

Christ is Born!



December 25, 2020

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

ELW #288 vs 1&2

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

Greeting

P: The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

“O Holy Night”

Dennis Ellingson

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12

⁶Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;

all day and all night they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD, take no rest,

⁷and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

⁸The 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 the wine for which you have labored;

⁹but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

¹⁰Go 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.

¹¹The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."

¹²They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD";
and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 97

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the
foundations of God's throne.

³Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.

Responsive hum

⁴Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.

⁵The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶The heavens declare your righteousness,
O LORD, and all the peoples see your glory.

Responsive hum

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and
worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3;
Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight in false gods! Bow
down before the LORD, all you gods.

⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah
rejoice, because of your judgments,
O LORD.

⁹For you are the LORD, most high over all the
earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

Responsive hum

¹⁰You who love the LORD, hate evil! God guards
the lives of the saints and rescues them
from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.

Responsive hum

Gospel: John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was
God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and
without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the
darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to
testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light,
but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was
coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did
not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept
him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become
children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of
man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"The Word Became Flesh"

Pastor Dave

Hymn of the Day

"The First Noel"

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- 1 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.
Refrain
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.
- 2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Text: English traditional

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 the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God,

C: you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Holy Communion

If you will be taking Holy Communion today, please place your bread/crackers and juice in front of you. They will be blessed during the Words of Institution.

P: When we worship in our sanctuary, we gather around the altar/table to receive Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine. In this meal our faith is nourished, our sins are forgiven, and we are called to be witnesses to the Gospel. Today we gather in Jesus' name, in our homes, knowing that the church is anywhere people gather in the name of Jesus. Today we receive the Lord's Supper, united with one another and those who believe in every time and place.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal



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