Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The First Sunday After The Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord Sunday, January 12, 2025 Holy Eucharist Rite II Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit. The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Ashley Phillips, Director of Youth and
Children's Ministry
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
Kristine K., Parish Administrator
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

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Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Keikilani

Altar Servers: David Boyd and Lynn Walsh

Torch Bearer: Keikilani and Natalie

Crucifer: Eme

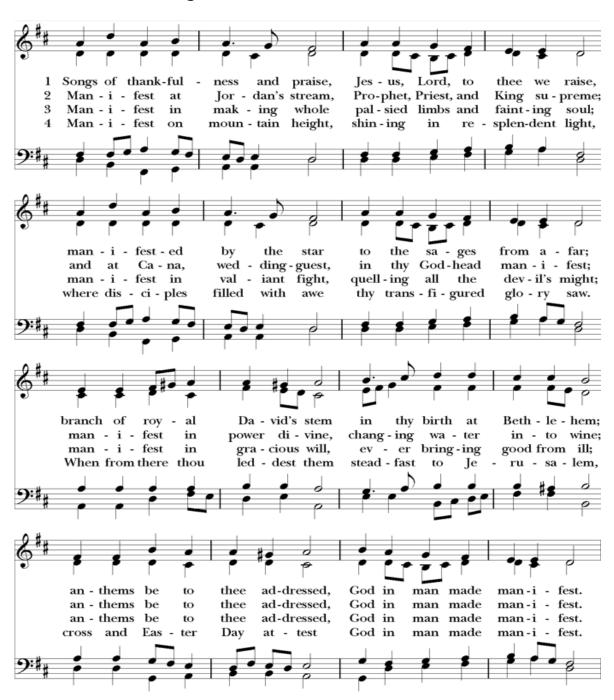
Ushers: Dave Cantelme and Bob Pope

Greeter: Lara Bowles

~**Prelude**~ "Epiphany"

By: Gerald Peterson

~Processional Hymn~ #135~ "Songs Of Thankfulness and Praise"



Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

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







Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 29 (Read In Unison)

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A Reading From The Acts of the Apostles

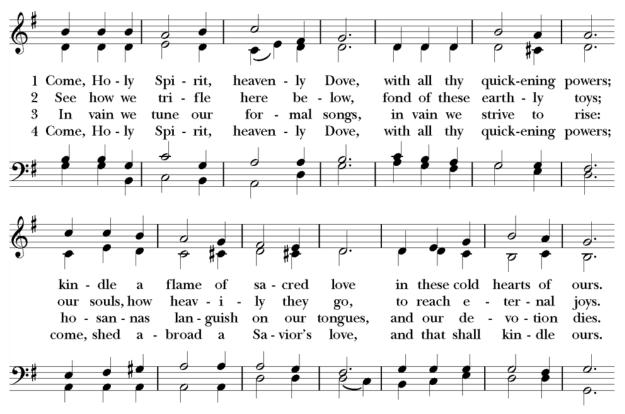
Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn #510~ "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)



The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 3:15-7,21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

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 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.

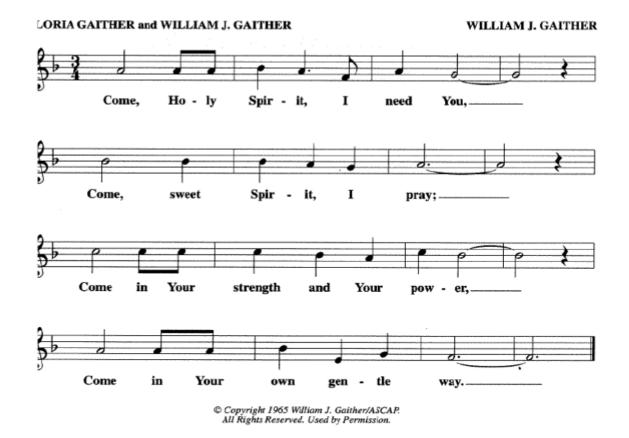
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

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

~Prayers Of The People~ P# 132 "Come Holy Spirit" x2



Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

Leader: As the prophet Isaiah rang out, "Arise, shine; for your light has come"; empower your Church, O God, to sing out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Leader: As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Leader: Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community and celebrate the gifts we have been given. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you draw people to loving and joy filled communities like ours. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for those who are: sick and healthy, anxious and peaceful, poor and wealthy, oppressed and powerful that we all may open our hearts to receive your blessings.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Leader: As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats and follow him; we pray for all those who faithfully served you and are with you in your heavenly Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, the Hohokam, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

Leader: Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty;

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. Amen.

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

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 heart; 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.

Celebrant: 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.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Offertory

Offering (The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.)

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

~Offertory Anthem~

"Ode To Joy"
By: Ludwig Van Beethoven
(Handbell Choir)



The Holy Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer B

The 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.

