

# The Nativity of our Lord Jesus

Worship Service on Christmas Day



*Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*10:15 AM, Sanctuary  
December 25, 2025*

## **Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:**

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, fill out a Contact Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

*All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

## **A Message on this Christmas Day**

*<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.*

John's Gospel opens in remarkable richness and depth. The light of the world – the one through whom the world was made – the one who came to save his people from his sins – was rejected by the very ones he came to save.

This is the Jesus of the nativity. His family, rejected by more noble inns, laid the little Jesus in the manger. Because he had no other place to stay, he was laid to rest in a feeding trough. But this was the very purpose for which he came – to be the living Word of God – the very thing (for man does not live on bread alone!) to sustain man, woman, and child. And also – he became food for us, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.

The rejection of Jesus' family by the inns forces the right image of Jesus: the one who was laid to rest for the life of the world.

*Holy God, we give you thanks and praise and glory for the birth of Jesus, Amen.*

✝ Pastor Justin Baker

## Prelude

*God Rest You*

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*Setting Gordon Young (1919-1998)*

## Invocation & Order of Confession

**P** In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**P** I bring you good news of great joy: a Savior has been born to us!

**C** Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.

**P** Like the Shepherds before us, we have come here to worship Jesus.

**C** Come, let us worship and adore him.

**P** Christ the babe is worthy of our worship, our praise, and our gifts.

**C** In his great mercy, he also takes our sin upon himself.

**P** Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, let us take time to confess our sin before him, for he came to free us from sin, from evil, and from death.

*Silence is kept for self-examination and confession of sin.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen

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<sup>1</sup> Proverbs 28:13, ESV

# Opening Hymn | Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel (1, 5)

LH 62

Is. 59: 20

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Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Latin author unknown, c. 1100

Tr., John M. Neale, 1851, 1859, ab.

**Veni, Emmanuel**

Plain-song melody, c. 1200

1 Oh, come, Oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's  
 3 Oh, come, Thou Day spring from on high, And cheer us by Thy  
 4 Oh, come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -  
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save And  
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night And  
 heav'n - ly home: Make safe the way that leads on high And

til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.  
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.  
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.  
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el. A - men.

5. O come, O Bright and Mor-ning Star, and bring us comfort from a-far!  
 Dis-pel the sha-dows of the night and turn our dark-ness in-to light.  
 Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el shall come to thee, O Is - ra-el.

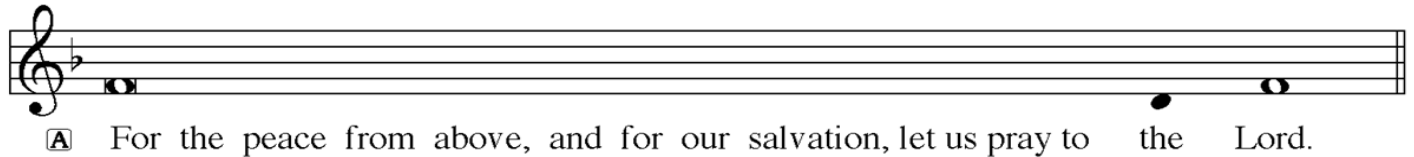
## Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

**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.



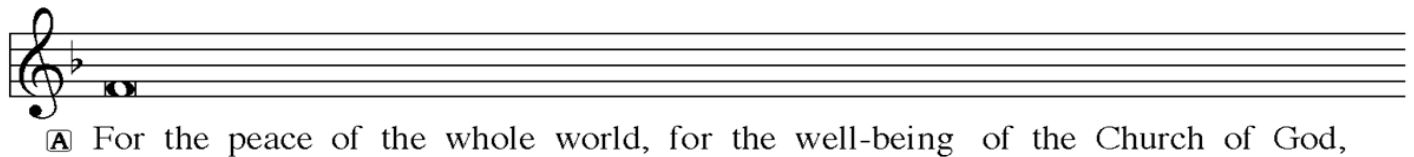
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



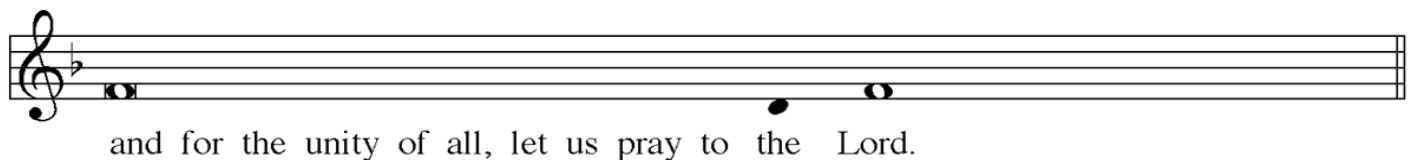
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



