

Church of the King
The Lord's Day Service
Third Sunday of Advent 2021



Our Call to Worship from God's Word

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:10-14

Come Give Glory to God in Worship!

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Praise:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Based on Luke 2:15

**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*

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten not created;**

Refrain

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;**

Refrain

Salutation and Response:

[based on Matthew 28:19, Jeremiah 33:14-15]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit **Amen!**

Jehovah be with you

And also with you

'Behold, the days are coming,' says Jehovah, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah:

'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David, a Branch of righteousness;

He shall execute judgment

and righteousness in the earth...'

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us in Christ

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:5-10

God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN (7 6. 7 6. 6 7 6)

German melody, 15th century

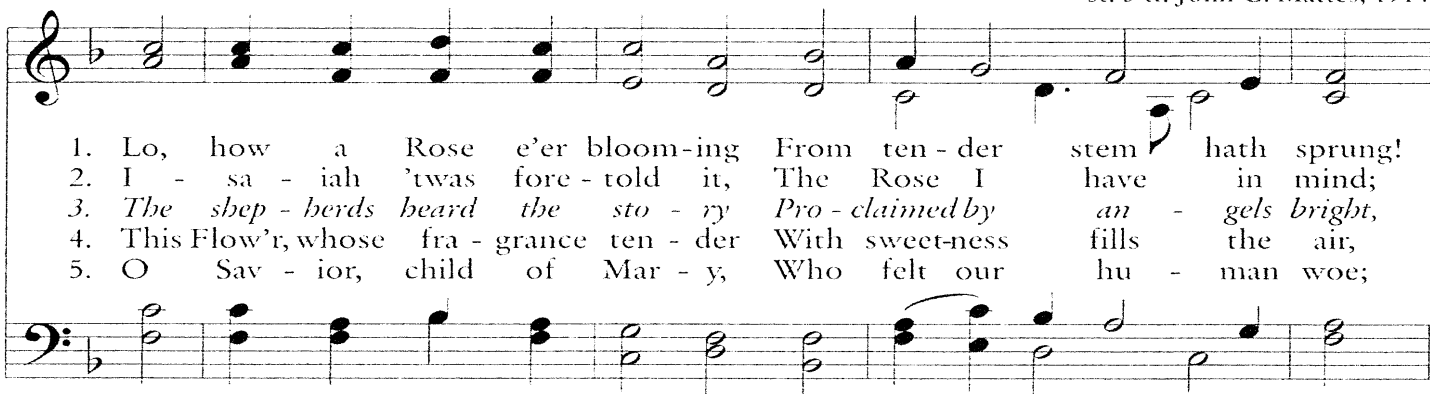
arr. Michael Praetorius, *Musae Sionae*, 1629

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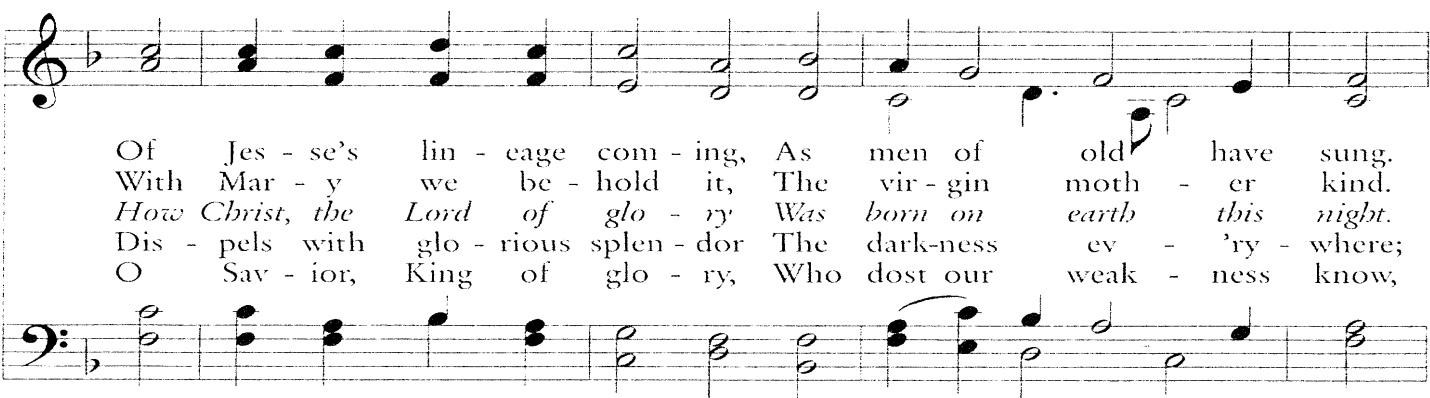
st. 1-2 tr. Theodore Baker, 1894

