



# 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.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

HYMN *standing*

Joy to the world

*Hymnal #100*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
3 far as the curse is found, far  
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

## 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*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly, love di - vine;  
 2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate, love di - vine;  
 3 Love shall be our to - ken; love be yours and love be mine,

love was born at Christ - mas: star and an - gels gave the sign.  
 wor - ship we our Je - sus, but where - with for sa - cred sign?  
 love to God and neigh - bor, love for plea and gift and sign.

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

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## The First Noel (vs 1-3, 6)

Hymnal #109

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.*



Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born. **Fine**

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,  
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

1. Be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shown a ho - ly light.\_\_\_\_  
 2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - ior's birth.\_\_\_\_  
 3. And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.\_\_\_\_ **D.C.**

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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