

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

The Nativity of Our Lord Sunday, December 24, 2023 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00 pm

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In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

4:00 pm

Joy Has Dawned/Keith Getty & Stuart Townend Xalt!

6:00 pm

Prince of Peace, arr. Bill Ingram
The Alleluia Ringers

8:00 pm

Jesus, What a Wonderful Child, arr. Rollo Dilworth The Sanctuary Choir with Bev Butler, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

During announcements, pass the navy blue folder found at the end of your row. If you are visiting, please fill in whatever information you would like our church office to have. Connection cards are located in the pew pocket in front of you. If you are visiting or your contact information has changed, please fill out the front portion of the card. If you would like someone or something lifted in prayer, please fill out the back portion of the card. Place completed cards in the offering plate or pass them to an usher.

CHRISTMAS PROCLMATION

A Savior has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord. May we feel a Holy Presence, filling us with peace and hope, as we sing with+ the angels on this holy night.

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful Please refer to page 18 of the worship folder. **RED BOOK #283**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Please refer to page 19 of the worship folder.

RED BOOK #270

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The people are seated.

Amen.

+WORD +

YOUNG PEOPLES' MESSAGE (4:00 & 6:00 pm)

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

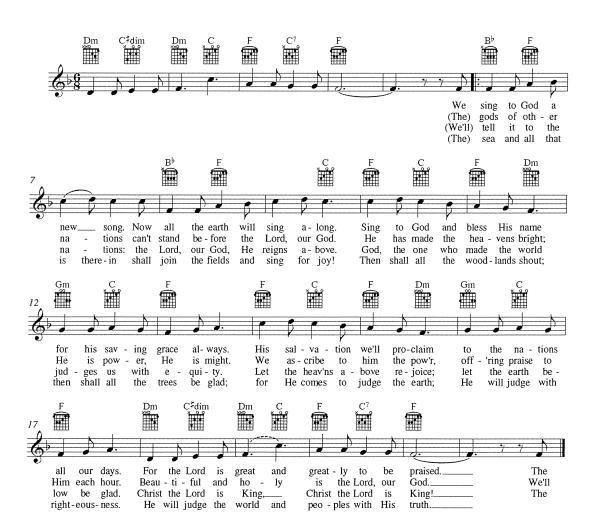
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96

The cantor sings the first verse, then the people sing verses 2, 3, and 4.



SECOND READING TITUS 2:11–14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

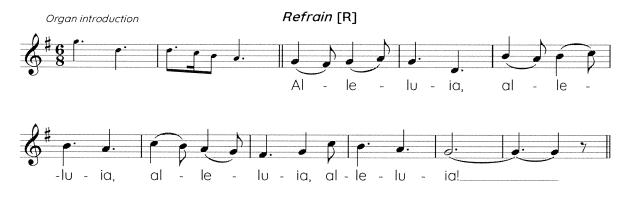
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The cantor will sing the Refrain first, then the people will sing the Refrain together:



Gospel Acclamation Verse (cantor)

Good news and great joy to all the world; today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

After the verse, the people then sing the Refrain [R] again.



THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 2:1–20

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The people are seated.

SERMON

PASTOR BRAD DAVICK

Silence for reflection, then the people stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing Please refer to page 20 of the worship folder.

RED BOOK #274

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.

A brief silence.

Glory to you, God, for the song of the angels, proclaiming to the world Christ's holy birth. Give your church a joyful song to sing, that we bring the good news of peace and salvation to all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the stars that shine in the depth of the night. Provoke awe in our hearts at the expansive mystery of the cosmos. Open us to find beauty in the clear darkness of night and in the first glimmers of dawn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the child born to us who establishes a kingdom of justice and righteousness. Break bonds of oppression, bring reconciliation to warring lands, and establish peace from this time onward and forevermore. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for Mary's loving care. Lead us to tend to one another in time of need. Share the comfort of your presence with all people tonight who are alone or separated from loved ones due to estrangement, incarceration, or illness including... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the faithfulness of the shepherds in their vocation. Grant rest to any who feel exhausted from their work during this season: retail and restaurant workers, church musicians, administrative staff, and clergy, organizers of charitable-giving events, and service workers doing essential tasks. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Glory to you, God, for the multitude of the heavenly host. We rejoice in the zeal of all your saints who have witnessed the appearing of your grace, and who reveal to us your salvation for all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace.

Amen.

+ MEAL +

THE OFFERING

The Christmas Eve loose offering (offering not otherwise designated) supports CtK's ongoing work to provide meaningful worship, be a presence in our community, and pass the faith to the next generation.

(4:00 pm)

Like a Child, Jesus Comes, with O Come, O Come Emmanuel Words & music by Dan Damon; arr. Hillary Doerries Xalt!

