

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE 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, our duty and our joy ... 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!

*The pastor offers thanksgiving and the Words of Institution,
 then all join in the Lord's Prayer*

COMMUNION *(congregation sings hymns during distribution)*

- Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" # **282**
- Hymn: "The First Noel" # **300**
- Hymn: "Love Has Come a Light in the Darkness" ... # **292**

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" # **290**

DISMISSAL

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

Traditional Worship Guide
First Sunday after Christmas ☩ January 1, 2023
Festival of the Name of Jesus

WE GATHER

* = please stand, if you are able

HYMN: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" # **275**

GREETING *(read responsively)*

- 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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

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: “*O God Our Help*” (tune: Auld Lang Syne)

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON *Numbers 6:22-27* Bible, pg. 215

SECOND LESSON *Galatians 4:4-7* Bible, pg. 1813

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HYMN: “O Come, Little Children” (Ihr Kinderlein, kommet)

O come, little children, O come, one and all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem’s stall
And see what the Father in heaven so true
Has done to prepare a bright Christmas for you.

O kneel with the shepherds in worshipful prayer
And join the dear angels who also are there;
Sing glory to God in the heavens above
And thank Him for Jesus, the gift of His love.

Text: Christoph von Schmid; tr Herman H. Brueckner. Music: J. A. P. Schulz. Public domain.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:15-21* Bible, pg. 1591

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: “*O Savior, Precious Savior*” # **820**

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response after each petition:

P: ...Hear us, God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS & REGISTRATION

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1 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.

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

4 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.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4 Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Savior, precious Savior,
whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
all other names above:
we worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our holy Lord and King.

2 O bringer of salvation,
who wondrously hast wrought,
thyself the revelation
of love beyond our thought:
we worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our gracious Lord and King.

3 In thee all fullness dwelleth,
all grace and pow'r divine;
the glory that excelleth,
O Son of God, is thine.
We worship thee; we bless thee;
to thee alone we sing;
we praise thee and confess thee,
our glorious Lord and King.

4 Oh, grant the consummation
of this our song above,
in endless adoration
and everlasting love;
then shall we praise and bless thee
where perfect praises ring,
and evermore confess thee,
our Savior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879. Music Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

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.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt. Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

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***

Text: English carol, c. 17th cent.

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!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950. Text © 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music
Music: F. Seguin, 1856