

**THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE
OF
LESSONS AND CAROLS**

DECEMBER 30, 2018

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN Once in royal David's city (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 102

BIDDING

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 Sue Purdy
Adam & Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation
CAROL It came upon the midnight clear (v.1, 2) Hymn 89

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22: 15-18 Nancy Fredette
God promises that, through Abraham, all the people of the world will be blessed
CAROL What shepherds watch their flocks by night (v. 1-3) Hymn 94

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Mary Helen Foster
The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah
CAROL Lo, how a rose (v. 1, 2) Hymn 81

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Brian Fancher
The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation
CAROL The angel Gabriel from heaven came (v. 1, 2) Hymn 265

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38 Elaine Ceresko
An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child
CAROL O little town of Bethlehem (v. 1, 2, 3) Hymn 79

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7 Brad Pettit
Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child
CAROL Angels we have heard on high (v. 1, 2) Hymn 96

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16 Barb Reeves
Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah
CAROL How bright appears the morning star (v. 1, 2, 3) Hymn 497

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11 Carla Wiemers
Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus
CAROL Hark! The herald angels sing (v. 1, 2) Hymn 87

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-14 *all stand* Cathy Carpenter
The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth
CAROL We Three Kings of Orient Are (v. 1, 2) Hymn 128

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 THE PEOPLE

We pray this day for the Church throughout the world. For all the holy people of God.

For those about to be baptized. For our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Bishop De-

De, for our Rector Cathy and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. *(silence)*

We pray this day for this Nation and for every nation, and those in authority, especial-

ly Donald our President, and Andrew our Governor. *(silence)*

We pray this day for the welfare of people throughout the world, especially in places

of war, famine, or natural disaster. *(silence)*

We pray this day for the concerns of our local communities and the people who live in them, especially for those without adequate food or housing. *(silence)*

We pray this day for those who are suffering or in any kind of trouble

For the sick, especially...

For those who mourn...

(silence)

We pray this day for those who have died, especially...

(silence)

The Celebrant concludes with the following

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *All Stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

OFFERTORY *What Child is this*

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your

only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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,

for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant "gluten-free".

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *Go tell it on the Mountain*

Hymn 99

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE





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