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**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS EVE, YEAR A
24 DECEMBER, 2025: 8:00 PM**

PRELUDE

Noel Fanfare on "The First Noel" arr. by Charles Callahan

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin in the presence
of God and of one another.

Reconciling God,,

**we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess
that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not
always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your
message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression,
and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our
participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to
embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful
song of your salvation.**

Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you. ☩ Christ's presence redeems the whole
creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #283 O Come, All Ye Faithful

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 96

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 102 *Alleluia. I am bringing you good news of great joy for | all the people:* to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messi- | ah, the Lord.*

Alleluia. (Luke 2:10-11)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

ELW #289 Angels We Have Heard on High

NICENE CREED: ELW p. 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Gathering God, you bring your people from every corner of the earth together before the manger that you have made a throne. Unite the church in love as we rejoice in the news of your coming. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you brought forth the earth and all that is in it. Join our voices with the roaring seas, the exulting fields, and the trees of the forest singing for joy on this holy night. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, the world trembles amid violence and war. Empower our hands, feet, and hearts with your Spirit to shatter the rod of the oppressor and turn swords into plowshares. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Shepherding God, you lead us to your love in the face of our neighbor. Send us into the world to find your Word made flesh in one another, especially those who are sick or struggling (especially). (We pray especially for those whose names we offer up aloud or in the silence of our hearts. (Pause for intercession) Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing God, you dwell with us in humble places. Sustain housing and clothing ministries in this community, that all find shelter and warmth. We pray especially for youth seeking safety and care. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, you remain at the side of all the departed. Grant all who mourn hope in the resurrection and peace in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY

Anthem Away in a Manger Arr. by John Rutter (*Wait for signal to stand folks*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

ELW p. 108

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and
truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for
his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word
take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on
earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the
Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER: ELW p. 112

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 112

COMMUNION SONG

Anthem O Holy Night

(Featuring Katie Robertson, Audrey Gamez, Amare McJolly, & Marcel Benoit)

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us.

Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

The pastor lights a candle from the altar candles; the ushers light their candles from the pastor's candle. The ushers then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle, then they in turn light their neighbor's candle.

Lighted candles should not be tipped. After all have received the light, we shall begin singing. Please extinguish your candle at the end of Silent Night, keep it upright until the wax is no longer liquid, and place it in the containers at the exit as you depart.

CAROL

ELW #281 Silent Night, Holy Night!

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BENEDICTION

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW #270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Go Tell it on the Mountain