

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 31, 2023 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION


*As the people gather before the service begins,
we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.*

God of grace, as we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, help us let go of worldly distractions, that we may celebrate the gift of your presence among us. Amen.


ORGAN VOLUNTARY

The Liturgy of the Word


HYMN “O come, all ye faithful” *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
 5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,




1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;



1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O



come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

—Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

CHRISTMAS ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born;

People: Unto us a son is given.

Celebrant: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest heaven!

People: On earth, peace and goodwill to all!

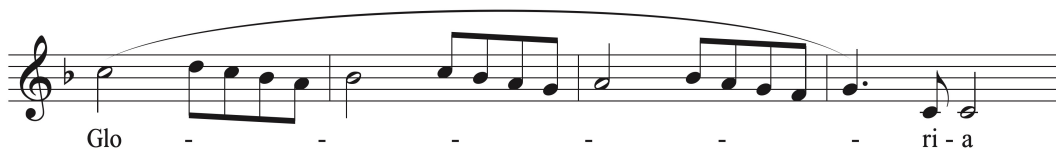
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Remain standing.*



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de-light.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

—Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON *Seated.*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (61:10–62:3).

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:13–21 *Everyone sings.*



—Setting: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945);
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- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.
15 He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
17 He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?
19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
+ 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians (3:23–25; 4:4–7).

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Of the Father’s love begotten” *Everyone sings.*



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

—Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?);
 tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
 Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

GOSPEL *Remain standing.*

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (1:1–18).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

CREED *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*



1 We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,
2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied,
3 We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bond - ing all the saints with - in

Ma - ker of the earth and hea - vens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.
Ta - ken from the cross, was bur - ied. True Life there had tru - ly died.
One church catho - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness. frees from sin;

We be - lieve in God's Son Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
We be - lieve that on the third day, Christ was raised up from the grave,
In the bo - dy's res - sur - rect - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain

Of the Spi - rit and of Ma - ry, born to bring a - bun - dant life.
And a - scen - ded to God's right hand. He will come a - gain to save.
Gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

—Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955–1993), alt.

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Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813–1879), adapted.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Remain standing.*

Leader: Beloved in Christ, in the peace of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift that shines forth in God's word made flesh this Christmastime. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying, Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

Leader: That the peace proclaimed by the angels in the shepherd's field might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

Leader: That the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

Leader: That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

Leader: That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

Leader: That we may join with the angels in a chorus of gratitude and thanksgiving for our many blessings, and especially for the gift of our Lord who is born this day, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

Leader: That the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are living with disease and illness, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

Leader: That the blessed hope we celebrate this day might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad.

Leader: We remember before God all who are in any need and who cry for God's presence: for those facing adversity; for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless; for the wider community of our families and friends, our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts. We pray for:

ANNE Bender	THE GREELEY FAMILY	MARILYN Randall	LO Starck
GAIL Cox	MARGE Hudson	KRISSA Randolph	DENISE & ROGER
MARY Davis	PATRICK Hundley	NANCYE Reeder	Tibedo
LOIS Dearolf	ELLEN LoCurto-Martinez	ALVIN Richards	ALICE & FRED Wegmann
CONNIE DeWitt	DON McConnell	TOM Schlitt	MICHELE Welsh
DANA & DEWELL	KENT Parish	CAROL Smith	and
Downey	ALLAN Philp	SHAROLYN Sprigg	DON White
DOUG Embler	BILL & MARCIA Power	RANDY Stansberry	

Leader: We pray for all who rest in the eternal light of Christ, and for their families and friend who grieve, that we may one day join them in that dwelling place where there are many mansions prepared for us.

Silence is kept for a space.

All: God of all seasons, Your imagination is boundless and continually invites us into new possibilities for love, active caring, and servanthood. You inspire our growth from the riches of your grace. Help us to listen faithfully for your voice and to follow your call in this new season at Good Samaritan so that your name may be glorified in the generations and seasons to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

PEACE *Standing, all who are able.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Seated.*

Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (*2 Corinthians 9:7*)

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HYMN “What can I give him?” *Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.*

What___ can I give him, poor___ as I am?

If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him: give___ my___ heart.

