

## Welcome to Trinity!

We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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## First Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

9:30 am

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**Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

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**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day  
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

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**Prelude:**

Lois Cornils, guest organist

**Word of Welcome**

**Announcements and Celebrations**

**Confession and Forgiveness:** *(Stand as you are able.)*

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of new beginnings,

C **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

P People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

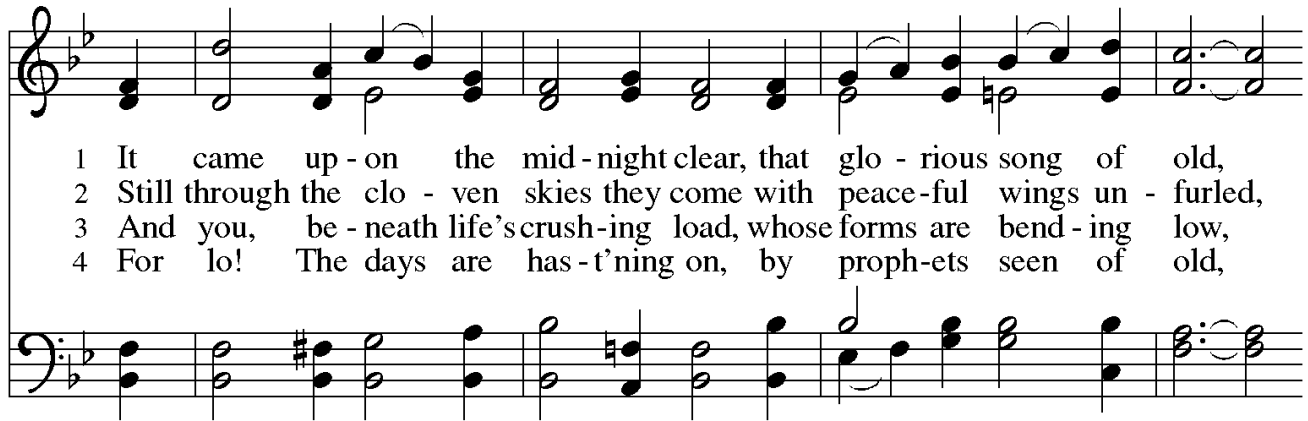
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

