

December 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

Prelude

Lo How a Rose e'er Blooming

Allison & Kelly Beaman

Please respect those who wish to sit in silence.

Chiming of the Hours

Introit

Still, Still, Still

the Bouma Family

Call to Worship

Pete Peterson, liturgist

O sing to the Lord a new song:
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;
Tell of God's salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the people.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

*Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*Invocation

O Word made Flesh, you have come into our midst as light and wisdom, desiring to be known to us in our lives and to be found in the world around us. Open our eyes and ears and hearts to recognize you where you dwell—in our midst—challenging, heartening, lighting the way to truth, justice, and peace. Amen.

*Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Lighting of the Advent Candles

the Steffen Family

We have sought hope in the midst of grief and peace for our weariness. Our mourning was turned to joy and our fear to love. Now Christ enters our lives, again, embracing our human struggles and witnessing to divine power that confronts the forces of this world that lead to death. We give thanks for God's presence among us.

God be with us, in the Light of Christ.

Hymn

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1739 (text of 1753, alt'd)



Gospel Lesson

Luke 2: 1-20

Pew Bible, pages 54-55

For the Word of God in scripture, For the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us, Thanks be to God.

Word in Song

Night

Claire Bouma

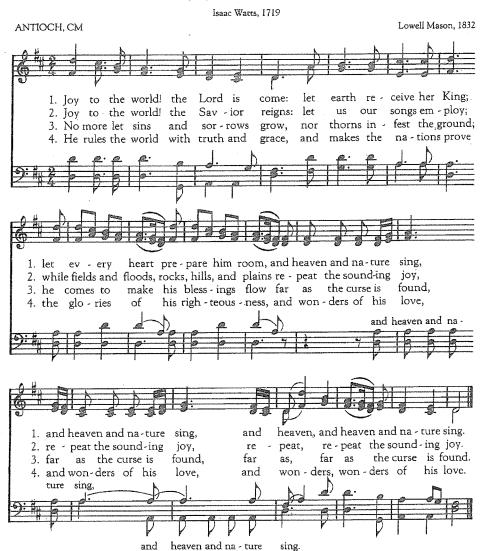
Homilies

A New World

Rev. Katie Miller and Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

* Hymn

Joy to the World!



sing.

Offertory

Away in a Manger

*Hymn of Dedication

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God whom we adore. Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel.

*Offertory Prayer

Rev. Katie Miller

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts be signs of your presence with us, as they further your dream for a new world. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

"The Peace of God be with you."

In Unison: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Rev. Dr. Jim Harmon

God be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Let us give thanks and praise to God.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed all humanity in your image and called us to love you and serve the world. Even when we turned from you, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity and made covenant with us. In the fullness of time you sent Jesus. Your word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth, and we beheld your glory, Emmanuel. In the beloved community of your church, we celebrate the new covenant Christ Jesus made with us by water and the Spirit. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the song of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, to forever sing the glory of your name:

Holy, holy God, you are holy. Ruler of the sea and sky. Angel hosts above a-dore you. Earth sings out its endless cry: "Hail hosanna in the highest!" "Peace on Earth," the heav'ns reply.

Words of Institution

Invitation to the Table

The Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we give you thanks, for a child has been born, filling us with wonder. We now take this Christ light, sharing it with one another and with all those whom we encounter. May it bring comfort and joy. Amen.

Passing of the Light

Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night



Benediction

Jesus is the Light of the World. A Light that shines in the night. A Light that the night has never overtaken. Go forth bearing that Light. For the Glory of God dwells in us.