

# Proclaim Jesus Christ, Live in Christ, Serve!

PRELUDE Gesu Bambino

Pietro A. Yon

Jan Gilbertson, organ

## **WELCOME & INVITATIONS**

## **OPENING HYMN** Angels, from the Realms of Glory

**ELW #275** 



- 1 An gels, from the realms of glo-ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a bid ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa ges, leave your con tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi sions beam a far;
- 4 All cre a tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa ther, Spir it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry; now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal
Three in One.



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; Salisbury Hymn Book, 1857, st. 4 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

# **INVOCATION**

Leader: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

## **CHRISTMAS LITANY**

Leader: The celebration of Christ's birth continues!

All: The Word has become flesh - thanks be to God!
Leader: John testifies to the One who stands among us.

All: We behold the Lamb of God.

Leader: Jesus takes away the sin of the world.

All: This is the Chosen One.

Leader: Trusting the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: God of life,

All: you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers

of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Leader: Hear the good news:

Amen

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the

earth shall know the salvation of God.

All: Amen

Leader: Knowing that God is at peace with you, I invite you to share a sign of God's peace with

one another.









Text: North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Glorious God,

You call your people to listen for the voices that point us to your Son. As John proclaimed the Lamb of God, help us to recognize Christ's presence among us and to

follow where he leads. In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen

# SONG Birthday of a King

Kristi Ames & Cal Greening, vocalists

Jan Gilbertson, piano

# PSALM 32:1-2 Pew Bible Page 440

Carl Deis

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

10:30 August Douglas Myers

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

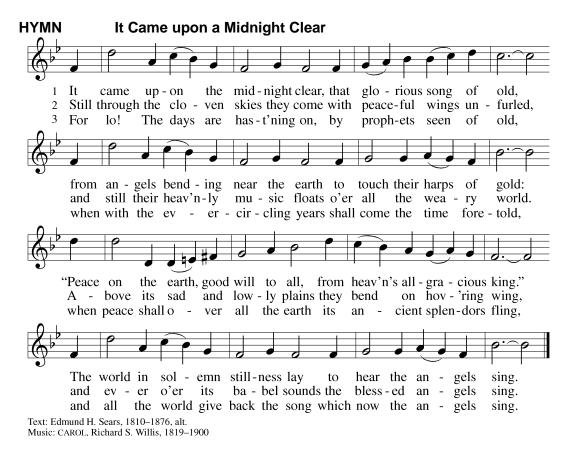
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints.

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen



# THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. John the First Chapter All sing: "Glory to you, O Lord."

GOSPEL: John 1:19-34 Pew Bible Page 862

**ELW #282** 

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' " as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why, then, are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

**SERMON Pastor Michael Jordan** 

**OFFERING** All is Well arr. Lloyd Larson

Kristi Ames & Cal Greening, vocalists

Jan Gilbertson, piano

#### **OFFERTORY O Christmas Tree not in ELW**

Tune: O TANNENBAUM TRADITIONAL GERMAN

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green, unchanging.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green, unchanging.

Your boughs, so green in summer time, Do brave the snow of wintertime.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green, unchanging.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.

Like little stars, your candles bright Sent to the world a wondrous light.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You set my heart a-singing.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You come from God, eternal.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You come from God, eternal.

A symbol of the Lord of Love Whom God to man sent from above.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You come from God, eternal.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You speak of God unchanging.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You speak of God unchanging.

You tell us all to faithful be, And trust in God eternally.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, You speak of God unchanging.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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.

#### 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, forever and ever. Amen

# LAMB OF GOD (All Sing)

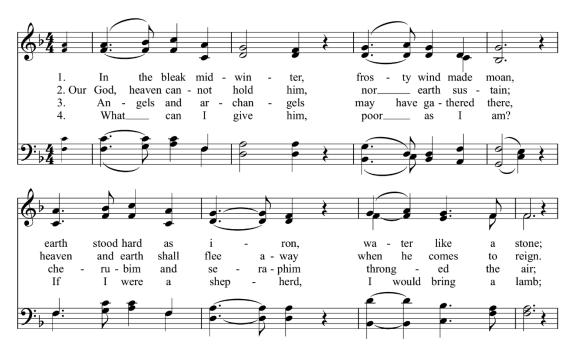
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

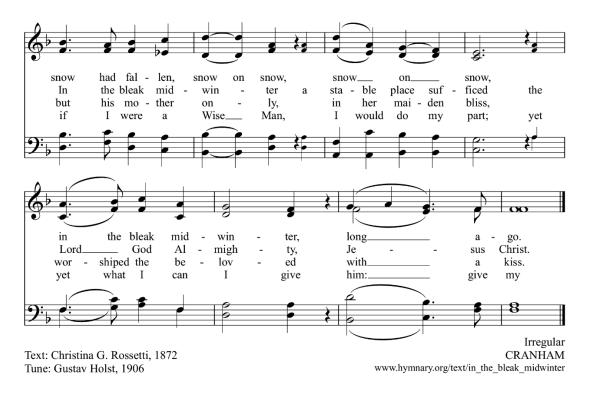
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.

# **COMMUNION HYMN In the Bleak Midwinter - St. 3 not in hymnal**

**ELW #294** 





## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in

God's grace.

All: Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Leader: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life

and salvation. Move us to discover the wonders of your love, in the everyday moments

of our lives, through Christ with us.

All: Amen

## **BENEDICTION**

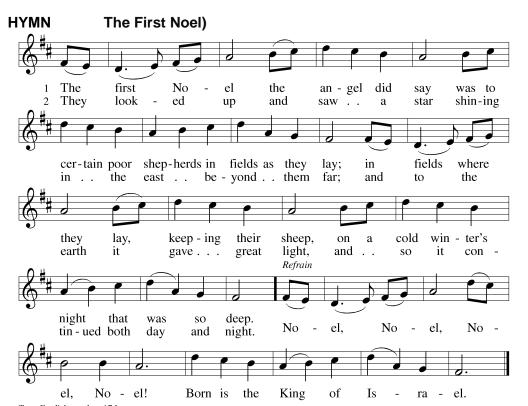
Leader: May the light of Jesus, the Lamb of God, shine upon your path;

The Spirit give you courage to testify to his love;

and may God's mercy surround you, this day and always.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Sing: Amen



Text: English carol, c. 17th cent. Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English carol, c. 17th cent.

> Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with His blood salvation bought. Refrain

## **DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

Jan Gilbertson, organ

J. S. Bach

**ELW #300** 

# **LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Preacher: Pastor Michael Jordan Assisting: Pastor Amy Mihelich Smith

Music Kristi Ames & Cal Greening, vocalists Jan Gilbertson, organ

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Pastor Amy Mihelich Smith

Jesus Says Come and See John 1:35-51 (Psalm 66:1-5)

> Music Emma Hatch, soloist