

# The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day

Holy Communion: Rite II

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**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.

**If you read music:** if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack.

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

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

### LIGHTING THE WREATH

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

56, vs. 1,7

*[Please stand when the chimes sound.]*

***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!***

- ☐ Hallelujah! For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his shoulders.
- ☑ **His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God,  
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace  
and good will to the people of all the nations. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**
- ☐ We light all the Christmas candles in our wreath this joyful morning!

***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!***

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

83, vs. 1,2,6

***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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

- ☐ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ☑ **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**A** 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

96, vs. 1,4

*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.

**G** 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.

**G** Amen.

## WORD OF GOD

**READINGS:** Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1–12, Luke 2:1-20

*[Please be seated.]*

## The First Lesson

**L** *The first lesson is from Isaiah:*

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. You have made the nation great; you have increased its joy. They rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as those who divide plunder rejoice. As on the day of Midian, you've shattered the yoke that burdened them, the staff on their shoulders, and the rod of their oppressor. Because every boot of the thundering warriors, and every garment rolled in blood will be burned, fuel for the fire.

A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever.

The zeal of the Lord of heavenly forces will do this.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

***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:**

☐ *The second lesson is from Titus:*

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.]*

***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**

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

☑ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

☐ In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**

Becky Robbins-Penniman

*[Please be seated.]*

**HYMN**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*[Please stand.]*

***Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation's story; now proclaim Messiah's birth;  
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 us is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.***

***Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations, you have seen his natal star.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.***

***All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king.***

## 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

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

**☩** Let us pray for all humanity, all creation, and all times and places.

**℟** 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,

**☩ our Lord Emmanuel.**

**℟** 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,

**☩ our Lord Emmanuel.**

**℟** 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,

**☩ our Lord Emmanuel.**

**℟** 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,

**☩ our Lord Emmanuel.**

- Ⓘ 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,
- ☩ **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- Ⓘ 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,
- ☩ **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- Ⓘ 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,
- ☩ **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- Ⓘ 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,
- ☩ **our Lord Emmanuel.**
- Ⓘ Hear these prayers we bring to you, and impart to our hearts the blessings of your heaven.
- ☩ **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*[Please stand.]*

- Ⓐ Peace be with those whom God favors.
- ☩ **And also with you.** [*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*]

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERING SENTENCE

*[Please be seated.]*

- Ⓓ Let us with gladness bring the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### OFFERTORY

*On this Day Earth Shall Ring*

### PRESENTATION

*[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the 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.

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

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

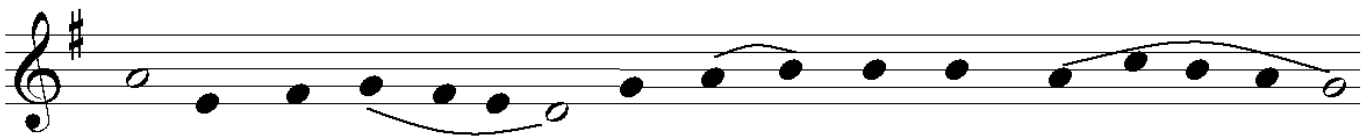
**P** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary 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:






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.]*

- Ⓟ 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."

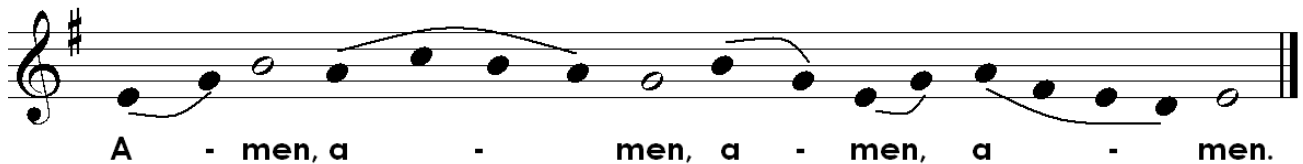
**P** After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

**P** Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**G** **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.**

**P** 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.



### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** As our Savior Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say...

**AI** **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

- Ⓟ This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
- Ⓞ **Whoever eats this bread has Eternal Life.**

### INVITATION

- Ⓟ 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.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, 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 wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

### 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**

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

**G** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

Noel X

Louis-Claude Daquin

**SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
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Lectors	Diane Niford
	Butch Niford
Prayers of the People	Michelle Schombs
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