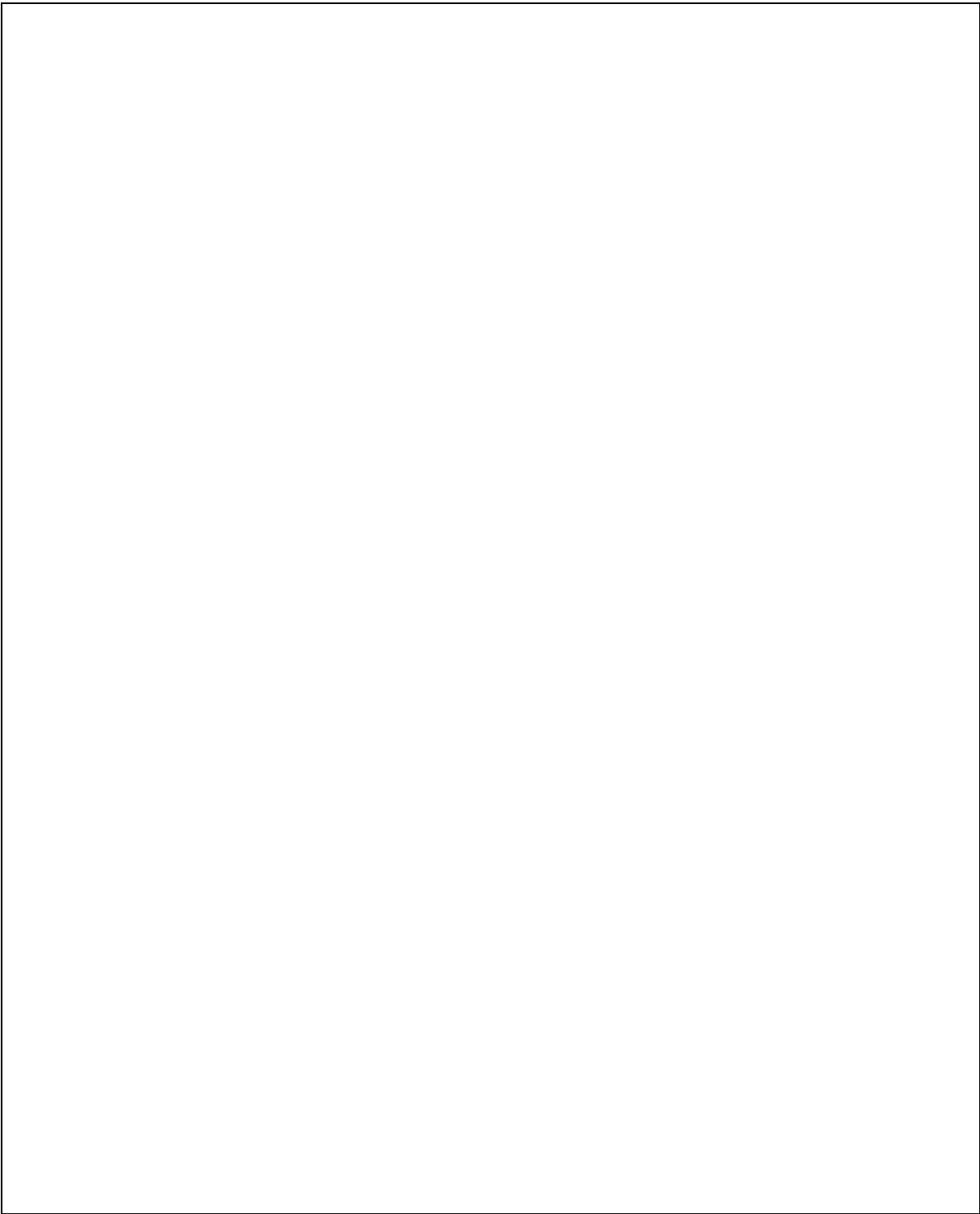
“Venite adoremus”

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Beloved, Go forth into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*After the service, everyone is invited to join us in Johnson Hall
for a time of fellowship and refreshment.*



Welcome to St. Matthias Anglican Church.

*A parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church
Anglican Church in North America*

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we pray that that you find St. Matthias to be a parish in which you can embrace **tradition**, experience a **family** and enjoy a **home**. It truly is a pleasure to have you with us, and we hope that you will sign our guest register and join us for some refreshment and conversation next door in Johnson Hall.

Thank you to our HELPING HANDS

<u>SERVING SCHEDULE</u>	Dec 28th <i>Holy Innocents</i> Holy Communion	Jan 4th <i>2nd Sun after Christmas</i> Holy Communion	Jan 11th <i>1st Sun after Epiphany</i> Holy Communion
<i>Celebrant:</i> <i>Preacher:</i> <i>Deacon/Chalice:</i>	Bp. Jason Fr. Victor None	Bp. Jason Bp. Jason None	Bp. Jason Bp. Jason None
<i>Server(s)</i>	Favor Odinye	Aidan Grote	Aidan Wray
<i>Epistoler</i>	Jacob Grote	Dss. Annette	Tim Wood
<i>Usher</i>	Aidan Grote	Harry Johnson	Jacob Grote
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Chinenye & Alice E. Color: Red Altar: Coronation	Ellen Grote Color: Coronation	Ellen Adams Color: Coronation
<i>Kids Chapel</i>	N/A	Liz Grote w/ Avery Grote	N/A
<i>Streaming</i>	Agozie Ezeudu	Jacob Grote	Agozie Ezeudu
<i>Special Prayers</i>	Frank Massie	January Celebrations	Donna Taylor

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