—Words: Christina Rosetti (1830–1894)
Music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874–1934)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

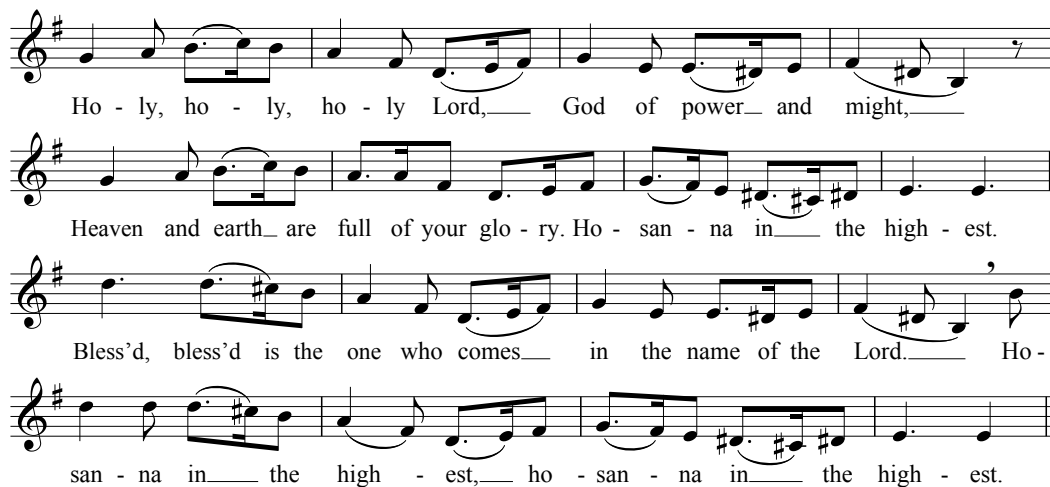
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God 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 join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all those who claim their joyful place as your beloved children, and with them we sing this hymn of praise:

Everyone sings:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless'd, bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

—Setting: *Greensleeves*, traditional English melody, dapt. Fredrick Brabson, 2016; rev. 2000.
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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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,

All: We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: 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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

—Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

INVITATION

Celebrant: This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION

HYMN “What child is this” *Everyone sings.*

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

(continued)

Hymn, “What Child is this,” continued

Refrain

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The key signature is G major, indicated by a single sharp (F#) on the treble clef. The time signature is 4/4. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the lyrics: 'This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to'. The third system contains the lyrics: 'bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The final system ends with a double bar line.

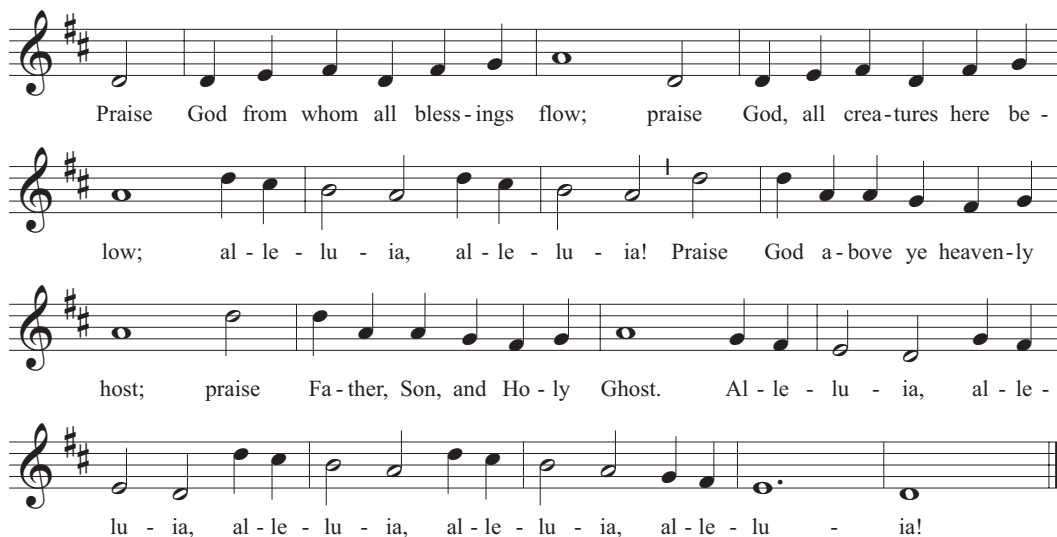
This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to

bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

—Words: William Chatterton Dix (18237–1898)
Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody;
harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

DOXOLOGY *Standing, all who are able.*



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heaven-ly
host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

— Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), with alleluias.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

BLESSING *Remain standing.*

Celebrant: May the humility of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ Child
be God's gift to you this Christmastime, and always.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

HYMN "Joy to the world! the Lord is come" *Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the
ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and
heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

—Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685–1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the birth of our Savior.
People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY



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