



ST. HELENA'S

— ANGLICAN —

The First Sunday of Christmas
December 28, 2025
10:30 am

Welcome!

Whether you are visiting or looking for a new church home,
we rejoice that you are here to worship with us today.

Please take a moment to connect with us so that we might
welcome you more personally. Please scan the QR code below or
sign our online guestbook at www.sthelenas1712.org/guestbook.

We look forward to saying hello!



Nursery: Children ages kindergarten and older are encouraged
to worship with their families in the church.

A nursery is available in Tyndale Hall for children
ages 4 and under during the 10:30 am service.

An usher can direct you to Tyndale Hall.

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary

Procession Hymn 82

The First Nowell

The First Noel

The Acclamation

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

People: *Unto us a son is given.*

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

BCP, page 106

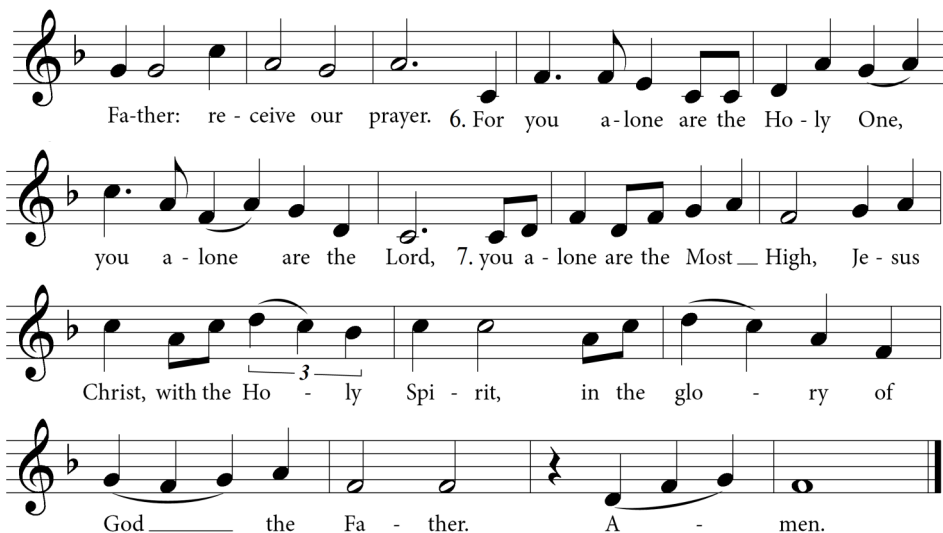
The Summary of the Law

BCP, page 106

Gloria

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace — to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might-y — God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord
God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (*Remain standing*)

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of God's word.

Psalm 147:12-20 (*to be read responsively*)

¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

¹³ For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

he blesses your children within you.

¹⁴ He makes peace in your borders;

he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

¹⁵ He sends out his command to the earth;

his word runs swiftly.

- ¹⁶ He gives snow like wool;
he scatters frost like ashes.
- ¹⁷ He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;
who can stand before his cold?
- ¹⁸ He sends out his word, and melts them;
he makes his wind blow and the waters flow.
- ¹⁹ He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and rules to Israel.
- ²⁰ He has not dealt thus with any other nation;
they do not know his rules. Praise the LORD!

First Reading: Galatians 3:23-4:7

Pew Bible, page 974

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn and remain standing
through the reading of the Gospel.***

Gradual Hymn 37

In Dulci Jubilo

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18

Pew Bible, Page 886

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Todd Simonis

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People (*Kneeling or seated as you are able*)

Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying, “Hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For Archbishop Steve and Bishop Chip, for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, and for Camp Jubilee. We especially pray for the Non-Parochial and Retired Clergy of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach, disciple, and plant churches, especially for our Gospel community on Fripp, our daughter church at Habersham, and our church planter, Daniel Miles and his family.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith and for all of our mission partners, especially Fred and Sophia Onyango, Zach and Noelle Slagel in Cambodia, Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico, Steve and Sarah Hoskins in Maine, and Peng our Seminarian.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For the care and keeping of all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, defend them day by day with your heavenly grace.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin

BCP, page 112

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

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

People: *And with your spirit.*

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
Philippians 2:5-7*

Offertory Hymn 45

Branle De L'officiel

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.

