

Prelude

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

FLOR PEETERS

Welcome

*Please silence your cell phone before worship.
Please fill out the attendance form and pass it down the row.*

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

C Amen.

P Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection. You may kneel.

P God of all time,

C we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us.

We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace.

In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light

and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven
and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C Amen.

Gathering Song

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

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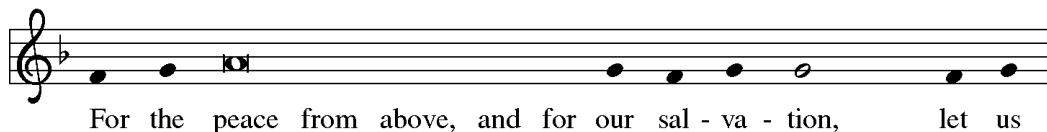
Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie

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For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- A** Let us pray. Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith,
that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit
Bell Choir Anthem "Our Great Savior" ARR. PATRICIA SANDERS COTA

Children’s Message REV. LORI A. CORNELL

Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

- L** A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the seventh chapter:
¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.
- L** Word of God, word of life. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand
Gospel Acclamation
 I speak to | them in dreams, that they may see me | face to face.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

- L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter:
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- L** ¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to

Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

“Emmanuel, God with Us”

INTERN PASTOR JAKE SCHUMACHER

Stand

Hymn of the Day

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

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Prayers

(*Response:* **A** Come, Lord Jesus, **C** come quickly.)

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Sit

Welcome & Announcements

Offering

“Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People”

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Offertory Song

“As the Grains of Wheat”

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Offering Prayer

A Let us pray. Savior of the nations, come.

C Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love,
that our faith may shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

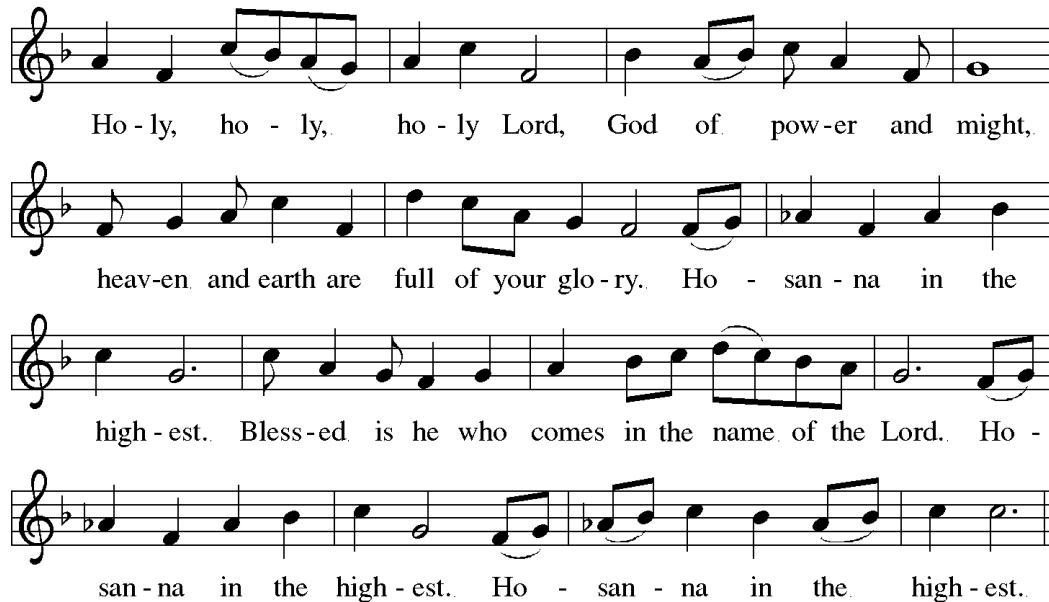
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

- ☐ 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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

