

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Christmas Day

Holy Communion: Rite II

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

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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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Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

A Festival of Christmas
Away in a Manger
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
I Saw Three Ships

David Clark Isele
(1946-2016)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN H-107

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give 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 hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**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 OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 mar-vels have been done
And whose right hand and ho-ly arm such vic-to-ries have won.**

**With trum-pets and the sound of horns re-joice be-fore the Lord;
From all who dwell on land and sea let prais-es be out poured.**

**Let hills ring out with joy to God; Let riv-ers clap their hands.
In right-eous-ness shall all be judged, in eq-ui-ty 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.

(stanza 1)

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

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Kathleen Walter

NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

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.

Celebrant 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. 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.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant 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

Christmas Is Here

arr. Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

THE PRESENTATION

All stand as able.

Celebrant 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

THE FIRST NOWELL

D Bm A A7 D/F# G D A7 D A7
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all

7 D G A7 D A7 D A7 Bm A A7
crea - tures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye

12 D/F# G D A7 D A7 D G A7 D A7 D
heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

18 A7 D Bm F#m D G A7 D A
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,

22 Bm D/A G D A7/E D/F# D/A A7 D
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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 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:

SANCTUS *All*

GLORIA

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! All your glo - ry fills the earth;
bring - ing love and light di - vine. 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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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.

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

COMMUNION HYMN H-89

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
 From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King."
 The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

H-102

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

H-94

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

WINCHESTER OLD

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

H-78

O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray:
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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

Celebrant 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

Good King Wenceslas

Daniel E. Gawthrop

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer	Tony Bowman
Lectors	Tony Bowman, Sharon Ozbun
Prayers of the People	Cheryl Sharpe
Ushers	Alan Mackay
Thurifer	Rhiannon Sharpe
Boat Bearer	Dayana Mosquera
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe

CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS



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Christmas Music



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Announcements

One, Combined Service – We invite you to join us for One, Combined service on Sunday, December 29 at 9 AM with our Fifth Sunday Feast, brunch, following. Worship and fellowship with us as we end 2024.

Worship Schedule – Our regular worship schedule resumes on January 5th. Join us on Sundays for services at 8 AM and 10 AM. Children’s Sunday School and nursery are offered during the 10 AM service. Adult Sunday School is held between both services at 9:15AM. A coffee hour is held after each service on Sundays. Come as you are, all are welcome.



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