

January 3, 2021
2nd Sunday after Christmas
Sacrament of Holy Communion

PRELUDES

Christmas Reflections
For This Bread and Cup of Blessing

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Luke 2:10-11)

L: There is good news of great joy for all!

P: Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.

WELCOMING SONG #132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

In Dulci Jubilo

(verse one)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

(verse two)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Titus 2)

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in the world." Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Jesus Christ our Savior.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Titus 2)

"Christ our Savior gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from our sin and claim us as his own people." In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

SONG OF RESPONSE #137

He Came Down

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He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh, good news of great joy for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 147:1-11

¹Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. ⁴He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. ⁶The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. ⁸He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. ¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; ¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Little Yeshua

Cloninger

Soloist: Nancy Sullivan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

SERMON

"The Boy Jesus"

Rev. John Wahl

UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (adapted from *the Confession of Belhar*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with the Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Light of the World

Edward Broughton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SONG OF PREPARATION #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

(verse one)

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.

(verse three)

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

(verse five)

O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright.

O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace and peace, as you have shared your life with us – through the child in a manger and this simple meal together – let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus, the bread of heaven and cup of salvation. AMEN.

SENDING SONG #143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

(verse four)

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings

Gordon Young