

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR PRELUDE

All Praise to thee

by Elaine Hagenberg

*All praise to Thee, eternal God,
Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
dost take a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone, Alleluia*

*Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light
To make us in the realms divine,
Like Thine own angels, round Thee shine, Alleluia.*

*A little Child, Thou art our Guest
That weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth
That we may rise to heaven from earth.
Alleluia, amen.*

-Text by Martin Luther, 1524

✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↓ LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader One: Isaiah the prophet spoke truth to the nations. He yearned for the Lord's good word to proclaim freedom for prisoners stuck in darkness.

Reader Two: (*light candle 1*) We still yearn, but yearning leads to hope.
We light this candle as a sign that this hope never ends.

Reader One: (*light candle 2*) We light this candle, trusting God's peace will come.

Reader Two: (*light candle 3*) The third, the flame of love, points to God's infinite compassion—the promise of God-with-us, the one to fill our lives with the love of Christ for his friends.

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

With humility we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of promise and hope,

So often we fall short, failing to be all that you have created us to be. We pester you with questions, “Why?” and “Where are you?” We lack faith in your promises of deliverance and hope. Forgive us for all that we have done to harm you, others, and ourselves. Walk with us in the time of Advent, so that through our journey we may be made clean.

Our holy Lord God knows we are weak, frail creatures. Yet God loves us and refuses to give up on us. Because of God’s persistence we are made new again and again. Receive today the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Walk with God on your human journey, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

↑GATHERING

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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↑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.**

↑ KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A-men.

↑HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord, your promises stand fast throughout our trying times. Hold the hope of your deliverance ever before our eyes, that we might continue to put our trust in you, for the sake of your son Jesus. Amen.

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)

✠ WORD ✠

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

↑ GOSPEL

Matthew 12:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, ¹⁶and he ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. ²¹And in his name the Gentiles will hope."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ PRIMARY READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will

not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↓ **SERMON** (8am)

CHOIR PRESENTATION (10:30) *O Little Town of Bethlehem* arr. Dan Forrest

↓ **HYMN**

Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

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↑ **APOSTLES' CREED**

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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

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

Prayer Leader: God of hope,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑ **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

↓ **OFFERING**

How Great Our Joy

arr. Linda Lamb
Bell Choir

↑ **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

Hymn *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**tune of From Heaven Above #268*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above you heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

↑ **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Dearest God, you have delivered us with your strong hand and kept us throughout our lives, blessing us always with your goodness. Receive now these gifts of thanksgiving which we offer you, for the service of your people in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

↑ **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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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.

↑ **PREFACE FOR THE DAY**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

You put your Spirit upon your only son, O God, and he proclaimed your justice to the Gentiles. Send us that same Spirit—we who were also outsiders, and yet who are just as beloved as your first chosen people. Come now and join in the feast of our Lord, who calls us in mercy and gathers us in love.

Thanks be to God!

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). **Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.***

↓ Distribution Music

Coventry Carol
Horvat

arr. Helen Marple-

Low How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Mark Multop

Carlos Ortega, clarinet
Melanie Morash, violin
Clara Dilworth-Sánchez, violin
Tom Fattaruso, cello

↑POST COMMUNION BLESSING

↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Sovereign God,
in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✝ SENDING ✝

↑BLESSING

May the love of God surround you; may the grace of ✝ Christ release you; and may the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.
Amen.

↑HYMN

People, Look East

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↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be light for the world.
Thanks be to God.

↓CHOIR POSTLUDE

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Spiritual
arr. Paul Sjolund

Geoff Burnaford, soloist

***We thank the following people
for this morning's Music Ministry performance:***

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Piano and Organ: Starr Brown

Guest Musicians

Carlos Ortega, clarinet

Melanie Morash, violin

Clara Dilworth-Sánchez, violin

Tom Fattaruso, cello

Trinity Bell Choir

Sherri Bangert, Geoff Burnaford, Rob Cabrera,

Peter Dow, Eva Fields, Nick Hayes, Karol

Luque, Elizabeth Madaras, Ray Wentz

Trinity Choir

Jean Abbe, Susi Battaglia, Anita Burnaford,

Geoff Burnaford, Rob Cabrera, Alice Chalip,

Peter Dow, Eva Fields, DonGroskreutz,

Candace Gutleben, Rachel Hanson, Tony Lewis,

Karol Luque, Henry Mills, Kevin Mills,

Kristin Moeller, Helen Pederson, Katie Phan,

Mary Kay Wentz, Ray Wentz