



+ Second Sunday of Christmas
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+ Second Sunday of Christmas Order for Worship

*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message
that God is revealed in a human person.*

*Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time,
the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us.
Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth,
and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts,
we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

A few notes on precautions and protocols, which apply to everyone regardless of vaccination status, as St. Andrew returns to worship in the sanctuary:

- Face masks that fully cover both your mouth and nose are required at all times for everyone over the age of two (2) – the only exception being the brief moment of moving mask aside to partake in Holy Communion.
- Outside food and drink are thus not permissible during worship.
- Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet will be observed at all times for people not from your household.
- We invite the congregation to voice responses and prayers during worship. A cantor will sing the hymns with a mask on, and the rest of the congregation is encouraged to follow along quietly.
- We ask that everyone use hand sanitizer, either your own or from the bottles throughout the sanctuary, especially prior to Holy Communion.

***Worship Services are live streamed to multiple online platforms.
By attending worship, you agree that your image and voice may be broadcast.***

Welcome

Prelude

Gathering

Please rise as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

C: Amen.

In Christ, we find strength to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what seems mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in accordance with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us,
in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

P: I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

✝ In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.

C: Amen.

*We ask that those present in the church sanctuary refrain from singing the hymns aloud.
The assembly gathered from afar is encouraged to sing!*

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

- 3 Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

v. 1

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word.
By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading – Jeremiah 31: 7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "The who scattered Israel will gather him,

and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”
¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147: 12-20

The psalm will be read responsively, with the cantor leading the odd verses and the lector leading the congregation in the alternate verses, indicated in bold.

¹²Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.**
¹⁴God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.**
¹⁶God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?**
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
¹⁹**God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.**
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading – Ephesians 1: 3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love. ⁵God destined us for adoption as God's children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, ⁶to the praise of God's glorious grace that God freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace ⁸that God lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹God has made known to us the mystery of God's will, according to God's good pleasure that God set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to God's counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God's glory.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

C: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia.

Gospel – John 1: 1-18

P: The holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In 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 overcome 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 humanity, 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. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From

his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Let Our Gladness Have No End v. 1-2, 4

ELW 291

- 1 Let our gladness have no end, Hallelujah!
for to earth did Christ descend. Hallelujah!

Refrain

On this day God gave us
Christ, the Son, to save us;
Christ, the Son, to save us.

- 2 Prophesied in days of old, Hallelujah!
God has sent the one foretold. Hallelujah! *Refrain*
- 4 Into flesh is made the Word, Hallelujah!
our true refuge and our Lord. Hallelujah! *Refrain*

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown. Music: NARODIL SE KRISTUS PAN, Bohemian carol, 15th cent.

Prayers of the People

P: Joining our voices with the heavenly chorus, the shepherds, and the Christian faithful across all time and distance, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

*We offer ourselves, our gifts, and our faithful service to God.
An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary
for those who would like to offer gifts as you leave worship today.*

Please be seated as the table is prepared for Holy Communion.

Meal

Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Good and loving God,

**C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor
to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts,
let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our 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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...
... and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life ...
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup ...
We look with hope for Christ's coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit ...
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours ...
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction and Invitation

Agnus Dei / Lamb of God

C: 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.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion

- *Please use hand sanitizer prior to receiving Communion.*
- *We will not be kneeling at the altar rail due to the need for physical distancing.*
- *Worshippers from the pulpit side will proceed forward first, followed by the center section, and then the lectern side.*
- *The Communion wafers (regular and gluten-free) have been thoughtfully prepared using the gifts of the congregation by a member of St. Andrew's altar care team, with a drop of wine or grape juice on each. The presiding minister will distribute one to each communicant from the ciborium using sanitary tongs.*
- *When you reach the presiding minister, please indicate if you would like grape juice or a gluten-free wafer.*
- *A blessing will be provided for anyone who does not yet receive the sacrament, following physical distancing guidelines.*
- *Everyone is asked to wait until you return to your place to consume the elements, and then promptly replace your mask.*

Hymns during Holy Communion

Come, Beloved of the Maker

ELW 306

v. 1-4

- 1 Come, beloved of the Maker,
come, behold the Firstborn One;
see revealed creation's splendor
crowned in glory like the sun.
- 2 See the Morningstar now beckon
to those bound to doubt and night;
"Follow me," Christ calls in welcome,
"come from darkness into light."
- 3 Follow to the birth of newness;
follow to the life of peace;
follow to the hill of anguish;
follow to the garden bliss.
- 4 There we too will burn and brighten,
God's resplendent work begun;

glory will ascend and heighten,
crowning us with glorious sun.

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Hymns during Holy Communion

As with Gladness

ELW 302

- 1 As with gladness seers of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing

alleluias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1782.

When all have returned to their places, please rise as you are able.

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Radiant God, we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.

May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Benediction

P: Almighty God,
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,
proclaimed joy through the angels,
sent the shepherds with good news,
and led the magi by a star,
bless you this day ✝ through the Word made flesh.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

Those serving in worship today

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