The Worship of God The First Sunday after Christmas December 27, 2020

Welcome

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

The Lord is with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. There is good news of great joy. A Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all of God's children.

Introit Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, all glory in the highest; [*Refrain*]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [*Refrain*]

Silent Meditation

Child of Bethlehem – house of bread; Man of Jerusalem – city of peace; you have loved us without limit or condition; in our greatness and in our misery, in our folly and in our virtue; may your hand be always upon us and may your heart be within us so that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another. John Hammond Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40

> The word of the Lord for God's people. Thanks be to God.

Praying with the Psalmist (from Psalm 148) Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the heights above. Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly host. Praise Him, sun and moon, and all you shining stars. Praise the Lord from the earth, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, mountains and hills, wild animals and flying birds. Kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers, young men and maidens, old men and children... Let them praise the name of the Lord. His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. He has raised up a people close to His heart. Praise the Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

O Holy Night

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope--the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Truly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and his Gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, And in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise his holy name. Christ is the Lord! O praise his name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

Silent Prayers of Thanksgiving

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. . . You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ~Isaiah 61

New Testament Reading Galatians 4:4-7

Witness of Faith

What Child Is This?

Sermon

O Christ, the prophets foretold your coming, the poor longed to see you, the heavens celebrated your birth, the apostles, martyrs, and faithful through the ages repeated the song of angels, your Church praises you in every human language, for she has seen your salvation.

Son of God, you humbled yourself and became a servant, raising us up to share in your glory.
We were in darkness and you have given us light and strength, peace and joy.
Lead us according to your loving will; make us a people who follow you in holiness.
Give us generous hearts to hear your Word and produce in us abundant fruit.
Our heart finds joy in God. Amen.

Benediction

Joy to the World

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