Doxology 208

Old Hundredth

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

Liturgy of the Table

The Sursum Corda

BCP, page 115

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Sanctus

Hymnal, 764

Kneeling or seated as you are able

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP, page 116

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 118

The Fraction

BCP, page 118

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP, page 119

*We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but
you are the same Lord whose character is always to have
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh
of your 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.*

During Communion

Congregation, please join in singing:

Agnus Dei Hymnal, 765

Hymn 49 *W Zlobie Lezy*

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn 78 German Carol

Still, Still, Still

Hymn 77 *Noël Nouvelet*

Sing We Now of Christmas

The Post Communion Prayer BCP, page 121

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

BCP, page 121

Procession Hymn 47

Go Tell It

Go Tell It on the Mountain

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the
power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Voluntary

Announcements

Feast of the Holy Name Service in the Church this Thursday, January 1 at 10:00 am.

2026 contributor envelopes are available for pick-up in the narthex and in the Parish Hall lobby.

All mid-week activities have concluded for the year. Morning Equip will resume on January 7. WASH and all other Wednesday activities will resume on January 14.

The church office will be closed through January 2 for the holidays. We will reopen at 10 am on Monday, January 5.

Welcome the new year with food for our neighbors. Next Sunday, January 4, is HELP Sunday and we will have collection bins at all services. HELP received a lot of food during November and December, but with the start of the New Year donations will drop off significantly though the need remains great. There is need for canned meats, vegetables, fruit and soups as well as pasta, pasta sauce and healthy drinks. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Habersham Epiphany Oyster Roast- The Parish Church at Habersham will have their annual Epiphany Oyster Roast and Burning of the Greens on Tuesday, January 6. The fellowship begins at 6:00 pm. Bring your Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands to add to the burn pile and enjoy some oysters from Sea Eagle Market.

GriefShare- If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and are unsure how to process or move forward, we invite you to our next offering of GriefShare. This 13-week faith-based program will begin on Thursday, January 8 at 10 am in the Latimer Room. Please contact Rev. Emil Klatt at eklatt@sthelenas1712.org to sign up for the class or with any questions.

Women's Ministry Retreat - Mark your calendar for Friday, February 27th - Sunday, March 1st! We will be holding our retreat offsite at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons Island, GA. This will be a wonderful time to get away from the demands of everyday life to refresh our souls and absorb the Father's love for us. Registration and details of the retreat will follow at the beginning of the new year.



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The Paschal Candle wreath is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the partners of the clergy and staff of St. Helena's for their unwavering support of the work of the church.

The front door Advent wreaths are given to the glory of God by Andy and Elinor Borgert in thanksgiving for their children and parents.

The side door Advent wreaths are given to the glory of God by Fran and Gray Sanders in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Tyler, Sanders and Gibson O'Neal, Taylor, Harper and LG Squires, and Collins, Gray, Ann Gray, Scottie and Davis Sanders.

The Parish Hall door Advent wreaths are given to the glory of God by Eleanor and Ken Burns in loving memory of Alline Burns, Carew Rice III and Eleanor Cain Stutler.

This Week's Prayer List

Please pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:

For those in our parish family: Richard and Doris Bland, Eleanore Brough, Sam and Nancy Chesnutt, Carroll Crowther, Mary Lou Cullen, Jim Egan, Frank Giammona, Lynn Gibson, Chris Goodson, Beth Grace, Leila Harris, Henderson Family, Bill Johnston, Bonnie Markle, Caroline Milne, Ed Moneagle, Dee Moss, Margy Oehlert, Jo Panayotoff, Rod Parker, John Payne, Bev Peutz, Chuck and Annie Pollak, Fran Sanders, Ric Schwank, Marcia and Rich Seymour, Hamp Simkins, Nelle Smith, Ed and Sandy Stephan, Carla Stout, and Shirley Sutton.

