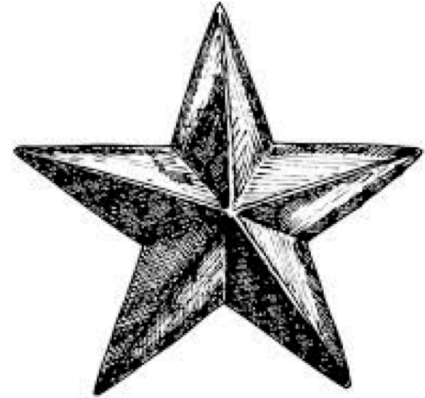
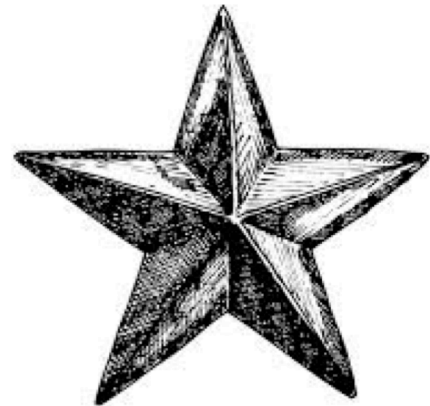




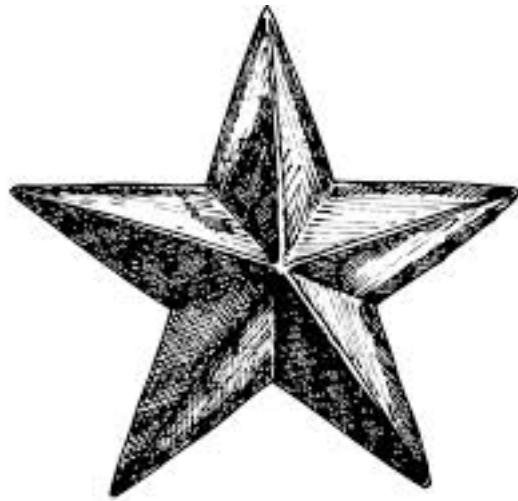
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THE
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OUR
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PRELUDE

DIALOGUE

Please stand as we begin.

The Light shone in the darkness
And the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:5

At midnight rose the cry:

Behold the Bridegroom comes!

Matthew 25:6

For the darkness is past

And the true Light now shines.

I John 2:8

The presiding minister welcomes the people.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

ENTRANCE HYMN

All Glory Be to God on High ELW 410



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing,
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - - men.

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 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. *[A brief silence]*

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

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."

⁸ Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹ Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

The assembly joins on the sung Refrain:

**O come let us adore , O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him: Christ, the Lord.**

A single voice recites the Psalm:

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sung Refrain:

**O come let us adore , O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him: Christ, the Lord.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

Sung Refrain:

**O come let us adore , O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him: Christ, the Lord.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge
the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Sung Refrain:

**O come let us adore , O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him: Christ, the Lord.**

A reading from Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but 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.

³He 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, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

A Great and Mighty Wonder (stanzas 1-2)

To the tune of "Lo, How a Rose," ELW 272

As the book is carried into our midst, we sing

- 1 A great and mighty wonder,
a glorious mystery:
a virgin bears an infant
who veils his deity.
Refrain:
Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
and peace to all the earth!"

- 2 The Word becomes incarnate
and yet remains on high,
and cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky. [*Refrain*]

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

As the procession returns to its place, we sing:

3 While thus they sing your monarch,
those bright angelic bands,
rejoice, O vales and mountains,
and oceans, clap your hands. [*Refrain*]

HYMN OF THE DAY

From Heaven Above (stanzas 1, 2, 12, 14) ELW 268



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child of Ma - ry,
 12 Ah, dear - est Jes - us, ho - ly child, pre - pare a
 14 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, who un - to



news to ev' - ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of low - ly
 bed, soft, un - de - filed, a qui - et cham - ber in my
 us the Son has giv'n." With an - gels sing in pi - ous



bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:"
 birth shall be the joy of all the earth."
 heart, that you and I may nev - er part.
 mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayers are offered for the church, the world, and all in need. After each petition:

Lord, in your glory,
Hear our prayer.

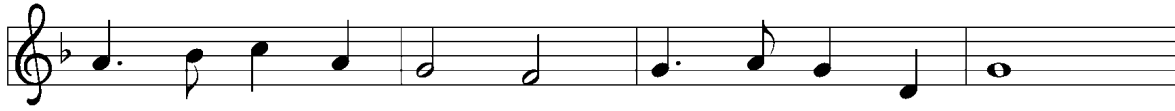
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OFFERTORY HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter ELW 294

As the gifts are brought forward, we sing together:



1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
 Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

#11 – “We give you thanks”

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin’s womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant,

and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Holy things for holy people.

Only one is holy: Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God the Father.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

- *We believe that Christ is truly present in his supper.*
- *All baptized Christians are invited to share in his Body and Blood.*
- *When you come forward, you may either consume the Host and drink from the chalice or dip the Host into the wine and then consume them both together.*
- *Those who wish to abstain from either or both elements may cross their arms and receive a blessing instead, confident that God is fully present according to his promise.*
- *Those who require communion in their pew, or who require a gluten-free wafer, are asked to tell an usher.*



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The presiding minister offers a blessing.

May the true body of our Lord, Jesus Christ and his most precious blood strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

An assisting minister offers a prayer.

Let us pray. *[A brief silence]*

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ; confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever.

Amen.

CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY

As the flame is passed, be careful to protect yourself and those around you. Tip your unlit candle toward one that is lit. Please DO NOT TIP a lighted candle.

Silent Night (ELW 281)

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

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|---|---|
| 1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace. | heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born! |
| 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, | 3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth. |

BENEDICTION

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

Amen.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

Amen.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

Amen.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✚ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

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Go in peace. Christ is with us.
Thanks be to God.

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