

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY CHRISTMAS DAY December 25, 2021 10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse, with Christian worship and service at the heart.

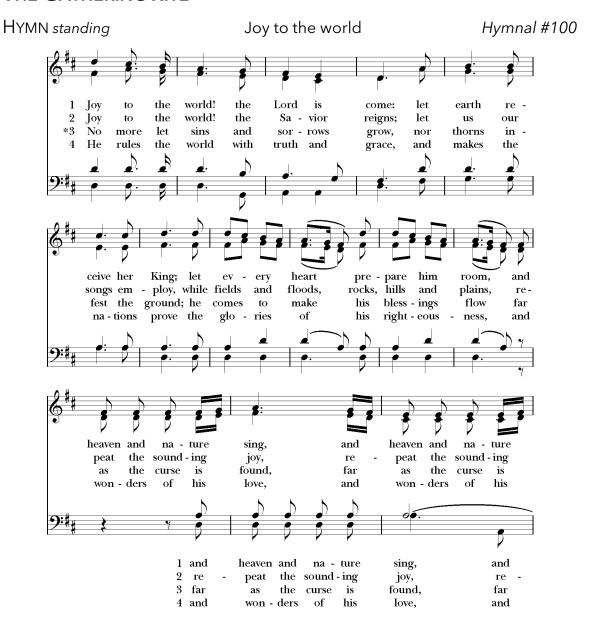
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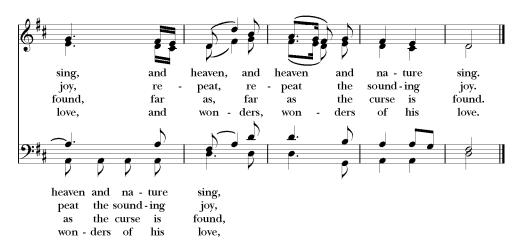
We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE





ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God

People Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.

Presider 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;

People through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Song of the Stable

Ivar Hillesland

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

People O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth

of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for

ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON seated

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,

who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;

for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Following the reading

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98

Sing a new song to God, * who has done marvelous things.

With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, * you have won for yourself the victory.

You have made known your victory; * your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to God, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to God with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn, * shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before God, who will come to judge the earth.

God shall judge the world in righteousness * and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE seated

Hebrews 1:1-12 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he

appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Following the reading

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL standing

John 1:1-14

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. 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.

Following the reading

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

THE NICENE CREED said by all, standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,

Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor offers the petitions, and the People respond

Hear our prayer

THE PEACE standing

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People offer a greeting of peace to one another.

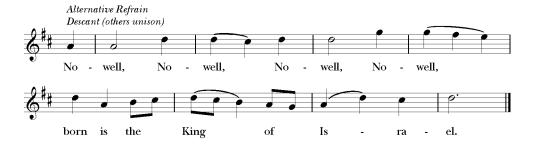
ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND SPECIAL PRAYERS





6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain



Doxology Hymn #380 V. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

In the Holy Communion we experience the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All adults and children who desire to receive Him are encouraged to come forward to receive.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to

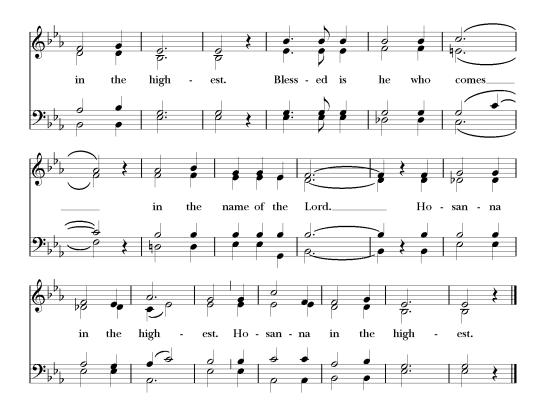
give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and

earth.

The prayer continues until

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The prayer continues until

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The prayer continues until

Presider 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider As Christ teaches us we pray, People and Presider

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many, are one body for we all share the one bread.

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

The Presider says

The gifts of God for the people of God. Holy things for holy people.

During communion the ushers will direct you to come forward. Sanitize your hands at the station. You may choose between wafer or pre-packaged wafer and wine. Return to your seat. Remove your mask. Consume the element(s). Replace your mask. Sanitize your hands. Place the empty receptacle in the basket by the door as you leave.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

Presider Let us pray.

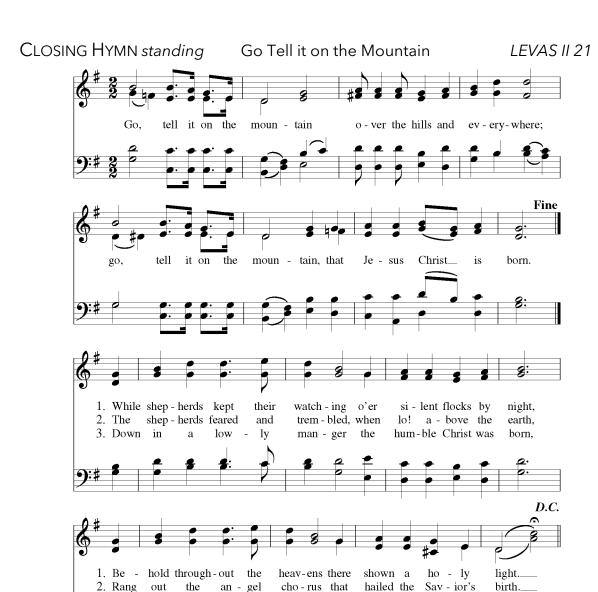
Presider and People

Mysterious God, we thank you for feeding us with yourself; and for making yourself known to us in the holy child Jesus, the Christ.

Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit, that same Spirit which was in Jesus, so that that we may help bring your peace to all the earth in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the People.





DISMISSAL

The Presider dismisses the People, who respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christmas Offering for Refugee Resettlement

Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry writes, "The Christmas stories are reminders that this Jesus came to show us how to love as God loves. And one of the ways we love as God loves is to help those who are refugees, those who seek asylum from political tyranny, poverty, famine, or other hardship." You can listen to his message using this link: Presiding Bishop Curry's Christmas Message 2021. St. Luke's 2021 Christmas offering will be directed to the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia's Refugee Resettlement Office, as they continue their important work helping refugees recently arrived in this country, including those from Afghanistan. Please consider an additional special gift for this important purpose by indicating it as "Christmas offering." You may write a check or donate online here.

End of the Year Giving to St. Luke's and Edible Hope Kitchen

Please consider a special gift to St. Luke's and/or the Edible Hope Kitchen as this strange and difficult year comes to an end. The challenge of raising funds when folks can't be present in person has made it difficult to meet our goals for income. Your additional, generous offering will allow us to begin the year without a deficit as we plan for a brighter future. You may give online on the website, by check or to Edible Hope via Facebook. Thank you so much!

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