☐ 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.**

Lord's Prayer

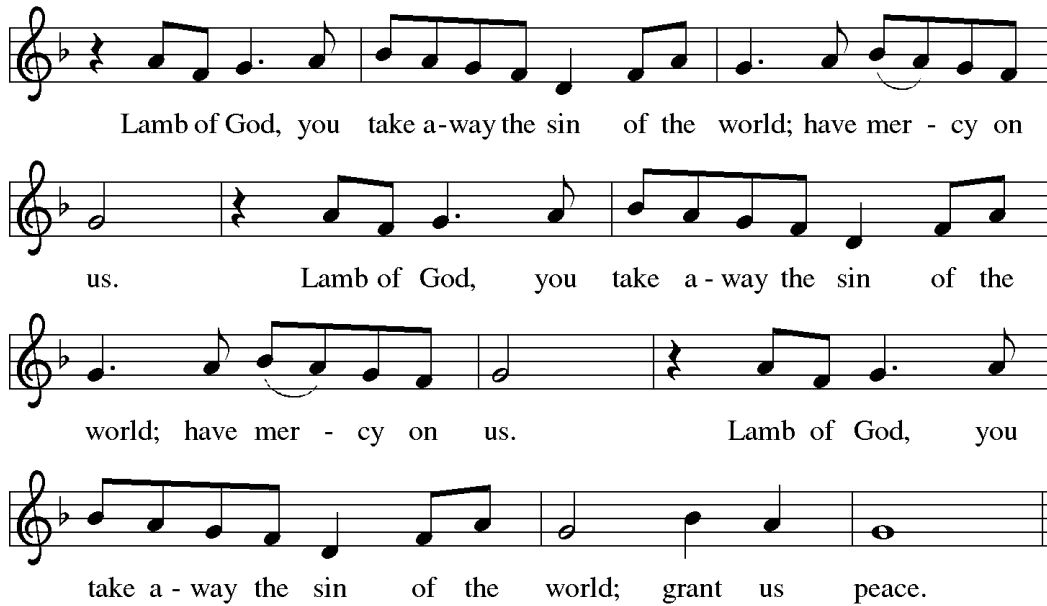
☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

☑ **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Communion

We receive Holy Communion kneeling at the rail. The ushers will guide you forward from the front pews to kneel at the rail as space is available. We fill in from the front to the back. Please stay at the rail to pray as long as you desire. If you are unable to come forward, please sit by the aisle and let an usher know; a minister will bring Communion to you in your seat.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
"Now the Silence"

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Stand

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

Prayer After Communion

- A** Let us pray. God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

Blessing

- P** May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

Sending Song

"All Earth is Hopeful"

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Dismissal

- A** Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Marche Romaine"

CHARLES GOUNOD

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Lectionary Texts for Next Sunday
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:1-15, 19-23

Announcements

OPERATION WELCOME HOME is a food and consumables drive for the William J. Wood Veterans House for homeless veterans. We are collecting donations through the end of November.

ADVENTURES IN ADVENT will be held today at 10:15 A.M. in the Social Hall. All ages are invited to participate! Be sure to pick up your Advent Devotional.

POINSETTIA order forms will be available on Sundays, November 27th and December 4th.

UNTREE 2016 will be available through Sunday, December 18th. We are collecting men's gloves, ponchos, and blankets as Christmas gifts for the Reach Out Men's Shelter residents.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS continue on Sunday, December 4th at 10:15 A.M. in LC #2. Kindergarten through High School students are encouraged to participate. Remaining rehearsals: Saturday, 12/10 at 10:00 A.M. and Sunday, 12/11 at 9:00 A.M. The Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 11th at a special 10:00 A.M. Worship Service.

BOOK CLUB meets on Monday, November 28th at 7:00 P.M. in the Library. November's book is *Hello from the Gillespies* by Monica McInerney.

ADVENT SOUP & STUDY will be held on Wednesdays at 12:00 P.M. (Noon) on November 30th and December 7th, 14th, and 21st. Sign up in the Narthex to bring soup or bread or to host or clean up. (This will be in lieu of Midweek Bible Study.)

ADVENT EVENING WORSHIP with Holden Evening Prayer Service will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. on November 30th and December 7th, 14th, and 21st.

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