st. 3 tr. Harriet R. Spaeth, 1875

st. 5 tr. John C. Mattes, 1914



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in mind;
3. *The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro - claimed by an - gels bright,*
4. This Flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,
5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man woe;



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, As men of old have sung.
With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind.
How Christ, the Lord of glo - ry Was born on earth this night.
Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;
O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness know,



It came, a flower - et bright, A - mid the cold of
To show God's love a - right, She bore to men a
To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the man - ger
True Man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death He
Bring us at length, we pray, To the bright courts of



win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
found Him, As an - gel her - alds said.
saves us, And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
heav - en And to the end - less day.

Silent Confession: *“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; Blessed is the man to whom Jehovah shall not impute sin.” Romans 4:7-8*

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

O Lord our God, we come to You as Your sons and servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, and yet aware of our continuing need of Your grace. We confess that we have sinned against You. We have broken Your commandments. We have fallen short of Your glory. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We were born in sin and have continued to sin. We acknowledge our guilt. We rightly fall under Your curse and judgment. Blot out our transgressions, wash us from our iniquities, deliver us from bloodguiltiness. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Arise and Receive the Assurance of Pardon & Forgiveness:

“Jehovah, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease.” From Psalm 85:1-4

Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for our sins and to be raised for our justification; and for His sake forgives us all our sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having confessed our sins with faith in the completed work of Christ on our behalf, we are forgiven; we have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now in Christ and in Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity, with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.
May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should at all times and in all places give praise to you O Lord, so with the angels and all the company of heaven and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you & singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

[congregation standing]

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO (6 6. 7 7. 7 8. 5 5)

German melody, 14th century

harm. Michael Praetorius, 1607; alt.

Latin carol, 14th century

tr. John Mason Neale, 1853

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice ——— With heart and soul and voice; —
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice ——— With heart and soul and voice; —
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice ——— With heart and soul and voice; —

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
He hath oped the heav'n - ly door, And man is blessed for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Responsive Reading of Luke 1:26-45

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible."

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! "But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

"For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Faith:

"And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds." Luke 2:16-18

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA (77. 77. Ref.)

French carol

French carol

arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

"Joseph, A Faithful Man"

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on Matthew 1:18-25

God's People Sing a Hymn of Praise:

[congregation standing]

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
"Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744
St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978
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Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

The Heidelberg Catechism – Holding forth faith in Jesus Christ as our only comfort in life and in death, we read responsively the weekly questions from the Heidelberg Catechism as a personal and eloquent reminder of what we must know to live and die in that comfort. Lord’s Day 13

33. Why is He called God’s “only begotten Son,” since we also are the children of God?

Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God,[1] but we are children of God by adoption,[1], through grace, for His sake.[2] [1] Jn. 1:14, 18. [2] Rom. 8:15–17; Eph. 1:5–6; *1 Jn. 3:1.

34. Why do you call Him “our Lord”?

Because not with silver or gold, but with His precious blood, He has redeemed and purchased us, body and soul, from sin and from all the power of the devil, to be His own.[1] [1] 1 Pet. 1:18–19; 2:9; 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; *Acts 2:36; *Tit. 2:14; *Col. 1:14.

