



# MERRY *Christmas*

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When we celebrate Holy Communion we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins, or call during the week.

# Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion

## December 24, 2020

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

*Rise Up Shepherds and Follow  
Of the Father's Love Begotten  
Glory Be to God on High  
O Holy Night*



### OPENING HYMN

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

**LSB 379**



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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*Please stand...*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**P** On this most holy feast of Christmas, the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us approach His manger-throne in humility, confessing our need for this Savior that we may receive Him and the forgiveness He came to deliver for the life of the world.

**P** Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**C** He is to be feared above all gods.

**P** He will judge the world in righteousness

**C** and the peoples in His faithfulness.

**C** Most merciful God, before the glory of the gift of Your only-begotten Son, we bow in confession of our unworthiness to receive such a gift. But it is the gift we need; for we are by nature sinful and unclean and justly deserve nothing but Your punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** In this divine, sacred infant is the hope of the world, for He was born to die for you. For the sake of His death almighty God forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word-made-flesh, crucified and risen again, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## INTROIT

**P** When all was still, and it was midnight,

**C** Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

**P** Sing to the Lord a new song;

**C** Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**P** Sing to the Lord, Praise His name;

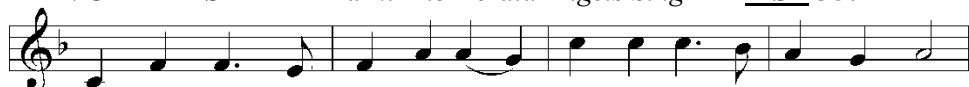
**C** proclaim His salvation day after day.



# HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

**LSB 380**



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



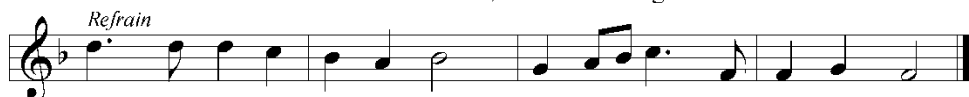
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her-ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!"

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



*Please be seated...*

**ANTHEM**

*"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

Hull / Fricke Quartet

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

**L** The Old Testament Reading for Christmas Eve is from Isaiah, chapter nine.

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup>"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." <sup>13</sup>And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## CAROL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1, 5-6

LSB 357



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,



Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
And close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Refrain*



THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 4:7-16

**L** The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter four.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

CAROL

“God Loves Me Dearly” vs. 1,3-4

LSB 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did



va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.



*Please stand...*

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

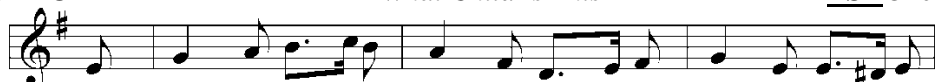
Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CAROL

*"What Child Is This"*

**LSB 370**



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are  
3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mar - y!  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

## SERMON

*Please stand...*

### CHRISTMAS CREED

**C** I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent his Son as my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

*We pray for the hospitalized:* Mickey Seidler, Joanne Johnson

*We pray for those recovering or have an upcoming procedure:* Bonnie Lazzell, Jerry Kennett, Janet Gale, Phyllis Marsh, Pam West, Jerry Young, Bill Martin, Walter Harbison, Eric Wittmann, Linda Grinestaff, Joanne Johnson, and Angie Lucas.

*We pray for those with ongoing health concerns:* Alice Barnes, Sandra Courson, Bill Fredericks, Dick Huckstadt, Kitty Lee, Bill Russell, and Jerry Waterstradt.

*We pray for those with cancer:* Taylor Funk, Lincoln Downing, Sherry Kramer, Linda Borgwald, Bill Fredericks, Cindy DeMoss, Owen Smith, Cheryl Bonebright, Kathy Howey, and Frank Hutnicke.

*We pray for strength and healing for:* Daniel Grinestaff, Kayla Morrison, Mel Schriefer, Kitty Lee, Gary King, Cookie and Bob Gallaway, Marilina Hutchison, Rebecca Bedinger, Sarah and Patty Calderon, Trisha Howard, Jim Souza, Jackie Bland, Heather Bladel & family, Keri Blankenbeckler, Courtney Leemon, Doris Limer, Jason Dawson, and those suffering from mental anguish.

