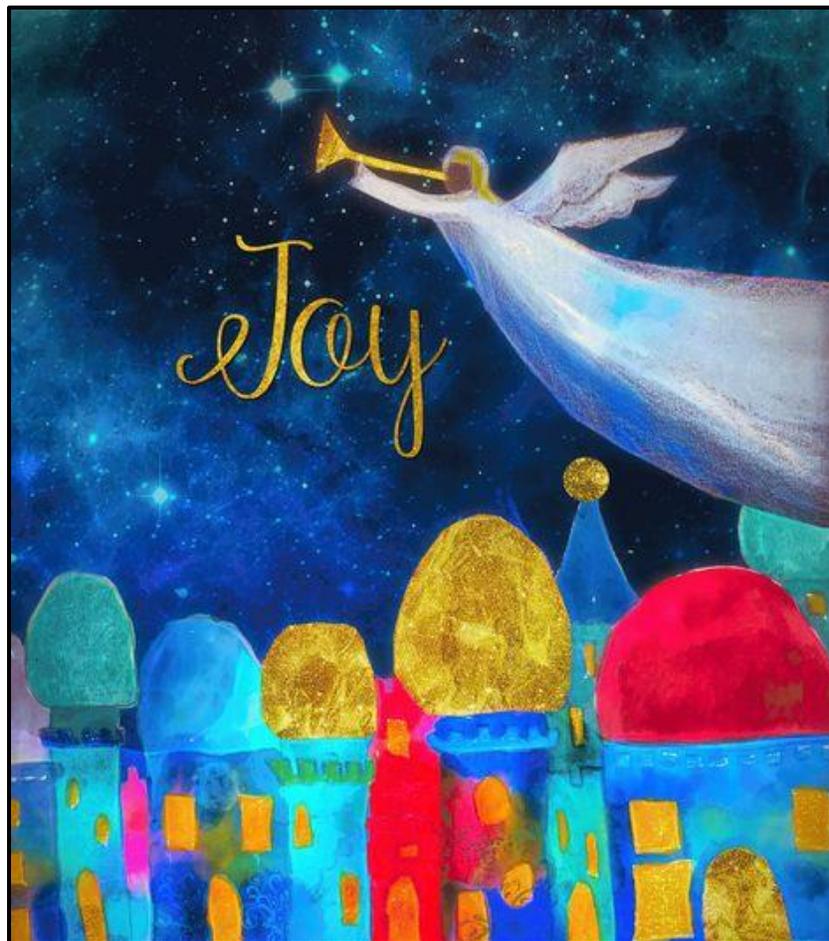


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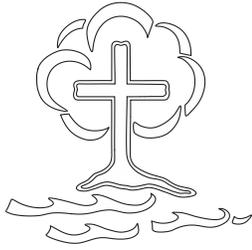
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Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2021

4:00 p.m.



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Christmas poinsettias

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In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Gustav Holst/arr. by Don Wyrzten

"The First Noel"

Traditional English Carol/arr. Cindy Berry

"What Child Is This?"

Tune: Greensleeves/arr by Barbara Boertje

Stand, turning to face the processional cross in the back of the sanctuary. As the gathering hymn is sung, turn as the processional cross proceeds to the front of the sanctuary.

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ELW 283

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:**

Refrain

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

- 2 The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain***

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain***

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

INVOCATION, DIALOG and GREETING

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

P The grace and truth of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

C Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

C Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light.
Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day
wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

L 2 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.
3 You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
4 For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98

L ¹O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His right hand and holy arm have gotten him victory.

²The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C ⁴**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

⁵**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the king, the LORD**

L ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

C ⁸**Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹**at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

L ¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce
impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled,
upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the
glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he
might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are
zealous for good deeds.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

C **Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Refrain

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

P The Gospel according to Luke.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

C Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
 Hail the Sun of righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 ris'n with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise each child of earth,
 born to give us second birth.