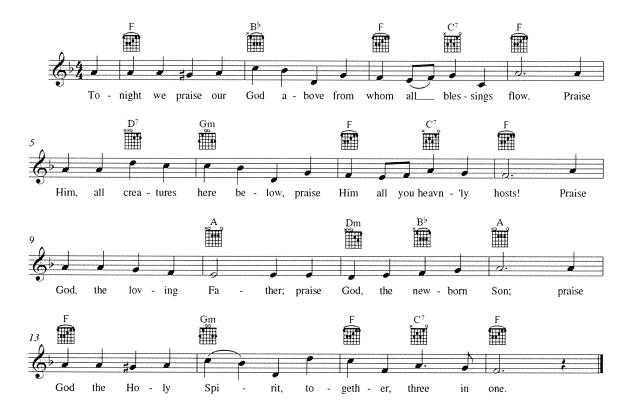
(6:00 pm)

In the Bleak Midwinter, arr. Fred Gramann
The Alleluia Ringers

(8:00 pm)

O Holy Night of Wonder, arr. Faye López The Sanctuary Choir with Bev Butler, piano

PRESENTING THE GIFTS – The Doxology



OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

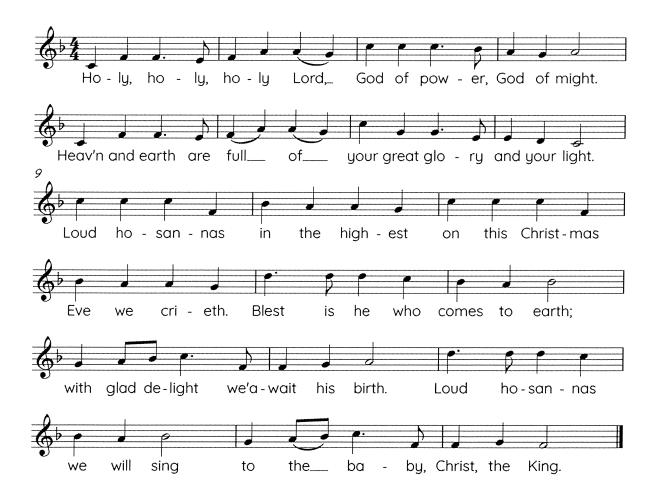
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

...and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The people are seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

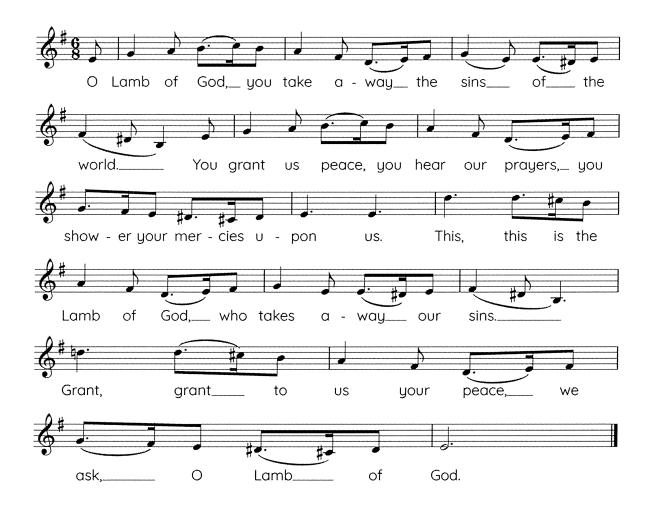
Distribution of Holy Communion:

Please come forward by way of the center aisle and receive the bread in your hand from the pastor or communion server.

You may then receive red wine or white grape juice in a cup from a server on each side. Empty cups may be placed in one of the bowls on a pedestal as you return to your seat by way of a side aisle.

Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION MUSIC

(4:00 pm) SONGS:

What Child is This? as recorded by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra; Paul O'Neill & Robert Kinkel Matt Douhan and Phil Moore, soloists, with Xalt!

Hallelujah (Christmas Version), original music by Leonard Cohen, arr. by Caleb and Kelsey Xalt!

(6:00 pm) SPECIAL MUSIC:

Hallelujah (Christmas Version), original music by Leonard Cohen, arr. by Caleb and Kelsey Hillary Doerries and Mike Strong, duet, with Bev Butler, piano

Voluntary on "Coventry Carol," arr. Martin Ellis Ellie Satre, flute, with Hillary Doerries, organ

(6:00 pm cont.) HYMNS:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Please refer to page 21 of the worship folder.
Away in a Manger
Please refer to page 22 of the worship folder.

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(8:00 pm) SPECIAL MUSIC:

Voluntary on "Coventry Carol," arr. Martin Ellis Ellie Satre, flute, with Hillary Doerries, organ

HYMNS:

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Please remain seated for the blessing.

