



January 3, 2021

GREETING

PASSING OF PEACE/POURING OF WATER

PRELUDE

Silent Night

arr. M. Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, rejoice! The very Word of God came to earth and lived among us! We are blessed to know the glory of God. Let us worship and praise the Lord, our God, with joy as grace-filled people. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(vs. 2 & 3)

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Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, off-spring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"

*please stand

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is merciful when we acknowledge our shortcomings and shine the light of the Truth into the messy corners of our lives. Let us confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, sometimes we are too busy to pay attention to you. You have given us your Word, and we do not notice. We do not heed the example of your Son, so we go astray. You show us the path we should take, and we ignore you. Stop us in our tracks, O God. Bring us back to your way, and keep us faithful in following you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

Welcome to Our World

Chris Rice

Brandon Jones - soloist

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking;

how we need to hear from God.

You've been promised, we've been waiting,

welcome, Holy Child,

welcome, Holy Child.

Hope that You don't mind our manger,
how I wish we would have known.
But long-awaited Holy Stranger,
make Yourself at home,
please make Yourself at home.

Bring Your peace into our violence,
bid our hungry souls be filled.
Word now breaking heaven's silence,
welcome to our world,
welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us,
tender brow prepared for thorn,
tiny heart whose blood will save us,
unto us is born,
unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around You,
breathe our air and walk our sod.
Rob our sin and make us holy,
perfect Son of God.
Welcome to our world.

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 10-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SERMON

The Party of Life

Pastor Diane

HYMN

I Am the Bread of Life

(verses 1, 2, 4)

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“I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.”

“and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.”

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever; you shall live forever.

“and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.”

I am the resurrection; I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever.” “and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.”

HOLY COMMUNION (recorded worship only)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God — the source of all light and life. I believe that God sent Jesus Christ, as the Word Incarnate, into this world so that all might be bathed in his light and know the true source of life. On the witness of the disciples, I believe that Jesus was crucified, died and was buried — then brought back to life that we might also have new life in him. I believe the Word of God still speaks today to those who have ears and hearts to listen. I believe, with the power of the Holy Spirit, that my life can be a witness to God’s living presence and grace. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Coventry Carol

arr: Hayes/Gaspard

Jamie Reed, Piano - Wes Moulton, Organ

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

