

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given..."

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PROCESSIONAL

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL



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ENTRANCE

Minister: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Minister: If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

People: Even the darkness is not dark to you, O Lord;

Minister: The night is as bright as the day;

for darkness is as light to you.

People: Amen.

(from Psalm 139)

PRAYER

Minister:

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

HYMN

SILENT NIGHT



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OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

3 You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the
spoil.

4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder.

and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

EPISTLE READING

TITUS 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL PROCESSION

PLEASE STAND AND TURN TO FACE THE BIBLE AS IT IS PROCESSED INTO THE AISLE.

GOSPEL READING

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

LUKE 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Josh Keller

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life

and labor to the Lord:

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Let us pray:

People: We do not presume to come to this, Your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(PLEASE STAND)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

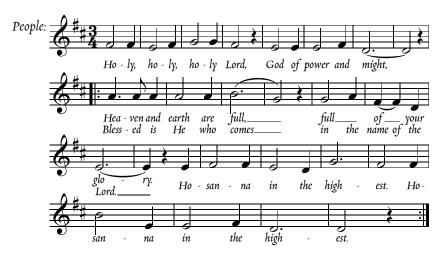
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times,

and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and

magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you,

and singing,



(Music: Franz Schubert; adapt. David Lutes)

(Please kneel or be seated)

Celebrant: We praise you, O Lord that you, rich in mercy, and infinite in goodness, made us in your own image, freed us from everlasting death, and provided our redemption in your only and well-beloved Son, whom out of love you gave to be made man, like us in all things but sin, to receive the punishment of our transgression in his body, to satisfy your justice by his death, and through his resurrection to destroy him who was the author of death; and so to bring again to the world the life

Celebrant: For in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

from which the whole offspring of Adam was exiled.

Celebrant: Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

People:

Celebrant: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon

these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the

body of Christ in the world.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and

glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him by

faith, with thanksgiving.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

O HOLY NIGHT

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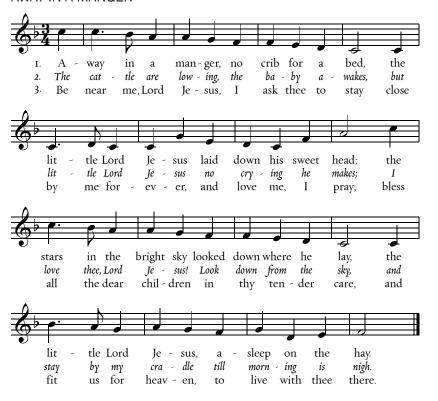
O holy night, the stars are brightly shining. It is the night of the dear Savior's birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, 'Till he appears and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born. O night, O night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is Love and His gospel is Peace; Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, And in His name all oppression shall cease, Sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we; Let all within us praise his Holy name!

Fall on your knees, Oh hear the angel voices!
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night, O night, O night, O night divine!
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AWAY IN A MANGER



(Words: anonymous; Music: James R. Murray; CCLI license #2476739)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Minister: Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Minister: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming and we are preparing ourselves for the

days when,

People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world.

People: Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Minister: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.

People: A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor do people light a lamp and put it

under a basket but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house.

Minister: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they

may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in

heaven."

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The pastor will light his candle from the Christ Candle. He will then light the candles on the ends of the rows. Each person will light the candle of the person next to them.

CANDLELIGHTING HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD



- I. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re-ceive her King:
- 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav-ior reigns: let men their songs em-ploy;
- 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-fest the ground;
- * 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na \cdot tions prove



let ev - ry heart pre - pare Him room, and heav n and na - ture sing, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, He comes to make His bless-ings flow far as the curse is found, the glo - ries of His right-eous ness and won ders of His love,



and heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.

re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.

far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

and won - ders of His love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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BENEDICTION

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly, and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Louis Bourgeois)

^{*}We raise our candles together at the beginning of verse 4 to signify that Christ, the light of the world, has come down to earth from above to dwell with us and to "rule the world with truth and grace."

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