

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day Service

Communion: Rite II

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

There's a Star in the East

Karl Osterland

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

83, vs. 1,2,6

[Please stand.]

All *O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;*

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

*God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father; Refrain*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; Refrain*

AD *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

- P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
AD **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.**
C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard

96, vs. 1,4

AD *Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo--ri-a in excelsis Deo.*

*See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo--ri-a in excelsis Deo.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray... O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
C **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

[Please be seated.]

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2–7

- ℣ The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 96

Tune: *What Star Is This*

Sing to the Lord new songs of praise; Let all the earth sing to the Lord.

Sing out and praise God's holy Name; Proclaim good news with one accord.

***Declare God's glory far and wide, God's wondrous acts and holy law;
For God is greatly to be praised And then beheld with greatest awe.***

***Magnificent God's presence here, With splendid courts in glorious light;
Ascribe to God all peoples, tongues; Ascribe to God all power and might.***

THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 3:4–7

- ℣ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Word of God

[Please stand.]

- AD ***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:1–20

Ⓓ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

📌 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Ⓓ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

📌 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

[Please be seated.]

[Please stand.]

**🎵 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

Refrain **come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:** Refrain

**Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:** Refrain

**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:** Refrain

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 *[sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer]*

- D** Let us pray for all humanity, all creation, and all times and places.
- L** God of everlasting light, you have brought together the hopes and fears of all the years in Jesus, the Word made flesh. May his grace and truth resound in us and through us. O come to us, abide with us,
- G** **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- L** Angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Sun of righteousness. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. O come to us, abide with us,
- G** **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- L** You came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry. O come to us, abide with us,
- G** **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- L** Shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation to all people, even those who differ from us. O come to us, abide with us,
- G** **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- L** We rejoice in this season of family, renewal, and reconciliation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. O come to us, abide with us,
- G** **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- L** Christians throughout the world are celebrating your birth. Unite us in one family, that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. O come to us, abide with us,
- G** **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- L** Shed your light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. We pray especially for *[read names from notebook.]* Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. I invite you to name those for whom you pray, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. *[Leave time for names.]* O come to us, abide with us,
- G** **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- L** Your grace lets us inherit the hope of eternal life. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in the faith, especially *[read names from notebook]*. I invite you to lift up the names of those whose absence you particularly feel at this time. *[Leave time for names.]* May we, like them, live in your eternal light. O come to us, abide with us,
- G** **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- L** Hear these prayers we bring to you, and impart to our hearts the blessings of your heaven.
- G** **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

P Peace be with those whom God favors.

G **And also with you.**

6 *[Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING SENTENCE

[Please be seated.]

- P** O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. Bring your gifts with a cheerful heart.

OFFERTORY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Plainsong

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand.]

- D** All things come from thee, O Lord.
C **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The First Noel

***The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.***

Refrain: ***Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.***

***Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.*** Refrain

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
P 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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

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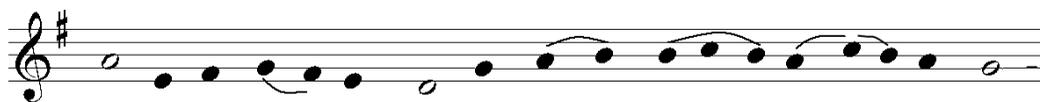
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.



Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name o - f the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]

P 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."

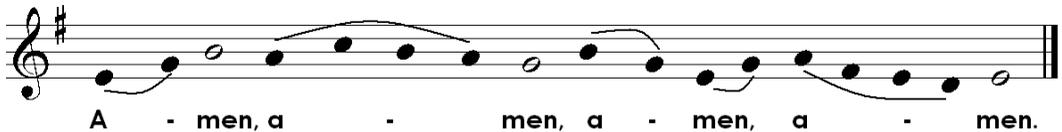
- Ⓟ Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
- Ⓞ **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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.

Ⓞ



- Ⓟ And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Ⓞ **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

- Ⓟ The bread we break makes us one in Christ
- Ⓞ **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

[Please be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the ushers direction. You may stand or kneel. Hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may dip the wafer into the wine. When finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

- Ⓟ 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.

[Please be seated.]

- ☞ **What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain: **This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.** Refrain

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.** Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Stand or kneel, as you prefer.]

- ☞ Let us pray...
- ☞ **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

[Please stand.]

- ☞ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ☞ **The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth, and we have seen his glory.**
- ☞ In him was life, and that life was the light of all.
- ☞ **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to extinguish it.**
- ☞ The light and life of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you close in the days and nights unfolding before us.
- ☞ **Amen.**

**☐ Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

DISMISSAL

**☐ Alleluia, alleluia! Behold, unto us a Savior is born. Let us go into the world
proclaiming this good news of great joy.**

☐ Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Noel Suisse

Nicholas De Grigny

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