*Please be seated...*

**SOLO** “Angels from The Realms of Glory” - Susan DeMoss, Flute (4:00)  
“Angels” - Noah Acree (10:00)

*Please stand...*

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.





## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** (tune: “*Angels We Have Heard On High*”)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God by highest hosts adored,  
Heav’n and earth Your glory sing; With them we our praises bring.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Sing hosanna, saints above, with the angels sing God’s love.  
Bless-ed He the coming One, God the Father’s only Son.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**C** 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.**

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “*Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.*” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “*Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*”

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (tune: “*What Child Is This*”)

**O Lamb of God, You take away Our sin, its guilt and power.  
Lord Jesus Christ, You take away The world’s sin and its power.  
Have mercy, Lamb of God, Have mercy, now we pray to You  
Grant peace to troubled hearts Grant peace, we now implore You.**

*Please be seated...*

*When coming forward to receive communion, the usher will dismiss you from your pew, one side of the sanctuary at a time. Please maintain spacing while coming forward. Pastor will be standing at the end of the center aisle to give you the bread, and then you'll take a cup from the communion assistant before returning to your seat by the side aisle.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**    *"I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes"*

I am so glad when Christmas comes,  
The night of Jesus' birth,  
When Bethl'em's star shone as the sun,  
And angels sang on earth.

The little child of Bethlehem,  
He was a king indeed!  
for he came down from heav'n above  
To help a world in need.

He lives again in heaven's realm,  
The Son of God today;  
And still he loves his little ones  
And hears them when they pray.

I, too, shall sing my Savior's praise,  
My joy, my crown, my Lord;  
For he has made me his own child  
By water and the Word.

And so I love each Christmas Eve,  
And I love Jesus, too;  
And that he loves me ev'ry day  
I know so well is true.



*Please stand...*

**DISMISSAL**

**[P]** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.

**[C]** Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**    ( tune: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" )

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming; but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## CANDLELIGHTING

**P** When all was still, and it was midnight,

**C** Your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

**P** For to us a child is born,

**C** to us a son is given;

**P** And His name shall be called

**C** Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**P** Everlasting Father,

**C** Prince of Peace.

*As the light of the Christ candle is shared with the usher and brought down the aisle, remember to tip your unlit candle to the burning candle, keeping the burning candle upright. Then pass the light down the pew in like fashion.*

## HYMN “Silent Night”

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| 1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!<br>Alles schläft, einsam wacht<br>Nur das heilige Elternpaar,<br>Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,<br>Bei dem himmlischen Kind.<br>Bei dem himmlischen Kind.   | 3. Silent night, holy night!<br>Shepherds quake at the sight;<br>Glories stream from heaven afar,<br>Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!<br>Christ, the Savior, is born!<br>Christ, the Savior, is born!   |
| 2. Silent night, holy night!<br>All is calm, all is bright<br>Round yon virgin mother and child.<br>Holy Infant, so tender and mild,<br>Sleep in heavenly peace,<br>Sleep in heavenly peace. | 4. Silent night, holy night!<br>Son of God, love's pure light<br>Radiant beams from your holy face<br>With the dawn of redeeming grace,<br>Jesus, Lord, at your birth,<br>Jesus, Lord, at your birth. |



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S i l e n t   N i g h t ,   H o l y   N i g h t

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you as you keep Christmas.

The Lord make His face shine upon you with the light of the Christ Child.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace on earth, goodwill to all, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please blow out your candles and return them to the baskets in the Narthex.*

## POSTLUDE

*Please be seated following the closing hymn. The Ushers will dismiss one pew at a time, starting in the back of the church and working their way toward the front to maintain social distancing as we depart.*

*Thank you for coming to the Lord's house today. If you have an offering, you can drop it in the collection plate by the narthex doors. Please either take your bulletin with you or dispose of it in the trash can.*

