

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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## ❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*      ELW 279

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our  
sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

- P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
- C Amen.

### Sharing the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

- L Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## WORD

### Children's Message

*Children come forward as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".  
The Angel Band will play "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".*

### FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

- L A reading from Micah.
- <sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth,

<sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Psalm: Luke 1:46b-55

<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> **for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

<sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup> **You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.**

<sup>51</sup> You have shown strength with your arm  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

<sup>52</sup> **casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**

<sup>53</sup> You have filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> **You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,**

<sup>55</sup> the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10**

L A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘See, I have come to do your will, O God’  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

<sup>8</sup>When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: LUKE 1:39-45 [46-55]**

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Song of the Day

*Annunciation*

*Holden Evening Prayer*

Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God most high.” And Mary said, “I am a servant of my God, I live to do your will.”

### *The Magnificat*

All sing: My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love on your servant here,  
and blessed me all my life through.

Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,  
strong is your kindness evermore.  
How you favor the weak and lowly one,  
humbling the proud of heart.

You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,  
and uplifted the humble of heart,  
you have filled the hungry with wonderous things,  
and left the wealthy no part.

Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,  
strong is your justice, strong your love,  
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham,  
kindness forevermore.

My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,  
and my spirit rejoices in you,  
You have looked with love on your servant here,  
and blessed me all my life through.

## Prayers of the People

P Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

Prayer Song

*Emmanuel*

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
His name is called Emmanuel.

*The prayers conclude with:*

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
C Amen.

*The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.*

**Let my prayer be a fragrant offering, as incense to you arise.  
Let my prayer be a fragrant offering, my hands lifted up in praise.**

❧ MEAL ❧

## Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

*Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at [www.oslc-warrenton.org](http://www.oslc-warrenton.org) by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!*

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

**Offering Prayer**

L Let us pray together.

C **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another  
and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**Dialogue**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil  
and bordered by death, we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our  
Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace  
and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.



Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Let us pray as our Savior taught us.

**C** 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.

### Sharing Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.*

### Communion Hymn

### *Magnificat*

My soul will magnify the Lord;  
I rejoice in God my Saviour,  
In the wonder of His favour.  
For He has done great things for me;  
He was mindful of His servant.  
Every age shall call me blessed.  
The Hope of Abraham come  
In the giving of a Son;  
For He who promised is mighty  
In remembering His mercy.

My soul will magnify the Lord  
For His grace to those who fear Him  
Through every generation.  
The proud He scatters to the wind  
As the ruler's strength is broken,  
And the rich are left with nothing.  
The humble lifted high,  
And the hungry satisfied;  
Our Portion and our Treasure,  
Our Hope and Help forever.

My soul will magnify the Lord;  
I rejoice in God my Saviour,  
In the wonder of His favour.

### **Prayer After Communion**

L Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

### **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

L God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen.

### **Sending Song**

### *Canticle of the Turning*

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.

You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

**Refrain:** My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. (**Refrain**)

## Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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**Thanksgiving at the Table:** *With One Voice*