God Receives Our Tithes and Gifts as a Tribute Offering: [read in unison]

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says Jehovah of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.” Malachi 3:10

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the singing of Psalm 30:4-5 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: Sing praise you Saints unto the Lord;
His name is one to be adored.
Give thanks unto His holy name.
At every mem’ry of that name.**

**2: His wrath is in a moment past;
His favor through all life will last.
Weeping may still endure a night,
But joy comes with the morning light.**

**3: 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.**

The Great Prayer, Concluding With the Lord’s Prayer:

“Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer.” Psalm 6:9

**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.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN** [Matthew 6:9-13]

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

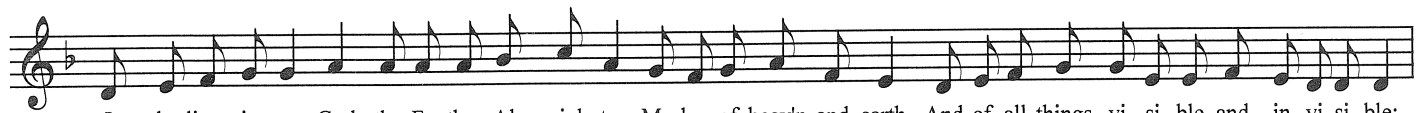
“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?

The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?” 1 Corinthians 10:16

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ’s Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed



I be-lieve in one God the Fa-ther Al - migh-ty, Ma-ker of heav'n and earth, And of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble:



And in one Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly be - got - ten Son of God; Be - got - ten of His Fa - ther be - fore all worlds,



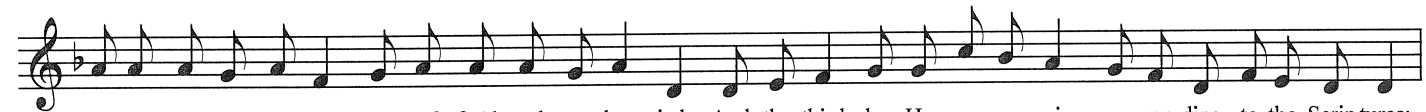
God of God, Light of Light, ve - ry God of ve - ry God; Be - got - ten, not made; Be - ing of one sub - stance with the Fa - ther;



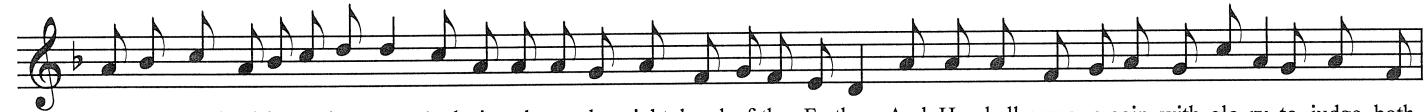
By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven,



And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Ma - ry, And was made man; And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us



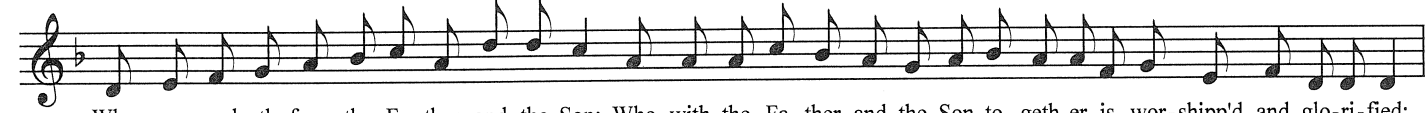
Un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; He suf - fer'd and was bur - ied; And the third day He rose a - gain ac - cor - ding to the Scrip - tures:



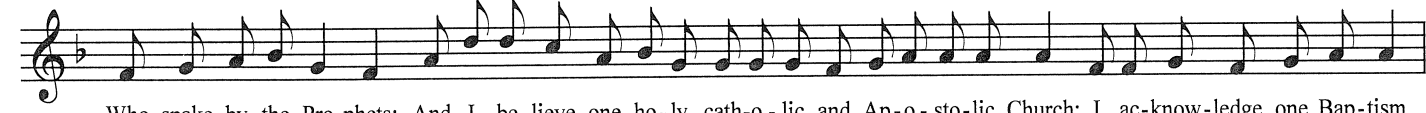
And a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven, And sit - teth at the right hand of the Fa - ther: And He shall come a - gain, with glo - ry, to judge both



the quick and the dead: Whose king - dom shall have no end. And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, and Giv - er of Life,