For extended family or friends of our parish family: William Acker, Steele and Stephanie Anderson, Rev. Paul Anobile, Sandy Ballington, Julie (Hyle) Bleier, Dora Bonetti, Wendy Burchfield, Joyce Carr, David Carter family, Tad and Katie Carver, Chloe Clark, Joesph Credle, Leslie Custer, Lisa Duress, Lederle Eberhardt, Susan Eitnier, Ann and Suzanne Finch, Finley, Good Shepherd Academy in South Sudan, Pat Gould, Sue Green, David Hagins, Anita Hammerbeck, Jason Hamshaw, Barbara Harper, Bray Hefner, Hanna Irby, David Kinlaw, Georgia Linam, Carolyn Lyson, **Rob Macynski** and family, Cameron Martin, Zoran and Annie Mistic, Tom Moore, Linda Morris, Sandra Myrick, Steve Ninemire, Fran Norman, Sienna Perez, Debbie Pollak, Pete Pratt, Doug Pulsifer, Eli Rausch, Bill Rector, Connie Brooks Rettig, Joseph Ritchie Sr, Christian Rooney, Todd Roseneau, Linda Seigler, Frank and Becci Seuberling, Connie Chesnutt Simmons, Lisa Spera, Gabriel St. George, Chase Sullivan, Shanna Sullivan, Tom Truman, Lucus Vanderzee, Carolyn Vitolo, Taylor Ward, Reed Watts, Terry Whitehead, and the Young Life Ministry.

For these expectant parents: Morgan and Beau Brown, Reagan and Stafford Carter, Ford and Danielle Collins, and Laura and John Wise.

For all our U.S. service members defending our country, especially the following who are deployed overseas: Connor Brazinski, Trey Crowley, and Flannery Woodward Macynski.

For our global and local missionaries supported by St. Helena's: Fr. John Chol Daau and family in South Sudan; Philip in East Asia; Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico; Zach and Noelle Slagel in Cambodia; Fred and Sophia Onyango from Kenya, serving in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, Allan and Theresa Weikel serving West Africa from Bluffton, and **Bishop Jeremiah and Gambella in Ethiopia.**

Names in bold were added this week. Names on the prayer list are the initial communication to the clergy of a need for prayer. In order to keep the list current, names remain on the list for 30 days, unless illness is chronic. Expectant parents remain on the list until their children are born and deployed military until they return home. Please fill out an online Prayer Request form or call the church office at (843) 522-1712 to submit a prayer request and inform the clergy of hospitalizations. Updated 12/23/2025

Participating in the Service:

The Rev. Todd Simonis, Fripp Pastor

The Rev. Hunter Jordan, Associate Rector

The Rev. Dr. Emil Klatt III, Associate Rector

The Rev. Jim Cato, Deacon

Katie Gunn, Guest Organist

Eugenia Henderson, Music Ministry Assistant

Paul Sommerville, Lector

Marge Barber, Chuck Hrushka, and John Barber, LEMs

Jim Thomas, Gregg Brunson, Erik Eadie, and Sam McGowan, Ushers

Our Vision

St. Helena's will boldly proclaim the saving Gospel and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and through intentional discipleship, will raise up servant leaders and Gospel communities in

Vestry Members

Class of 2025

Cindy Collins

Clyde Hinch

Kelly Newnham

Hall Sumner

Class of 2026

Jim Egan

Helon Hrushka

Heidi Smith

Kathy Whitehead

Class of 2027

Jeff Kidd

Sherwood Miler

Marjory Mitchell

Jeff Weart

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