

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 29, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

A Service of Lessons and Carols

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 center ourselves and open our hearts, that we may celebrate the gift of your presence among us. Amen.

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Meditation on *Divinum Mysterium*

—Vidas Pinkkevicius (b. 1976), Op. 159

CAROL “Angels we have heard on high” *Everyone sings.*

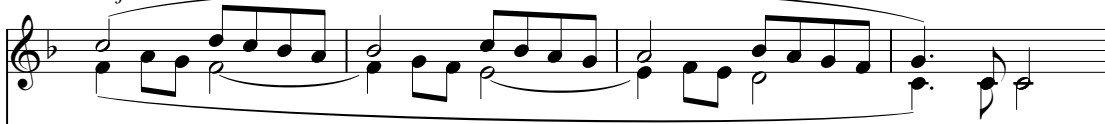


1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

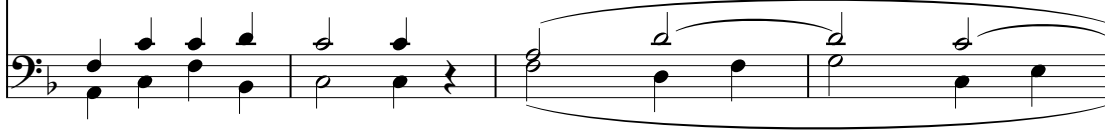
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—Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813–1882), alt.
 Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887–1958)

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
(Luke 2:10-11)

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All bow or kneel, as you are able. Silence is kept.

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.

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

INVITATORY AND PSALTER *Standing, all who are able.*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Invitatory Psalm — 100 *Remain standing; all say the psalm together.*

Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

- 1 May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
serve with gladness and come before your presence with a song.
- 2 For we know that you are God; *
you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
- 3 We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving, go into your courts with praise, *
give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
- 4 For you are good; your mercy is everlasting: *
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm Appointed — 147: 1, 13–21 *Said by all.*

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 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!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

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.

CAROL “Lo, how a rose e’er blooming” *Everyone sings.*

1 Lo, how a Rose e’er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah ’twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se’s lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God’s love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

—Words: St. 1–2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851–1934).

St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808–1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845–1925); ver. Hymnal 1940

Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599;
 harm. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

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.

CAROL “’Twas in the moon of wintertime” *Everyone sings.*



1 ’Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had fled,
2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found,
3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair
4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel song is true;



that God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel - choirs in - stead;
a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round;
as was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there.
the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is born to - day for you.



be - fore their light the stars grew dim, and won - dering hun - ters heard the hymn:
but as the hun - ter braves drew nigh, the an - gel - song rang loud and high:
The chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver - pelt.
Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

—Words: Jesse Edgar Middleton (1872–1960), alt.

Music: *Une jeune pucelle*, French folk melody, 16th cent.

THIRD LESSON *Remain standing.*

The customary Eucharistic acclamations at the Gospel are not used at this service.

Reader: A reading from the Gospel according to John (1:1–18).

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL “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

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), adapt.

THE PRAYERS *Remain standing.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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.

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Prayers, continued

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: 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.*

A Collect for Sundays

Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Protection

Officiant: Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our prayers and supplications, and guide the way of your servants towards everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

CAROL “I heard the bells on Christmas day” *Everyone sings.*



1 I heard the bells on Christ-mas day their old fa-mi - liar ca - rols play
 2 I thought how as the day had come, the bel - fries of all Christ-en - dom
 3 And in de-spair I bowed my head: “There is no peace on earth,” I said,
 4 Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: “God is not dead, nor does He sleep;
 5 ’Til ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, the world re - volved from night to day,



And mild and sweet the words re - peat, of peace on earth, good will to all.
 Had rolled a - long th’ un - brok - en song of peace on earth, good will to all.
 “For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to all.”
 The wrong shall fail, the right pre - vail, with peace on earth, good will to all.
 A voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime, of peace on earth, good will to all.

— Words: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807–1882), alt.
 Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from *Trier MS.*, 15th cent.;
 adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

INTERCESSIONS *Remain standing.*

Officiant: We pray for those in our community marking celebrations, especially birthdays and anniversaries. We pray for those who have died, and for families and friends who grieve. We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends; and for our parishioners who have asked our prayers; that the gift of this community may sustain us all. We pray for:

ED Archer	MARGE Hudson	BELLE Parman
CHIP Beets	PATRICK Hundley	ALLAN Philp
DAVID & NANCY Cazalet	ANGELA Lister	JANE Reed
GAIL Cox	FRANCIS Lloyd	NICK Richards
LOIS & RON Dearolf	ELLEN LoCurto-Martinez	TOM Schlitt
JUDY Dernbach	ANN McClain	DENISE & ROGER Tibedo
DANA & DEWELL Downey	DALE Oakley	SAM Venable
DOUG Emblar	PAT Pagni	and
THE GREELEY FAMILY	KENT Parish	ALICE & FRED Wegmann

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CAROL "Good Christian friends, rejoice" *Everyone sings.*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

—Words: John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.
 Music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. (Romans 15:13)*

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