Refrain

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn king!"**

Sit

MEDITATION

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Has Come

ELW 292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Love proclaims that a Savior has been born to us! Inspire your church throughout the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth to all who seek salvation, hope, and new life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Love whispers to a weary world that the time for rest and restoration has come. Maintain healthy cycles of wake and sleep for all creatures. Where light pollution disrupts natural rhythms, encourage new practices. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Love cries to a warring world that the time for peace is at hand. Direct those in power who make decisions on behalf of others, that they nurture and sustain all that is healthy, good, and holy. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Love sings through the wails of a newborn baby. Respond to all who cry out in pain, despair, or need this night. Bring comfort to those for whom separation, grief, or loss makes the Christmas season especially difficult. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Love murmurs words of comfort to a newborn child and exhausted parents. Bless new and expectant parents or caregivers, especially those who are alone or afraid this night. Pour out your love upon families of every kind. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God's ever-present love is proclaimed through the faithful who came before us. We give you thanks for Mary, John the baptizer, Elizabeth his mother, Joseph the dreamer, and all who point toward your love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

C 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.
C **Gracious God,**
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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P It is indeed 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
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was handed over, 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 With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit; let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

P Love has come: God's love for all people.
All are welcome to receive the Lord's supper.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

As you receive the elements, hear these words:

"The body of Christ given for you." as you receive the bread

"The blood of Christ shed for you." as you receive the wine

After all have communed, baskets will be passed to collect the communion cups and packaging.



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Remain seated

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
 C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.
 C **We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
 God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
 As we have shared this feast of love,
 strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
 Amen.**

Candles may be lit at this time.

C **Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven a far, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at you birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

BENEDICTION

P The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through † Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C **Amen.**

Extinguish Candles

Stand

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

ELW 267

C **Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

DISMISSAL

- A Glory to God in the highest!
C **Peace to God's people on earth!**
- A Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus!
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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**POINSETTIAS IN OUR SANCTUARY
CHRISTMAS 2021**

<i>Sandy Brabant</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Son, David Harp</i>
<i>Linda Brady & Deb Hickman</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Julie & Kevin Claus</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Don Gross</i>
<i>Jean & Ron Clesen</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Eileen & Steve Dormer</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Stephen J Dormer</i>
<i>Eileen & Steve Dormer</i>	<i>Honor</i>	<i>Family & Friends</i>
<i>Lucile & Robert Duvall</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Bea & Ron Filbert</i>	<i>Honor</i>	<i>To the Glory of God</i>
<i>Lucia Findley</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>My Beloved Tom</i>
	<i>Memory</i>	<i>My Father Ernesto Cestti</i>
<i>Sandy Hagan</i>	<i>Honor</i>	<i>So+L Faithful Volunteers</i>
<i>Deb & Amos Hatch</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Parents - Chester & Colleen Hatch Ed & Cathy Ridenour</i>
<i>Penny Hatt</i>	<i>Honor</i>	<i>Dennis & Penny Hatt's 50th Anniversary</i>
	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Family Members</i>
<i>Susan & Howard Kastner</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Carl Kirts</i>	<i>Honor</i>	<i>Brian Kirts</i>
	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Arlene Kirts</i>
<i>Fran McKnight</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Roger McKnight</i>
<i>Phyllis Mills</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Norman Mills</i>
<i>Sara & David Meilleur</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Ruth Mullen</i>	<i>Honor</i>	<i>Family</i>
	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Ken Mullen</i>
<i>Donna & Frank Navratil</i>	<i>Honor</i>	<i>Our Grandchildren</i>
	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Carol & Steve Opsal</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Pr. Ingrid and Tim Schalk</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Raymond and Lucia Pierson Noel and Carl Schalk</i>
<i>Sue & Tom Schemberger</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Irene & Jack Schemberger Rev. Clarence & Marjorie Warfel</i>
<i>Linda & Norm Schuessler</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Marjorie Sunner</i>	<i>Memory</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Pat & Gene Yeager</i>	<i>Honor</i>	<i>Our Family</i>