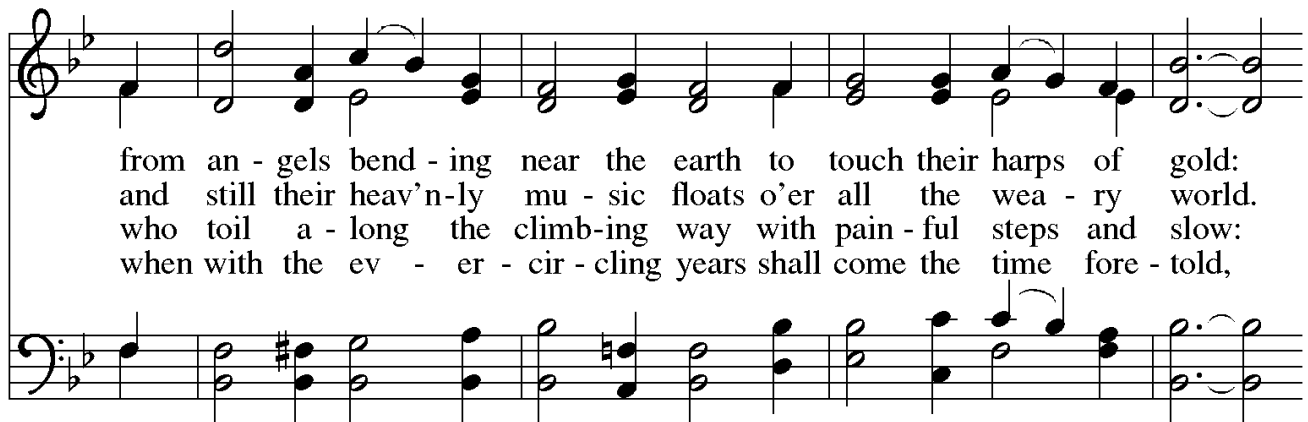
C **Amen.**

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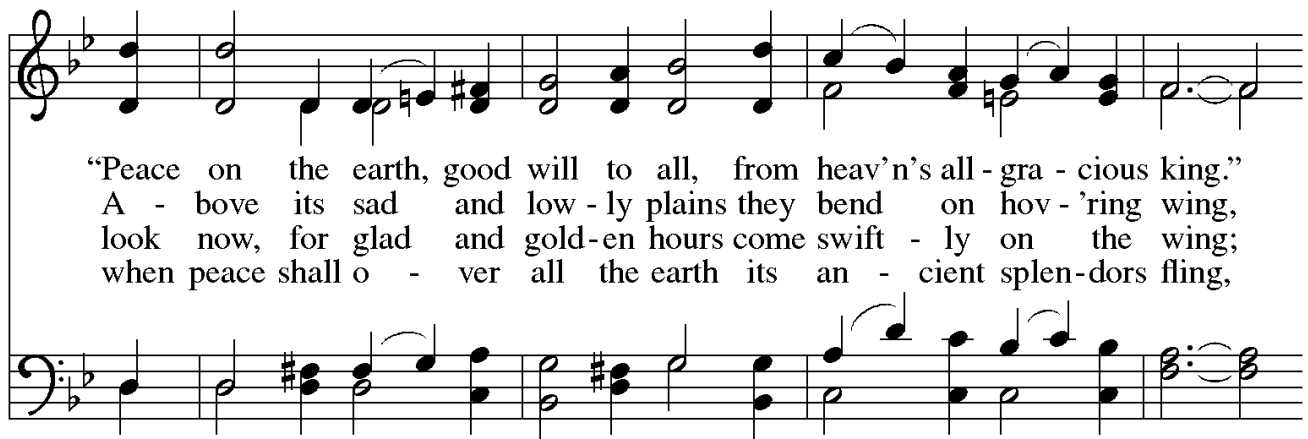
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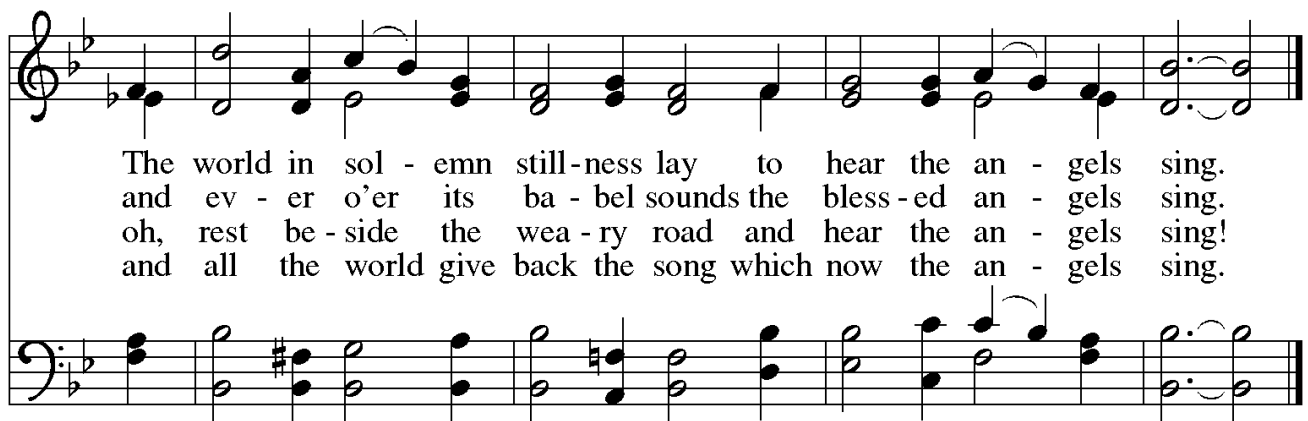
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