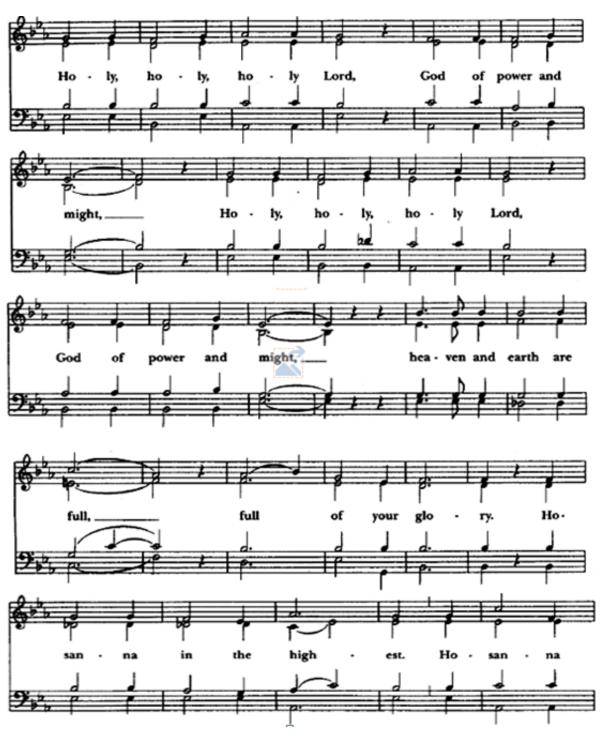
The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus #130



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The people stand or kneel.

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;

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. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: 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 of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.

~Communion Hymn~

"Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove" By: Lowell Mason

Post-Communion Prayer Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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.

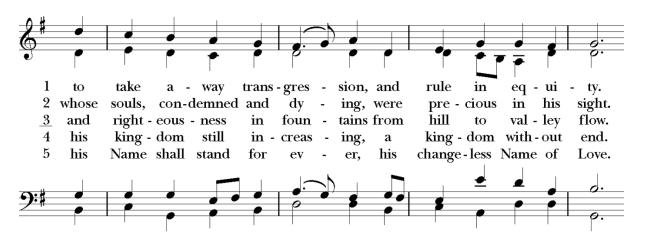
The Blessing

(The Priest gives the blessing)

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

~Recessional Hymn #616~ "Hail To The Lord's Anointed"





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: Es flog ein kliens Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love in the name of Christ

People: Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~ "Brightest and Best" By: Gerald Petersen



The Altar Flowers
have been dedicated
In Loving Memory of
Jim Flickinger, Twin Brother of Bill.
By Bill and Tycha Flickinger



Please pray for those celebrating their Birthday:

Gretchen Curtis, Darrow Miller, Vicky Richardson, Nick Hodgkinson, Tom Rhoades

Please Pray For the Following People

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,
Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan,
The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles,
Aaron Parson, Bill Turner, John, Hank Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover,
Andrea Hensley, Roger Powell, The Friends and Family of Sharon,
The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly, Ed Simpson,
The Friends and Family of Art Graf, Christopher Thoms, Penny,
Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Joe Garcia,
Amelia & Family, Bob S., Vivian, Suzanne,
The Friends and Family of Patrick Doherty, Cathy DeGroat,
Joan Shillingburg, Lindsey Hensley, Susan Harte,
Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels, Jordan Jones,
Anthony and Maria Nassimos, Jan Kramer

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker, Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie, Nathan Cole, John A. Malley-Garza, Benjamin McCombs, Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr., David Allen Slockett, Bryson Henderson, Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)



Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held following our Sunday Service on January 26th.

Please join us!

Nominations to the Vestry!

Please reach out to Rev. Kim if you would like to nominate someone to the Vestry or would like more details on the nomination process.



Women's Group January Event!

Friday, January 17th Heard Museum Tour @11AM

Where: Meeting at Good Shepherd at 10am to carpool to the museum. The tour starts at 11 AM and will last about 1 hour.

Cost: Cost is \$15 per person to be paid at the event— cash only please.

Please RSVP to Bobbie Mackenzie.

The Courtyard Café at the museum offers lunch that we can enjoy after the tour. There is also a lovely gift shop.



Sack Lunch Ministry

We will be making Sack Lunches in Maitland Hall on Tuesday, January 14th at 9:30. These lunches will be delivered to St. Vincent de Paul's kitchen to help feed the homeless. We will have all that is needed for the lunches but need some people to help put the sacks together and make the PB & J sandwiches.

If you prefer to make the sack lunches at home, they will gladly be accepted! They can be dropped off to Maitland Hall before 10 AM on January 14th.



Altar Flower Dedications!

Our Altar Flower Dedication Program is taking altar flower dedications for 2025! Sign up sheet is posted in Maitland Hall along with the dedication forms. (dedication forms should be dropped off to the

office) Our beautiful Altar flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild but sponsored by our members in celebration for birthdays, anniversaries, and in memory of loved ones. Our Flower Guild works hard to keep the costs low but we are encouraging a donation of \$50 when sponsoring flowers.



COFFEE HOUR! Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour! If you are interested in being a host please sign up on the sheet inside Maitland Hall.

What's A Coffee Hour Host?

The host provides delicious food for all to share on the Sunday of their Choice! The host is also in charge putting their food and treats on the banquet table, helping to serve the beverages, and cleaning up after coffee hour ends. (Just the basics i.e. removing the food and trays from the banquet table, storing leftover items, loading the dishwasher, emptying the coffee pot, and wiping down the counters)



Join us as we connect with other caregivers on the Autism Journey, Register at www.PHXautism.org

When: Meetings 3rd Monday of

every month

Time: 6:30-7:45 P.M.

Where: Maitland Hall Building



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