

# The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day

Holy Communion: Rite II

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## 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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice  
Chorale – Pastorale - Bicinium

arr. James Melby

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN H-87

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

#### Refrain:

**Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! (Refrain)**

**Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.**

**Risen with healing in his wings, Light and life to all he brings,  
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! (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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SONG OF PRAISE H-92

On This Day

PERSONENT HODIE

(stanzas 1,2,4)

**On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing  
to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us;  
him the Father gave us.**

**Refrain: I-de-o-o-o, I-de-o-o-o, I-de-o gloria in excelsis Deo!**

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth  
Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him  
from the cold would hide him. (Refrain)

God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise Men three to him led;  
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him,  
praise him and adore him. (Refrain)

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us;  
peace and love he gave us. (Refrain)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **AMEN.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 52...*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 98

ST. STEPHEN

**Sing to the LORD new songs; proclaim what marvels have been done  
And whose right hand and holy arm such victories have won.**

**With trumpets and the sound of horns Rejoice before the Lord;  
From all who dwell on land and sea Let praises be out poured.**

**Let hills ring out with joy to God; Let rivers clap their hands.  
In righteousness shall all be judged, In equity all lands.**

## THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews chapter 1...*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION H-107**    Good Christian Friends, Rejoice                    IN DULCI JUBILO

(stanzas 1,3)

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

## THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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

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

*Deacon*        In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**SERMON** The Rev. Whitney Burton

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you choose.]*

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

*Lector* 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,

*People* **our Lord Emmanuel.**

*Lector* Angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Son of righteousness. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. O come to us, abide with us,

*People*           **our Lord Emmanuel.**  
*Lector*           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,

*People*           **our Lord Emmanuel.**  
*Lector*           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,

*People*           **our Lord Emmanuel.**  
*Lector*           We rejoice in this season of family, renewal, and reconciliation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. We give you thanks for the birthdays this week of Shirl Ahrens, Nancy Fisher, Diane Linton, Sally Wakefield, Lisa Little, Donna Brotherhood, Jim Ratliff, Bob DeStefano, and Deborah Bouvier, and also the anniversaries this week of Jerald & Janet Ozbun, Joseph Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon, Steve Li & Linda Johnson, and Larry Wilbur & Kristie Hazel-Wilbur. O come to us, abide with us,

*People*           **our Lord Emmanuel.**  
*Lector*           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,

*People*           **our Lord Emmanuel.**  
*Lector*           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,

*People*           **our Lord Emmanuel.**  
*Lector*           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,

*People*           **our Lord Emmanuel.**  
*Lector*           Hear these prayers we bring to you, and impart to our hearts the blessings of your heaven.

*People*           **Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **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

What Child Shall Come

Patrick M. Liebergen

*All stand as able.*

Judy Warner, Soprano; Cindy Huffman, Alto

## THE PRESENTATION

*Deacon* Gracious God, you have entrusted creation to our care. We present these gifts and seek the grace and courage to serve the world in your name.

## PRESENTATION 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.**

**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 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:

*Intro (first time only)* *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Bles - sed is the one who came,  
God of hosts, all praise be given!  
bring - ing love and light di - vine. All your glo - ry fills the earth;  
Bles - sed is the king who comes  
all your pow - er fills the heavens. Glo - - -  
in the bread and in the wine.  
- - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!  
Glo - - - - -  
- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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MUSIC: French carol melody.

GLORIA  
77.77 with refrain

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*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 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.

*People*      **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.*

# FRACTION ANTHEM

*The St. James Christmas Service*

**Gently [In One]**

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 desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION** Meditation on 'Once in Royal David's City'

David Lasky

*Please remain seated.*

**COMMUNION HYMN H-96** Angels We Have Heard on High  
(stanzas 1,2,4)

GLORIA

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.**

**Refrain:**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? (Refrain)

See him in a manger laid, whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. (Refrain)

### 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-100

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

(stanzas 1,2,4)

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.

### THE DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God!

### VOLUNTARY

Rondo on NOËL NOUVELET

Michael Burkhardt

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Pat Cates
Torch/Chalicists	Michelle Schombs & Cheryl Sharpe
Lectors	Butch & Diane Niford
Prayers of the People	Michelle Schombs
Ushers	Tony & Priscilla Bowman
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe

### Prayers are requested for:

**The Week of Dec. 18** – Bruce, Bill GW, Maureen B, Adam R, David B & family, Pat B, David Q, Liz N, Sarah R, David A, Grace & family, Jean C & family, Deborah & family, Amanda B, Sabrina H, Jim, Marilyn, Liam, Joey, Cam & Sherry B, Randy, Carmella A, Gail Marie, Jason C, Joe & Cindy G, Bruce, Wanda P, Juliet, Chris, Bob, Jerry O, Gopaul, Philippe, Pam F, Brent S, Marcia K.

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