



CHRISTMAS EVE



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Services: Sat. at 5 PM • Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. at 10 AM

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

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.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

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

Symbols in the Bulletin: P Priest D Deacon L Leader C Congregation A Everyone

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.

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

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL COMMUNION: RITE II DEC. 24, 2020 • 7:00 PM

CAROLS

Adrienne Clover, flute
George A. Rocek, saxophone
Isabelle Schueler, cello
Robert Moncrief, keyboard

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Mary's Lullaby

Michael Praetorius
Max Reger

Julian Guini, soloist

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[Please stand.]

LIGHTING THE WREATH

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

56, vs. 1,7

***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!***

P Hallelujah! For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulders.

G 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!**

P We light all the Christmas candles in our wreath this joyful evening!

***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. 1,3

***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.***

***Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;***

Refrain

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

- Ⓟ The Lord be with you.
- ☩ **And also with you.**
- Ⓟ Let us pray... Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

READINGS: Isaiah 52:7–10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1–4, Luke 2:1-20

The First Lesson

[Please be seated.]

- Ⓛ *The first lesson is from Isaiah:*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of a messenger who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God rules!"

Listen! Your lookouts lift their voice; they sing out together! Right before their eyes they see the Lord returning to Zion.

Break into song together, you ruins of Jerusalem! The Lord has comforted his people and has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm in view of all the nations; all the ends of the earth have seen our God's victory.

- Ⓛ The Word of the Lord.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Tune: *The King Shall Come*

***Sing to the Lord new songs; proclaim What marvels have been done
And whose right hand and holy arm Such victories have won.***

***All nations shout with joy to God; Lift up your voice and sing.
Sing to our Lord God with the harp; Let harp and voices ring.***

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

The Second Lesson

Ⓛ *The second lesson is from Hebrews:*

In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him. The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty. And the Son became so much greater than the other messengers, such as angels, that he received a more important title than theirs.

Ⓛ The Word of the Lord.

Ⓖ **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

87, vs. 1

[Please stand.]

***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 host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!***

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 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

The Rev. Michael Durning

[Please be seated.]

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 choose.]

- Ⓓ 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 Son 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.]

P Peace be with those whom God favors.

C **And also with you.** *[Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING SENTENCE

[Please be seated.]

D 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Robert Wetzler

[Please stand.]

D 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 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.
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.

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:



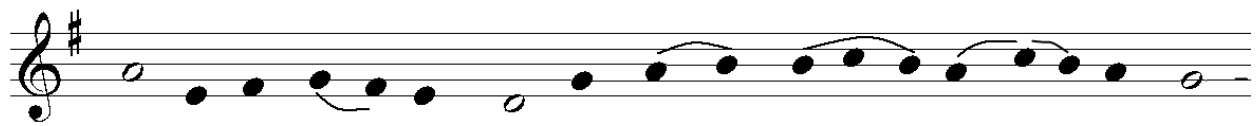
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.



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.

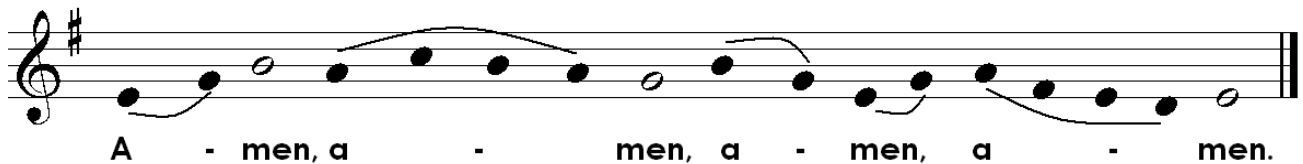


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[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]

- Ⓟ 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."
- Ⓟ 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: **To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time**, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. **Please keep your mask on**, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.]

COMMUNION CHANT

In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you prefer.]

P Let us pray...

G **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN

Silent Night

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***Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.***

***Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!***

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

G **The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth,
and we have seen his glory.**

P In him was life, and that life was the light of all.

G **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never
been able to extinguish it.**

P The light and life of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless you
and keep you close in the days and nights unfolding before us.

G **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.***

DISMISSAL

D 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*In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

Serving Us Today

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Flute	Adrienne Clover
Saxophone	George Rocek
Cello	Isabelle Schueler
Soloist	Julian Guini
Chalicer/Acolyte	Michelle Schombs
Lector	Heather Elder
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	John Schmidt
	Jay Harvey
	Bob Roehl
	Marc Jacobson



CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS

Christmas Flowers and Garland

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts given in thanksgiving for the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the adornment of the Church and the festal music of the Christmas Season.

In Loving Memory or in Honor of:

Ethel Hall

Amy Tangen, my darling niece

Bette Ann Kern & Anni Pongracz

Our Family & Our Blessings

Beloved Mere and Daddy

Our Family members who are no longer with us

*Thankful for all the blessings of this life,
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Given By:

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Christmas Music



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