

THE HOLY NAME

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9:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our Sunday 10 AM service is livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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A gentle Reminder: Please enter the Nave Quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

Coventry Carol
O Little Town of Bethlehem
Isabelle Schueler, Cello

arr. Bernard Dewagtere

[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN H-109

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell 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:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)

Then entered in those wise men three full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. (Refrain)

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made Heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.
(Refrain)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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. Amen.

(stanzas 1,2,3)

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)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27


Lector *The First Reading is taken from Numbers chapter 6...*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor sings the verses, all sing this refrain:



O Lord, our God, your name is
glo - ri - ous in all the earth.

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Your praise reaches to the heavens. It is sung by the mouths of babes and children.

Your power rebukes your mighty enemy, and stills the hostile foe. **(Refrain)**

When I look to the heavens you created, The moon and the stars you made,
Who are we that you should spare a thought for us, even more that you should care for us? **(Refrain)**

In your image we were created, You have crowned us with glory and splendor.
You gave us power to rule your vast creation, you placed us over all your works. **(Refrain)**

The sheep and oxen of the field, The beasts in the wildest habitation,
The birds of the air, the fish, all creatures in the sea. **(Refrain)**

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

Lector The Second Reading is taken from Galatians chapter 4...

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION H-52 Of the Father's Love Begotten DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
(stanzas 1,2)

**Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!**

**O that birth for ever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

People **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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week of Stephanie Scotti, Gerard Boone, Scott Hood, Matthew Davis, and Richard Harvey.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [add names from notebook] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Please kneel or stand as able.*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*

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.

All **AMEN.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

Saw You Never in the Twilight

Wilbur Held
Choir

All stand as able.

THE PRESENTATION

Deacon We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN H-52 Of the Father's Love Begotten **DIVINUM MYSTERIUM**
(stanza 4)

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

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.**

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

Celebrant (*Proper Preface*)

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:

Celebrant and People

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand as able.

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;

The Celebrant continues

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 [_____ and] 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Gently [In One] *The St. James Christmas Service*

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
 Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
 mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
 son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
 giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
 Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
 son of Ma - ry.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION

Sing for Christ Is Born

Joseph M. Martin
 Julian Guini, Solo

COMMUNION HYMN H-250

Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

LONDON NEW

**Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere;
 rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.**

**For Jesus came to wage sin's war; this Name of names for us he bore;
 rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.**

His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year's needs;
rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.

With such a Lord to lead our way in hazard and prosperity,
what need we fear in earth or space in this new year of grace?

“All glory be to God on high and peace on earth,” the angels cry;
rejoice, rejoice, with thanks embrace another year of grace.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All 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.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-99

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

**Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Peter Brotherhood
Torch/Chalicians	Carolyn Hughes & Laura McGary
Lectors	Laura McGary & Sheila Scott
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Ushers	Bob DeStefano & Ed Steponaitis
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	Phil Beauchamp, Hilda Myers, MaryJane Zimbardi
Cantor	Julian Guini

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Dec 25 – Pam F, Carolyn, Sheila, Laurie, Lynne M, Toni V, Marilyn, Christopher J, Mickle F and family, Bill GW, Debbie C, Julie G, Tom & Rose, Diane N, Pat & Beth, Nikki S, Damien B, cold weather shelters, Lela, Betty & Dick, Pat B, Juliet, Bob.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Stephanie Scotti, Gerard Boone, Scott Hood, Matthew Davis, and Richard Harvey.

Announcements

Rector's Discretionary Fund: All loose offerings given the first week each month are earmarked to assist individuals and families in the Dunedin and Clearwater area in affording utility costs. Please contact the office or visit cogsdunedin.com/rectors-discretionary-fund for more information.

Before You Knew Me - There is a richness in our backgrounds that is waiting to be turned into living color, uncovered and shared. For three weeks, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, we will meet in the patio from 3:00-4:30 for a fun way to learn about each other.

Game Night – Join us Jan 13 @ 6 PM as we play your favorites and learn new games. Please RSVP to the office as a light supper will be provided. Bring your own beverages & games to share.

Soul Sisters - Please join the Soul Sisters on Jan. 21 at 9:30 a.m. to hear about the Daughters of the King – an Order in the Episcopal church. The daughters are women searching for a closer walk with the Lord. Our speaker will be Jackie Smith the current president for DOK for the Diocese of Southwest Florida. All women are welcome!

United Faiths Walk of Peace – Meet at Pioneer Park on Jan 29 @ 2 PM. Donations will be accepted for Dunedin Cares. See COGS website for more info.

Farm Worker's Gifts – A note from Margarita Romo after the gifts were delivered: Many years ago Hilda Myers planted a seed...was faithful to water it and watch it grow.....she never let anyone forget that we were here and the church[you all] heard.....Amen...Blessings.