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**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021**  
**5 PM AT CENTRAL CAMPUS**

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PRELUDE *Christmas Carol Medley* Jon Alan

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O Come, All ye Faithful* Hymnal 83

1. 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;  
*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only-begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*
4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*
5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
we would embrace thee, with love and awe; who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
*Refrain*

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that  
we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven;  
where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
**Amen.**

The *Gloria*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymnal 96

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain:* Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

4. See Him in a manger laid, whom angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 96

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
**sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
**and his wonders among all peoples.**
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
**but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
**ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
**let the whole earth tremble before him.**
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! \*  
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
**let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
**and the peoples with his truth.**

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Luke 2:1-20

HYMN

*Silent Night*

Hymnal 111

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Bertie Pearson

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Away In a Manger*

Hymnal 101

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 v. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

*All stand.*

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks...

...we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

THE *SANCTUS*

Hymnal S-130

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.

*Congregation may stand or kneel.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power...  
...the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us...  
...Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you...  
...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: *Agnus Dei*

Hymnal S-164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy upon us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymnal 78

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3. How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

## COMMUNION HYMN

*What Child is This?*

Hymnal 115

1. What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
*Refrain:* This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*

Hymnal 102

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. For he is our lifelong pattern, daily, when on earth  
he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and smiles like us he knew.  
Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child who seemed so helpless is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

5. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing round,  
we shall see him; but in heaven, where his saints his throne surround:  
Christ, revealed to faithful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

COMMUNION HYMN

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Hymnal 89

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;  
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;  
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;  
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Joy To the World!*

Hymnal 100

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Joy To the World*

Charles Ore

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