Who pro - ceed - eth from the Fa - ther and the Son; Who with the Fa - ther and the Son to - geth - er is wor - shipp'd and glo - ri - fied;



Who spake by the Pro - phets: And I be - lieve one ho - ly cath - o - lic and Ap - o - sto - lic Church; I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism



For the re - mis - sion of sins: And I look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. A - men.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE: (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks and Celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT (Irregular)
Franz Gruber, 1818

Joseph Mohr, 1818
tr. John Freeman Young, 1863

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright Round you
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight; Glo - ries
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Won - drous star, lend thy light; With the

vir - gin moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!
beams from Thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior is born, Christ, the Sav - ior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Christ, the Sav - ior is born, Christ, the Sav - ior is born!

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week

Partaking of the Bread Together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the Wine

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: The LORD Blesses and Sends Forth His People

*“But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins
[Matthew 1:20-21]”*

Our Final Responsive Reading

Luke 1:46-55 The Magnificat

And Mary said:

**“My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth
all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things
for me,**

And holy *is* His name. And His mercy *is* on those who fear Him From generation to
generation.

**He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered *the* proud in the
imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from *their* thrones, And
exalted *the* lowly.**

He has filled *the* hungry with good things, And *the* rich He has sent away empty.

**He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of *His* mercy, As He spoke to
our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.”**

God’s people prepare to be sent forth to serve our Risen & Reigning Savior

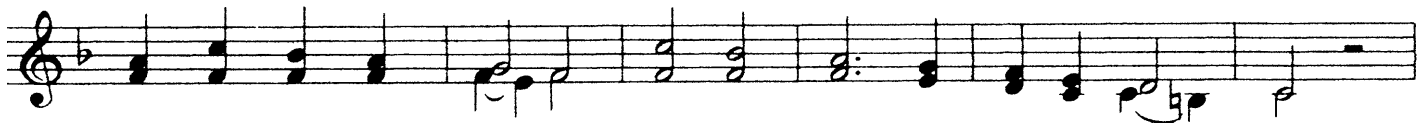
All My Heart This Night Rejoices

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory.

John 1:14



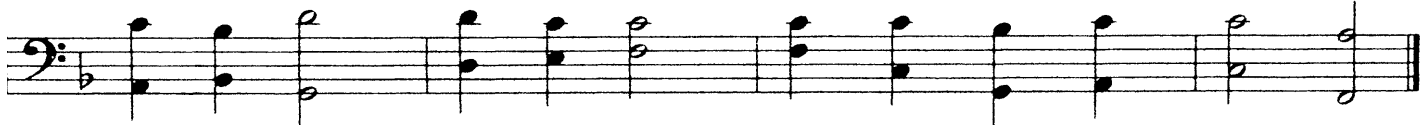
1. All my heart this night re-joic - es as I hear far and near
 2. Forth to - day the Con-qu'ror go - eth, who the foe, sin and woe,
 3. Shall we still dread God's dis-plea - sure, who, to save, free - ly gave
 4. He be - comes the Lamb that tak - eth sin a-way and for aye
 5. Hark! a voice from yon-der man - ger, soft and sweet, doth en-treat:



- sweet - est an - gel voic - es. "Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing
 death and hell, o'er - throw - eth. God is man, man to de - liv - er;
 • his most cher - ished Treas - ure? To re - deem us, he hath giv - en
 full a - tone - ment mak - eth. For our life his own he ten - ders;
 "Flee from woe and dan - ger. Breth - ren, from all ills that grieve you,



- till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
 his dear Son now is one with our blood for - ev - er.
 • his own Son from the throne of his might in heav - en.
 and our race, by his grace, meet for glo - ry ren - ders.
 you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."



6. Come, then, banish all your sadness,
 one and all, great and small;
 come with songs of gladness.
 Love him who with love is glowing;
 hail the star, near and far
 light and joy bestowing.
7. Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
 Though my breath fail in death,
 yet I shall not perish,
 but with thee abide forever
 there on high, in that joy
 which can vanish never.

