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December 17, 2023  
8:00 AM

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton  
The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh, Interim Rector  
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music  
Jane Ford, Family Ministry Coordinator  
Brenda Faulkner, Parish Administrator

## **Save these Dates:**

### **SERVICE FOR THE LONGEST NIGHT**

Sunday, December 17, 2023

**5:00 p.m.**

A Candle-lit Service for those experiencing grief and loss

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

December 24, 2023

**4:00 p.m.**

Family Christmas Eve Service

**9:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist & Hymns

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

December 25, 2023

**10:00 a.m.**

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

## **Christmas Flowers**

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving for someone special with a flower offering for Christmas, please fill out the Christmas Flower Offering Slip or use a special envelope and place it in the offering plate. Envelopes and slips can be found on the glass top table in the narthex.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

## The Word of God

Prelude	“Chorale Prelude on 'In dulci jubilo'”	-Bach/arr. Ryan
Welcome		The Rev. Frank B Crumbaugh III
+Processional Hymn	O come, O come, Emmanuel	Hymnal #56
	<b>sts. 1 - 4</b>	
+Opening Sentences		BCP pg 323
*The Summary of the Law		BCP pg 324
*The Collect of the Day		Insert
The First Lesson and Psalm		Insert
The Epistle		Insert
+The Gospel		Insert
The Homily	The Rev. Frank B Crumbaugh III	
+The Nicene Creed		BCP pg 326
*The Prayers of the People		BCP pg 328
*Confession		BCP pg 331
*Absolution		BCP pg 332
+The Peace		

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
+The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP pg 333
*The Lord's Prayer		BCP pg 336
*Breaking of the Bread		BCP pg 337
Communion		
*Post-Communion Prayer		BCP pg 339
*Blessing		
Announcements		
+Recessional Hymn	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry	Hymnal #76
	<b>sts. 1, 2, &amp; 5</b>	
+Dismissal		
+Postlude	“Hark the Herald Angels Sing!”	-arr. Cherwien

**Please pray for:** Susan Fralic, Anneliesse Jones, Sharon McCain, Goldey Vansant, Pat Sherbert, Caden Link, Dorothy Olm, Ruthanne Herold, Samuel Bensen (RIP), Sheila Savage, Don Snyder, Kathy Blodgett, Marion O Family, Douglas Oliver, Richard Thomas, Anna Sisson, Shane Wheeler, Philip Taylor, David Ligler (RIP), Martha Conrad, Janet Thompson (RIP), Dwight Coursey, Mike Katinus (RIP), Rudy Ford Sr. (RIP), David Williams, Bishop Curry, Eileen Shreve, Brandi Sydnott, Teresa Mautino, Stella Schneider, Mark H., Dave Brackett, Don Proud, Becky Myers, Sherry Sharp, Sarah Finger, Neal

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## Serving 8am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Patti Snyder

**Lectors:** Maria Jones, Liza Hamill

**Ushers:** Maria Jones, Lois Vanderbok

**Altar Guild:** Donna Guilford, Maria Jones, Becky Myers

**Counters:** Anna Sisson, Judy Peppel

**The Collect of the Day**—Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The First Lesson**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 126

*Read responsively by verse.*

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \***  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 **The LORD has done great things for us, \***  
**and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.**

**7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## **The Epistle**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## **+The Holy Gospel**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*Please stand and face the Celebrant*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ**

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* **Praise be to thee O Christ**