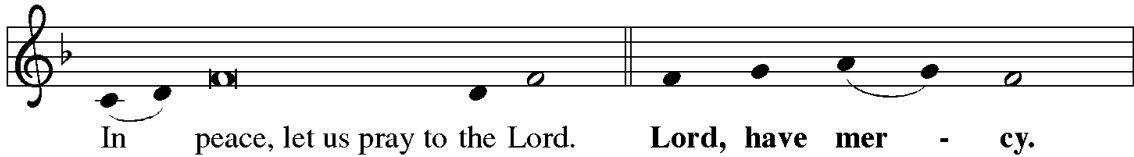


The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

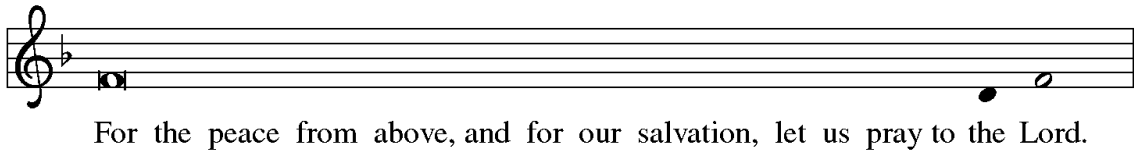
**Greeting:**

**P** Siblings in Christ, beloved of God;  
The grace, mercy, and peace of the One who was, who is, and who is to come, be with you all.  
**C** **And also with you.**

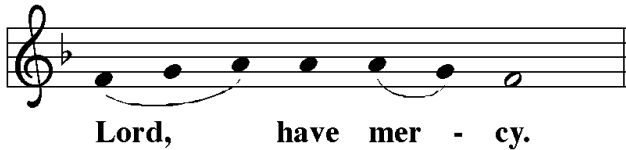
**Kyrie**



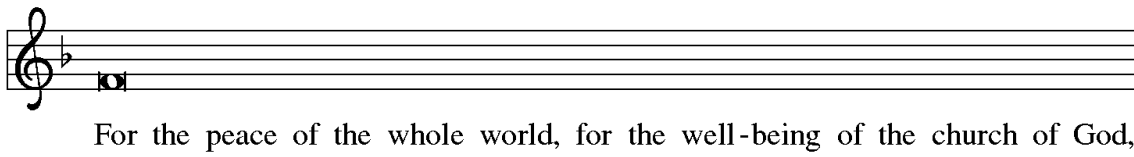
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



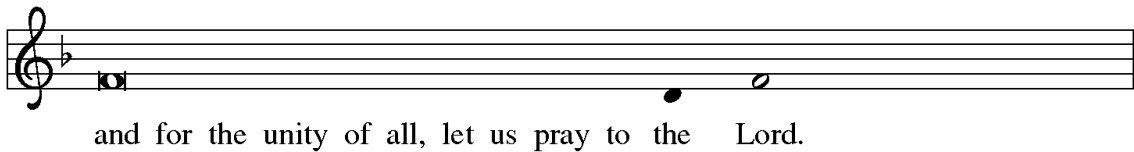
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



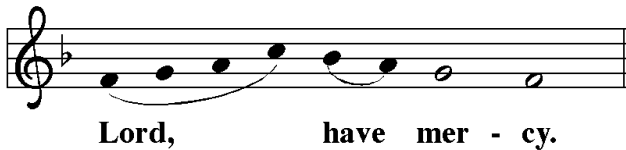
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



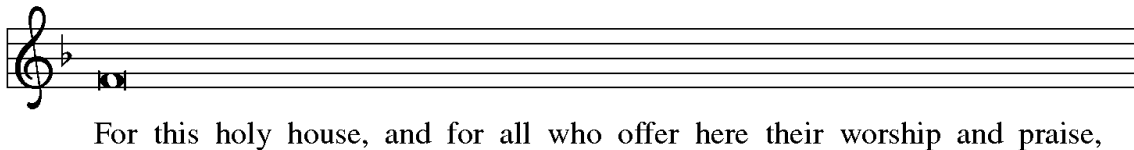
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