God Empowers Us – The Benediction: *Isaiah 49:13; 1 Thes. 5:28* [congregation standing]

“Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **Amen.**”

The Response to God’s Commission

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

The first system of musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 2/4 time. It features a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, A7, D, G, and A.

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

The second system of musical notation is in bass clef, key of D major, and 2/4 time. It features a bass line with notes G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2. Chords are indicated above the staff: D and G.

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

The third system of musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major, and 2/4 time. It features a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords are indicated above the staff: A.

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing.

The fourth system of musical notation is in bass clef, key of D major, and 2/4 time. It features a bass line with notes G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2. Chords are indicated above the staff: A.

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

The fifth system of musical notation is in treble clef, key of D major, and 2/4 time. It features a melody with notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4. Chords are indicated above the staff: D, D/A, A7, and D.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Based on Psalm 98
 Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH C.M.rep.
 George Frederick Handel, 1742
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

December 12th, 2021

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We try to gather at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday for a brief time of singing instruction.
~Worship begins promptly at 11a.m. ~ Today's pulpit supply: Pastor Paul Liberati~

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For all who claim the Name of Jesus, that we would live in a manner worthy of our calling, serving one another to the glory of God. May we be humble in all our interactions, having patience & bearing with one another in love, uniting in the bond of our Savior, worshipping Him in spirit & truth, seeking His face in prayer, & faithfully studying His Word.
- For our expectant mothers, Sally Stoos, Vanessa Liberati, and Sarah Sifford, that their babies would continue to grow healthy & strong, & for renewed energy & strength for them & for all the mothers in our midst.
- For those who are dealing with illness, injury, other health issues, or personal trials, that our Lord would grant patience, healing, wisdom, comfort, and trust in the perfect will of the One Who does all things well.
- For family members and friends who are under discipline, unsaved, or have strayed from the faith, that our Lord would bring them to repentance and restore them to the fellowship of Christ's church; and that we would boldly and lovingly proclaim the truth to them at every opportunity, standing strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
- For churches who are in need of pastors and elders, that our Lord would continue to raise up Godly men to lead these flocks, and for those men who are currently serving, that they may have strengthened faith and abundant wisdom as they minister to their congregations.
- For the saints throughout the world who are suffering and dying in the Name of Jesus, that they would find strength, comfort, and hope as they fully trust in God's goodness. And also for their persecutors, that their hearts would be softened to the Gospel.
- For the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, and all our elected and appointed officials, that they would recognize their need to depend on God for knowledge, wisdom, and the courage to do what is right, reject all counsel that violates righteousness, and bring dignity, honor, trustworthiness, and integrity to their offices, remembering their accountability to Almighty God, Who is angry with the wicked every day.
- For our local churches & the Church worldwide, that the Name of God would be glorified during these difficult times as we seek to obey His Word & love our neighbors.

Our fellowship lunch follows today's worship service. We welcome all to be our guests & to sing as we ask the Lord's blessing:

*Be present at our table Lord,
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we,
May feast in Paradise with Thee.*

*We thank Thee Lord for this our food,
For life and health and every good.
By Thine own hand may we be fed,
Give us this day our daily bread.*

Weekly Meetings:

Sacramento Area Book Study:

~ Will meet again in January.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast:

~ Meets at 8:00am on Wednesdays at Denny's on Sunrise; reading *A New Day of Small Beginnings* by Pierre Courthial. Contact Pastor Stoos.

Grass Valley Area Book Study:

~ Meets for potluck at 6:00pm, study starts at 7:00pm on Wednesdays at rotating locations; watching Francis Shaeffer's film series *How Shall We Then Live?*. Contact John Pekarek (530)388-6225.

Ladies' Book Study:

~ Meets at 9:00am on Saturdays at the Stoos home; reading *A Woman's Wisdom* by Lydia Brownback. Contact Linda Stoos.

Vacaville Area Study:

~ Meets in Vallejo. Contact Damell Kendrick.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

None that we are aware of!