



First Sunday after Christmas

A Service of Lessons & Carols

December 26, 2021

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

GREETING

The Greeting sung to the melody of "Angels We Have Heard on High"

P: May the good Lord be with you. Lift your heart to God in praise.

C: May the Lord be with you too, to the Lord our hearts we raise.

Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

In the word of God made flesh. Great and wondrous mystery! Now we see with vision fresh God's abundant mystery!

Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

Therefore with the church on earth and the hosts of Heaven above, let us praise his name whose birth brings to us eternal love!

Gloria in excelsis deo! Gloria in excelsis deo!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SCRIPTURE READING- Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely";
and he became their savior
⁹in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

'Birthday of a King'
(Katy Elser, solo)

Gospel Acclamation *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"*

Vs. 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 a manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

GOSPEL LESSON

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Word is Sung - "Songs of the People" Christmas Carols sing a long requests

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(each petition ends "hear us O God" with the respose being "your mercy is great")

THE SHARING OF PEACE AND RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray together.

C: Dear Lord Jesus, you came to us as a baby in a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again and bread and wine. Remind us how good you are a blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others and the strength of your holy name. Amen

The great Thanksgiving Sung to the melody - Adeste Fidelis

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, his servant.

P: Oh come let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

C: With hearts uplifted, thanks to him we render: with joy we come before him, in gratefulness implore him, with thankful hearts adore him, evermore!

The Preface is spoken by the pastor

The Sanctus is sung to the melody of Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of hosts, by heav'n 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 Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer sung to the tune of "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Oh Father, Lord, on heav'n's high throne, most holy be your name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, in heaven the same.

Give us this day the food we need; Forgiven may we be. Into temptation do not lead, from evil set us free. Yours is the kingdom unto you, In grateful love we bow; And yours the power, Lord let us view your gracious presence now. The glory yours; your praise be sung by angel hosts and then, In every land, by every tongue forever more! Amen.

We Share the Meal and Receive the Blessing

BENEDICTION

The benediction sung to the tune of Adeste Fideles

P: The Lord bless and keep you, Look with love upon you, Be gracious and cause his face to shine with peace!

C: **Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! The Savior close beside us, God's love from harm to hide us, the Spirit's power to guide us evermore!**

CLOSING HYMN

Cold December Flies Away

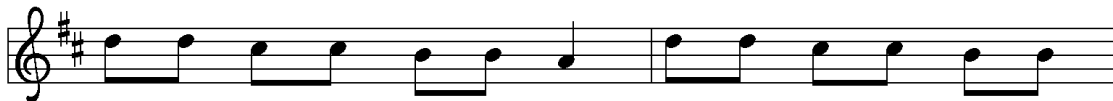
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1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

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Serving in Worship Today

Ushers:	8 a.m. Molly Michaelson
	10 a.m. Tom and Barb Freeman, Ches and Sue Lanham
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Preacher and Celebrant:	Reverend Dr. David G. Oravec