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Christ, the light of the world, gives each one of us light, so that we too may shine with gratitude, hope, and love. Receive the light that comes to you: it comes from the Christ candle, but it reaches you through your neighbors. Receive the light from a brother or sister in Christ. Hold the light, enjoy the light, and let it spark in you the hope, peace, joy, and love of this holy night.

HYMN

Silent Night Please refer to page 23 of this Worship Folder

RED BOOK #281

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

Now and always, may you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

The people respond, "Amen!"

+ SENDING +

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World Please refer to page 24 of the worship folder.

RED BOOK #267

BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

(4:00 pm)

Child of God (Rock, Mary, Rock!) arr. Emily Crocker Xalt!

(6:00 pm)

Carol of the Bells, arr. Dick Averre The Alleluia Ringers

(8:00 pm)

Hallelujah Chorus, from MESSIAH, G. F. Handel with Hillary Doerries, organ, and Mark Doerries, conductor

Anyone who wishes to sing the Hallelujah Chorus is invited to join the choir at the front of the sanctuary. Music is provided.

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The following pages contain the songs which will be sung during the Christmas Eve worship service tonight.



O, Come, All Ye Faithful



Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

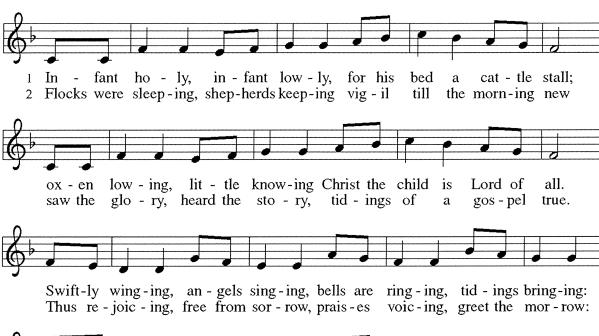
Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

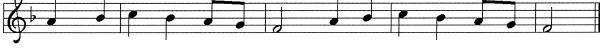
On Christmas Night



Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt. Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

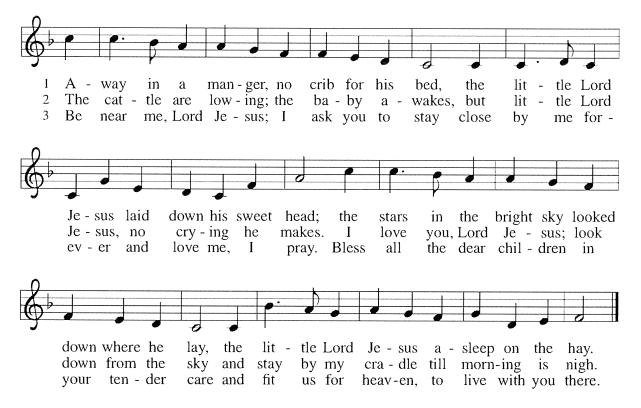




Christ the child is Lord of Christ the child is Lord of all! all! Christ the child was born for Christ the child was born for you! you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt. Music: W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

Away in a Manger



Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841-1905

Silent Night, Holy Night!



Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

Joy to the World



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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SERVING TONIGHT

Preaching: Pastor Brad Davick Presiding: Pastor Caroline Satre

4:00 PM

Greeter Megan & Eric Schopmeyer Ushers Vickie & Steve Radde Acolytes Rachael Roggow

Ryann Hrabusa

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Nicholas Gray (Ppt)

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6:00 PM

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Communion Servers Mary Chmiel

Amy Hickman Peggy Sudrovech

Comm Setup/Cleanup Cheryl Stuckey Bread Baker

Sanctuary Sound EJ Fenner (Sanctuary Sound)

Chuck Trundle (Streaming Sound) Matt Dowd (Streaming Video)

8:00 PM

Greeter Kathy & Steve Schwier Ushers Karna & Paul Gifford Acolytes

Audrey Villaire Kevin Trimboli

Mike Strong **Assisting Minister** Lector Nancy Seng

Bread Baker Jan Irvine Peggy Sudrovech Comm Setup/Cleanup

Communion Serv. Howard & Nancy Hanson

Video & Sound Don Westerhausen (Sanctuary Sound)

Matt Dowd (Booth & System Shutdown)

Lord, Hear Our Prayers.

Bill Mangold Jeff Salt Oliver "Ollie" Gauthier

Jim Brennan Arlene Warren Gabriel

Lorrie VanOort Diane Romano Paul Gifford Sr. Hillary Doerries Rose Lillich Ryland & Rory

Mark Doerries Chris Yarnell Flo

Tom Frecka Lisa Dale Wayne Westphal Kirk Robbins Deb Frecka Carrie Fox Nancy Seng Keith Munneke Carol Main Jerry Harms Ruth Munneke Diane Lueck