

Order of Worship Bulletin

Christmas Eve
12/24/22



7:00pm

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Worship Services
Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am

Prelude	<i>Away in a Manger</i> <i>The First Noel</i> <i>While We Are Waiting, Come</i>	Band
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Welcome, Announcements, Greeting	Pastor Kristen Phillips
Call to Worship	Angel's Carol

Hymn	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>
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Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
 Come ye, oh, come, ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold him born the King of angels;
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
 The highest, most holy, God of God eternal;
 Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb.
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
 Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, 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 In the highest:
 Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
 Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!



Confession and Forgiveness

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P. Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

Prayer of the Evening: O God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant that as we have known on earth the mysteries of that Light, we may also come to the fullness of his joys in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary." Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought out, a city not forsaken.

Psalm 96

P. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

C. Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

P. Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

C. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

P. As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

C. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

P. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

C. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

P. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

C. Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

P. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

C. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, when he comes to judge the earth.

P. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, 12 training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, 13 awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Gospel Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia!

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord

The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Pastor Brian DiBias

Hymn of the Evening

What Child is This

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born. The babe, the son of Mary.

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

The Prayers of the People

A. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
Please be seated or kneel.

(The congregation's response to the petition, "Lord in your mercy," is "**Hear our prayer.**")

Sharing of the Peace (wave to one another!)

The offering will be received as you leave worship tonight. The offering plates are located in front of the baptismal font at the entrance to the sanctuary where you can place your donations and yellow connect/sign-in insert. Thank you for your stewardship and support of the mission!

Presentation of the Elements for Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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 indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Consecration of the Elements for Communion

P. In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

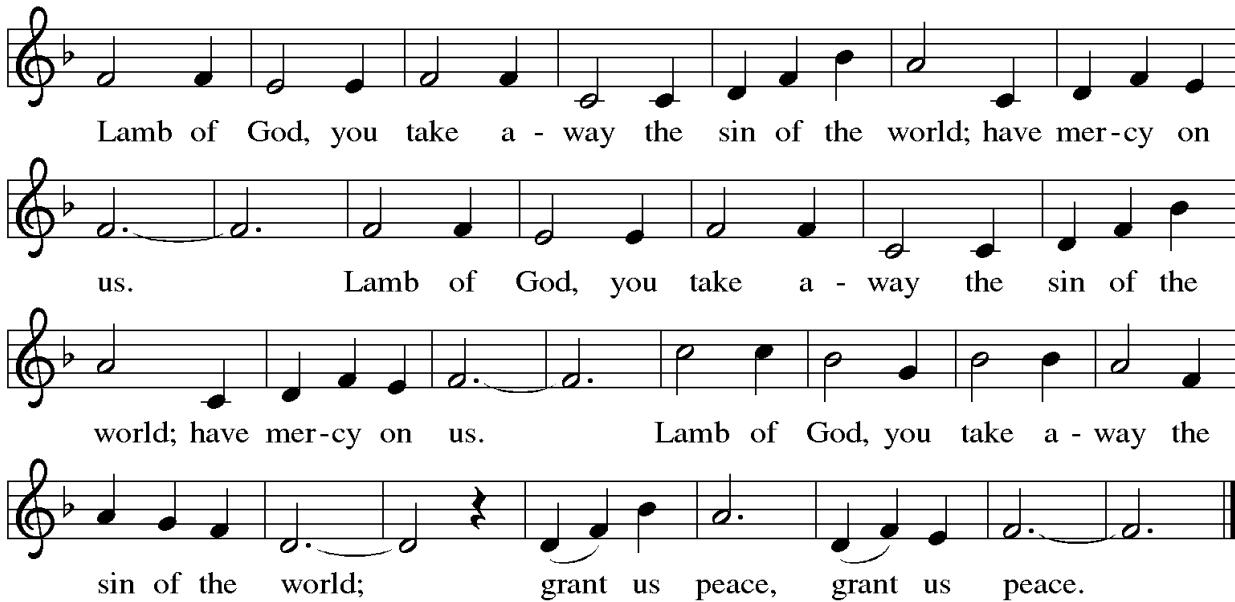
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Communion Distribution

At the direction of the ushers, we invite all who recognize the body and blood of Christ and seek forgiveness in His name, to receive communion today. You are invited to kneel or stand at the altar or you may receive in your pew by letting an usher know.

As is our custom, both the common cup for intinction and individual glasses are made available. If you wish to intinct from the chalice, please hold on to the host after you receive it and dip it carefully in the chalice. The center glasses in each tray contains grape juice. If you would like a gluten-free host, please indicate this to the Pastor.

Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come to the altar to receive a blessing indicating that desire by crossing their arms over their chests.

Communion Hymns**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Angels We Have Heard on High. sweetly singing o'er the plains.

And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo;

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?.
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo;

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;.br/>Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king..
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo;

O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee Lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent starts 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 wond'ring love.
O morning starts 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;

Oh, come to us, abide in us, our Lord Immanuel!

Love Has Come, a light in the darkness! Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.

See all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises;
Love! Love! Born unto you, a savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come share in the wonder; Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come; he never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us; Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas; Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high.

Dismissal from Communion (*please rise*)

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P. Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to His; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

The Post-Communion Hymn

Silent Night

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!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the light of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at your birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.

The Benediction

P. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

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 earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their 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 sin and sorrow 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 to Serve

A. "Go in peace, Serve the Lord!"

C. "Thanks be to God!"

Postlude

Can You Hear the Angels

Band