

WELCOME

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

FEAST DAY OF NICOLAS, BISHOP OF MYRA

HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II

Welcome home to The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick!

Please, quiet your phone.



5:00 o'clock in the evening

WORD OF GOD

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Prelude in a Classic Style

Gordon Young

Procession Hymn 620

Jerusalem, my happy home

LAND OF REST

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed martyrs'
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Collect for Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your love you gave your servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea: Grant, we pray, that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Proverbs 19:17, 20–23

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full.

Listen to advice and accept instruction,

that you may gain wisdom for the future.

The human mind may devise many plans,

but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established.

What is desirable in a person is loyalty,

and it is better to be poor than a liar.

The fear of the Lord is life indeed;

filled with it one rests secure and suffers no harm.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8–13

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone *

and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O LORD, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom *

and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power *

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

Epistle

1 John 4:7–14

A Reading from the 1st Letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love

one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

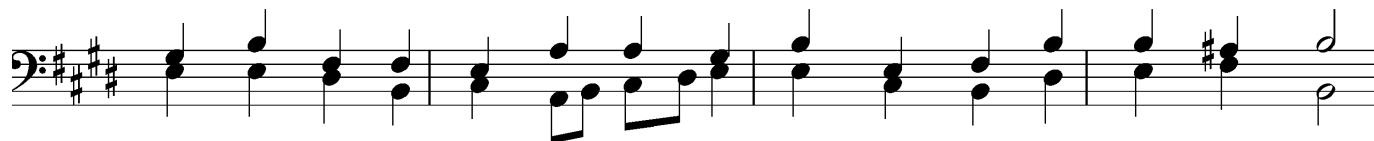
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 59 (vv. 1, 5) *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* **MERTON**



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.



Gospel

Mark 10:13-16

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

JP2+: We present Brenda Joyce DiStasi for Confirmation, and

We present Jeffrey Mearl Crosser and Anthony John DiStasi for Reception.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: **I do.**

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who are recommitting themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death

Lord hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church

Lord hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Brenda with your Holy Spirit; empower her for your service; and sustain her all the days of her life. **Amen.**

For Reception Tony, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Jeff, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Share His Love

William Reynolds, Solo: Don Hutchison

Doxology

Hymn 380 (v. 3)

From all that dwell below the skies

OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
 him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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, S-129, Powell

Standing or kneeling as we are able

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

followed by silence

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace.
I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face;
sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Communion Hymn

Prepare the Way of the Lord.



Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. —

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Exit Procession Hymn 438 *Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord* **WOODLANDS**



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Please, remain in the sanctuary for a Forum with Bishop Russell.

The Dismissal

Postlude

Spirit of the Living God

Robert Thygerson

about Nicholas.... Little is known about the life of Nicholas, except that he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian. It is possible that he was one of the bishops attending the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325. He was honored as a saint in Constantinople in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian. His veneration as a saint became immensely popular in the West after the removal of his body to Bari, Italy, in the late eleventh century. In England almost 400 churches were dedicated to him. Nicholas is famed as the traditional patron of seafarers and sailors, and, more especially, of children. As a bearer of gifts to children, he is popularly known as Santa Claus.

The Story of Saint Nicholas

Once there was a little boy
who lived by the shore of the sea.
He watched the ships go sailing by
all wrapped in mystery.

"You have a heart like God's,"
they said, "A heart that is so good.
Will you be our bishop
And lead us as God would?"

"What do you carry, where do you go?"
he said as he saw them there.
I hope you bring many good things
to girls and boys everywhere."

When Nicholas died
God welcomed him
to heaven's great applause:

Nicholas was the little boy's name,
in case you'd like to know.
He loved surprising others with gifts
and seeing their faces glow.

"Well done, well done,
good Nicholas,
for serving well my cause."

Then he would hide
and no one would know
the one who loved them,
who loved them so.

Now every Christmas
Nicholas comes with gifts
for girls and boys.
You know his name as Nicholas,
But it's also Santa Claus.

Once a father
had grown so poor
as to sell his daughters three.

O Good St. Nicholas, children's friend,
friend of girls and boys,
through the clouds come again,
and fill your bag with toys.

Three nights
to his window Nicholas came
with gold to keep them free.

Give me too a giving heart,
for loving others too,
I want to know how good it is
to give good gifts like you.

Nicholas went to church one day
and all the people stood:

Victor Hoagland, C.P.

