

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song
"What Child Is This"
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Opening Prayer

All: We pray for a new start this day, the first day of 2023
We see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We see each relationship
as a gift of Your holy presence.
In our being, in our doing may we see
The gift of the Christ Mystery,
lighting the way to a bright future.
Amen.

First Reading
Isaiah 63:7-9
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Join us in sing:
"Jesus, The Light Of The World"
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Scripture Reading
Matthew 2:13-23
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Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

Special Music

Sermon
"Sacred Doing"
Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson

Song of Reflection

Prayers of the People

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Your name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, Your name is called Emmanuel.

Lord's Prayer

(Join us in signing when instructed)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Your name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, Your name is called Emmanuel.

Offering /Offertory

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow;
Praise God, All Creatures Here Below;
Praise God All Heavens And The Earth Reflecting The Sacred Story.

This, This Is Christ The One, Who Mirrors Hope For All Of Us.
Haste, Haste Your Praise To Bring, The Word Of Time Eternal.

Communion and Anointing

The Great Thanksgiving
The Holy One be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Join us in singing

Gloria . . . In Excelsis Deo
Gloria. In Excelsis Deo!

Words of Institution

Celebrant: And so, as we remember these words and acts of Jesus,
we offer our own lives, leaving behind what we do not need, seeking new paths full of risen life
in you. As followers of Christ, we proclaim and live out this holy mystery:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

COMMUNION SONG

Join us in singing

Gloria . . . In Excelsis Deo
Gloria. In Excelsis Deo!

Closing Song

"Amen"
Video

Benediction

Lyrics

“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, The Angels Sing, Is Christ, God's Holy Offering;
Haste, Haste Your Praise To Bring The Babe, The Child Of Mary!

Bring Gifts Of Incense, Gold, And Myrrh;
Come Join in Jubilation;
The Holy Child, Though Meek And Mild,
Has Come With God's Salvation.

Raise, Raise The Song On High, The Mother Sings Her Lullaby;
Joy, Joy, For Christ Is Born, The Babe, The Child Of Mary!

“Jesus, The Light Of The World”

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Jesus, The Light Of The World;
Glory To The Christchild bring, Jesus, The Light Of The World;

We Will Follow The Light, Beautiful Light,
Come Where The Dewdrops Of Mercy Are Bright,
Shine All Around Us By Day And By Night,
Jesus, The Light Of The World.

Joyful, All You Saints Arise, Jesus, The Light Of The World;
Join The Triumph Of The Skies, Jesus, The Light Of The World;

We Will Follow The Light, Beautiful Light,
Come Where The Dewdrops Of Mercy Are Bright,
Shine All Around Us By Day And By Night,
Jesus, The Light Of The World.

First Reading Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the gracious deeds and the praiseworthy acts of God, because of all that the Almighty has done for us in showing great favor to the house of Israel, and in showing them mercy according to the abundance of love everlasting.

Yahweh said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully,” and “I will be their savior in all their distress.”

It was no messenger or angel but Yahweh's own presence that saved them; love and pity redeemed them; Yahweh lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Second Reading Matthew 2:13-23

Now after the magi had left, an angel of God appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Almighty through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

When Herod died, an angel of God suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Leader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ!

RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.