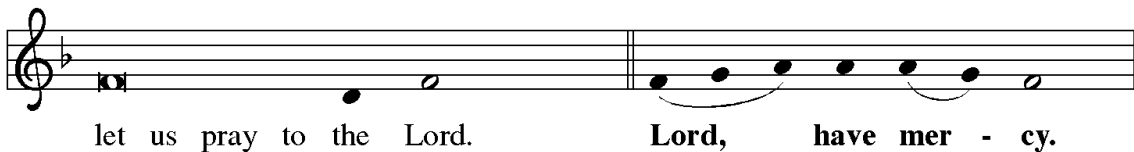
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



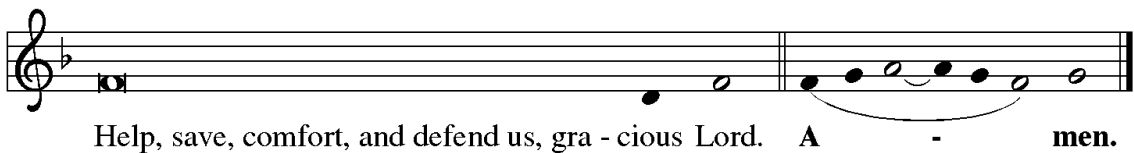
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



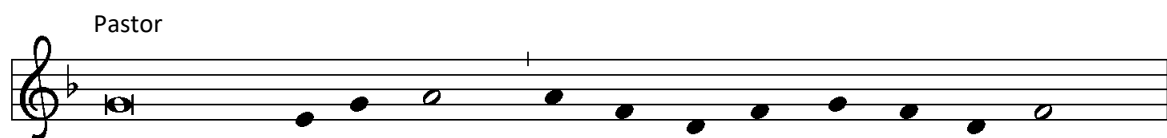
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

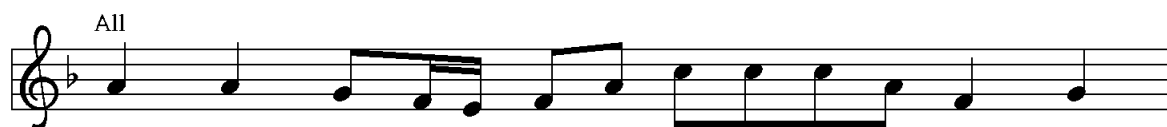
## Glory to God:

Pastor

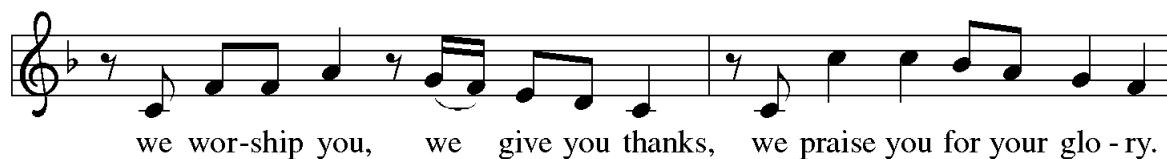


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Pastor



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## Prayer of the Day:

**P** O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**Word**

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

## Word for the Children



### First Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9

I will recount the steadfast love of GOD, the praises of the SOVEREIGN, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel which God has granted them according to God's mercy, according to the abundance of God's steadfast love.

<sup>8</sup>For God said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and God became their savior.

<sup>9</sup>In all their affliction God was afflicted, and the angel of God's presence saved them; in love and in pity God redeemed them, lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*Brief silence for reflection on the Word.*

### Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." <sup>13</sup>And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

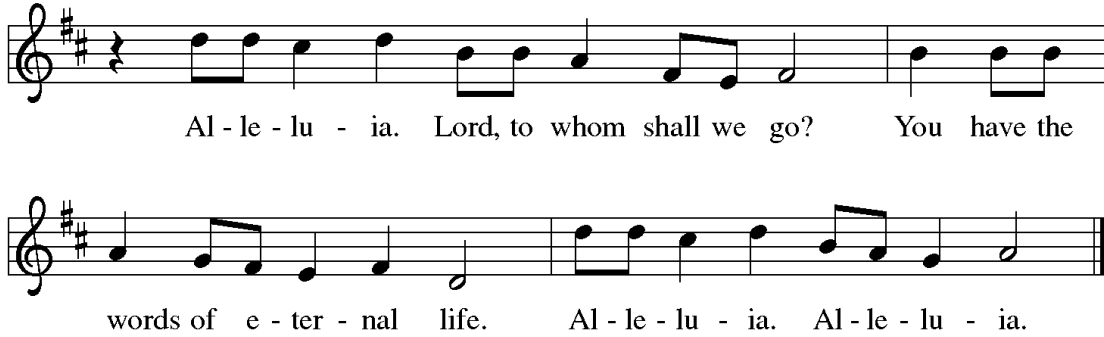
<sup>14</sup>Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Acclamation:** *(Stand)*



