

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please come down the center aisle, receive communion, return by side

Hymn: "The First Noel the Angel Did Say" # **300**

Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" # **282**

BLESSING

EPIPHANY HYMN: "We Three Kings"

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. *[Refrain]*

3 Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshiping God on high. *[Refrain]*

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *[Refrain]*

5 Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies. *[Refrain]*

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DISMISSAL P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

Traditional Worship Guide
Second Sunday of Christmas ❖ January 5, 2025

WELCOME & BETHANY'S MISSION

P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,
we seek to live our mission of:

C: **being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS FOR A NEW YEAR

P: Lord, in your eyes, a thousand years are as yesterday, like a
day that has just gone by, like a watch in the night. But
your mercy is eternal.

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: Our days are like the evening shadow, but you, Lord, reign
from eternity to eternity. Each day is a day of your love.

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: When the time had been fulfilled, you came into our midst.
When the time of our life will be fulfilled, forgive us and
grant us an eternal inheritance near you.

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: Almighty God does have mercy upon you, and through
Jesus Christ, forgives you all your sins. May the mercy of
God accompany you day after day, and lead you to eternal
life. **Amen.**

HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" # **288**

1 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! —————>

2 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!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: medieval Latin carol; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: German Carol, 14th Cent. Arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795-1856. Public domain.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(pastor)*

FIRST READING (8:15) *Jeremiah 31:7-14* Bible, pg. 1225

HYMN: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (# 283)

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

Refrain

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, 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*

Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, st. 1;
tr. unknown, st. 2. Music attr John Francis Wade. Public Domain.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1: 1-14* Bible, pg. 1645

Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

*After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to
the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall.*

HYMN: "Love Has Come" # **292**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

Please sign and pass the black registration pads located near center aisle.

HYMN: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (# 275)

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story;
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

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.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

CANTICLE *(tune: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing")*

Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of Your name!
Hail, hosanna, God most high!
Blest is He who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King!
Hallelujahs glad we sing:
Hail, hosanna! Praises due
Be forever, Lord, to You!

Love Has Come

- 1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.
- 2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.
- 3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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The First Noel

- 1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

- 2 They lookèd up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*
- 3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*
- 4 This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. *Refrain*

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It Came upon the Midnight Clear

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav’nly music floats
o’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov’ring wing,
and ever o’er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.
- 3 And you, beneath life’s crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!
- 4 For lo! The days are hast’ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.