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Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace.

C: Amen.

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

C: **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace.**

We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news.

Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.

Amen.

L: God's grace upon grace flows over you. ✙ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

C: Amen.

Gathering: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (ELW #282)

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before prayer.

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading:

Isaiah 63:7-9

(Juanita)

R: ⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not act deceitfully," and he became their savior ⁹ in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and pity it was he who redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

(LCOOR VII Alleluia)

Gospel:

Matthew 2:13-23

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew in the 2nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now after [the magi] had left, an angel of the Lord 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.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “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.”

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “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.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² 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. ²³ 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.”

L: This is the gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Arlin Scott

Hymn of the Day:

Joy to the World

(ELW #267)

Prayers of Intercession.

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Peace.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory: Love Has Come (ELW #292)

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.

Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

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C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy: (LCOOR VII Holy, Holy)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen

Lamb of God

(LCOOR VII Lamb of God)

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray,

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.

May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

L: The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ✝ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

C: Amen.

Sending:

Soon and Very Soon

(ELW #439)

Sending

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: And peace to God's people on earth!

L: Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C: Thanks be to God.

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†Health Concerns:

Gail Tenbus is recovering from a fall; Jack passed away from lung cancer (Donna's brother-in-law); Susan Rosewasser (Julie's friend); Alex Callahan; Godwin family dealing with Larry's Parkinson's diagnosis; Lupe and Dale Dean; Darcy Ludwig

fighting cancer; Sharon is dealing with MS.

† All those who do not have shelter, and have food insecurities.

† Nation and World: the end of war; an end to gun violence.

What's happening this week at Our Redeemer

Monday, 5 pm Stretch & Prayer.

Wednesday, 9 am Quilting and fellowship with The Love Ladies (and gents).

We are thankful for those helping with worship today

Worship Leader

Arlin Scott

Music

Tim Pompey, Jennifer Guzzo Lowry

Reader

Juanita Scott

Ushers

Teddy Ipock, Robin Tribbitt, Lloyd Tribbitt

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Re-watch a missed worship service.



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