P The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

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

**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”<sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt,<sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.<sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

<sup>19</sup>When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup>“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.”<sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.<sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.<sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*



**Sermon**



1 Gen - tle Jo - seph heard a warn - ing from an an - gel in the night;  
2 Tar - gets of a ty - rant's ar - my, seek - ing safe - ty, flee - ing strife,  
3 Give us, God, such faith and cour - age when we move from place to place,



val - iant Mar - y, maid - en moth - er, roused from sleep, pre - pared for flight:  
leav - ing house and land and kin - dred, spurred by dreams of peace - ful life;  
and to those who come a - mong us, make us chan - nels of your grace.



thus the Christ - child's fam - 'ly lived out what the proph - et had fore - told,  
through the des - ert of un - know - ing and the night of doubt they went,  
Let us see in ev - 'ry strang - er ref - u - gees from Beth - le - hem,



that he might be called from E - gypt as God's peo - ple were of old.  
guid - ed by God's prom - ised pres - ence, by that trust made con - fi - dent.  
help us of - fer each one wel - come and re - ceive the Christ in them.

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**Apostles' Creed:**

- C 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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## Prayers of Intercession:

P As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

P God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

## Peace

*Please be seated.*



**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank's bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here's the link to the secure site: [bit.ly/TLCgives22](https://bit.ly/TLCgives22) Or scan this QR code:

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!



## Offertory

*(Stand as you are able.)*

**Setting the Table: ELW, No. 296**

*“What Child Is This”*



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?

3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

**Great Thanksgiving:**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up to the Lord in joy.**

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

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

**P** 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:

*(Continued on next page)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



## Thanksgiving at the Table:

P Holy and mysterious God,  
in the beginning the darkness waited,  
and you created light.  
Sarah and Abraham waited for a future,  
and you sent descendants greater than the stars.  
The Hebrew slaves waited for rescue,  
and you sent Miriam and Moses to enact your liberation.  
Israel waited in exile for renewal,  
and you empowered prophets and poets with your life-giving speech.

As the whole world groaned in waiting for release and rebirth,  
you sent Jesus, born of strong Mary,  
fathered by humble Joseph,  
incarnate in our humility,  
in solidarity with the suffering and the poor,  
full of wisdom and grace for all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Hoping beyond hope,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering all your promises fulfilled  
in Jesus' body given for the beloved universe,  
in the great hope of the resurrection,  
and in all that is to come by your mercy,  
with eager expectation we cry out:  
C **Come, Lord Jesus!**

P Send your Spirit into this broken world,  
into our hopeful, imperfect gathering,  
and on this sacred bread and wine  
so we may be healed and whole again  
and be filled with the courage to love.  
C **Come, Holy Spirit!**

P All praise, and thanks to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,  
here and now and until the end of time.  
C **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version that speaks to you.

*(Traditional version)*

**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.**

*(Ecumenical version)*

**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.**

## Invitation to Communion

We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers.  
Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

*Please be seated.*

### **We invite worshippers to come forward for communion.**

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets are available in the narthex as people enter. Pastor will distribute the bread and a deacon will be distributing the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups. *(Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat.)* Come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the usher, and return to your seats using the aisle on the east side of the sanctuary.

**Gluten free wafers** are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

## Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . . earth sus - tain;  
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

**Prayer after Communion:**

P Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

**Sending**

*The triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing:** (Stand)

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

**Sending Song:** ELW, No. 290 ..... "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;  
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

**Dismissal:**

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