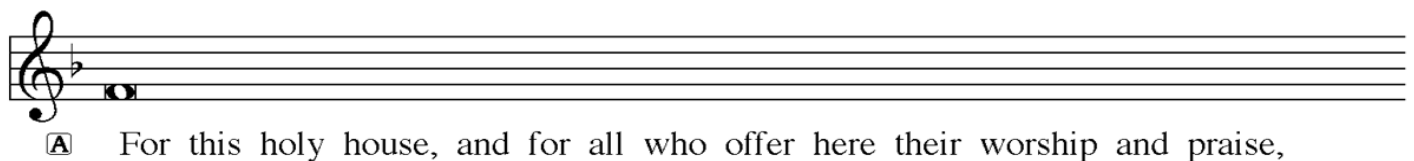
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



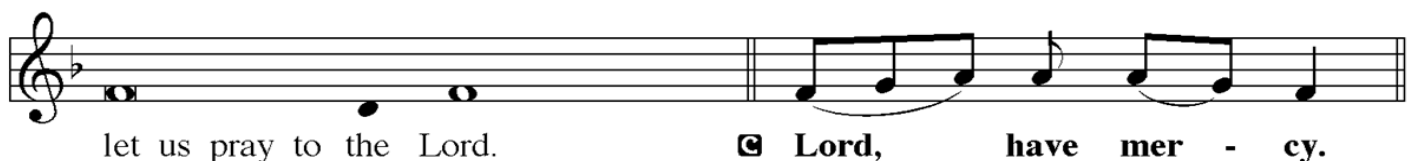
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

# Hymn of Praise | Hark the Herald Angels Sing      Open Hymnal 57

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$\text{♩} = 100$

1. Hark! The her - - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - - est Heav'n a - dored; Christ the ev - - er - - last - ing Lord;  
3. Hail the heav'n - - ly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!  
4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;  
5. Ad - am's like - - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - - age in its place:

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - - ners re - con - ciled!"  
Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - - ing in His wings.  
Rise, the wo - - man's con - qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.  
Se - cond Ad - - am from a - - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die.  
Now dis - play Thy sav - ing po - wer, Ruin - ed na - ture now re - store;  
Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain, Thee, the Life, the in - ner man:

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them se - cond birth.  
Now in my - stic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.  
O, to all Thy - - self im - part, Formed in each be - - liev - ing heart.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

## Salutation & Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray,

**C** Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson

Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38

*A reading from Exodus, beginning with the fortieth chapter.*

<sup>17</sup> In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was erected. <sup>18</sup> Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. <sup>19</sup> And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>20</sup> He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. <sup>21</sup> And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. <sup>37</sup> But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup> For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire

was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 2 (congregation responds with the bold text)**

<sup>1</sup>Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>2</sup>**The kings of the earth set themselves,**

**and the rulers take counsel together,**

**against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,**

<sup>3</sup>“Let us burst their bonds apart

and cast away their cords from us.”

<sup>4</sup>**He who sits in the heavens laughs;**

**the Lord holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

<sup>6</sup>**“As for me, I have set my King**

**on Zion, my holy hill.”**

<sup>7</sup>I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;

today I have begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,**

**and the ends of the earth your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

<sup>10</sup>**Now therefore, O kings, be wise;**

**be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Serve the LORD with fear,

and rejoice with trembling.



<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

## The Second Lesson

Titus 3:4-7

*A reading from Titus, beginning with the third chapter.*

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,  
<sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but  
according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of  
the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our  
Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs  
according to the hope of eternal life.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Song | Away In a Manger

LH 51

1. A - - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - - wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -

Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes; I love Thee, Lord Je - - sus, look  
 ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear child - ren in

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky And stay by my cra - dle til morn - ing is nigh.  
 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for Hea - ven to live with Thee there.

## The Gospel Acclamation | Sing We Now of Jesus ELW 262

*Christmas:* Sing we now of Je - sus, born on Christ-mas day.  
*Easter:* Sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n on Eas - ter day.

Sing we now of Je - sus, born on bed of hay.  
Sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n from death's dark grave.

Lift up your voice, with all the world re - jice;  
Lift up your voice, with all the world re - jice;

sing we now of Je - sus, born to light our way.  
sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n the world to save.

*\*May be sung as a round.*

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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## The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

<sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Justin Baker

*A large print copy of this sermon is available from the ushers.*

# Carol of the Day | God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

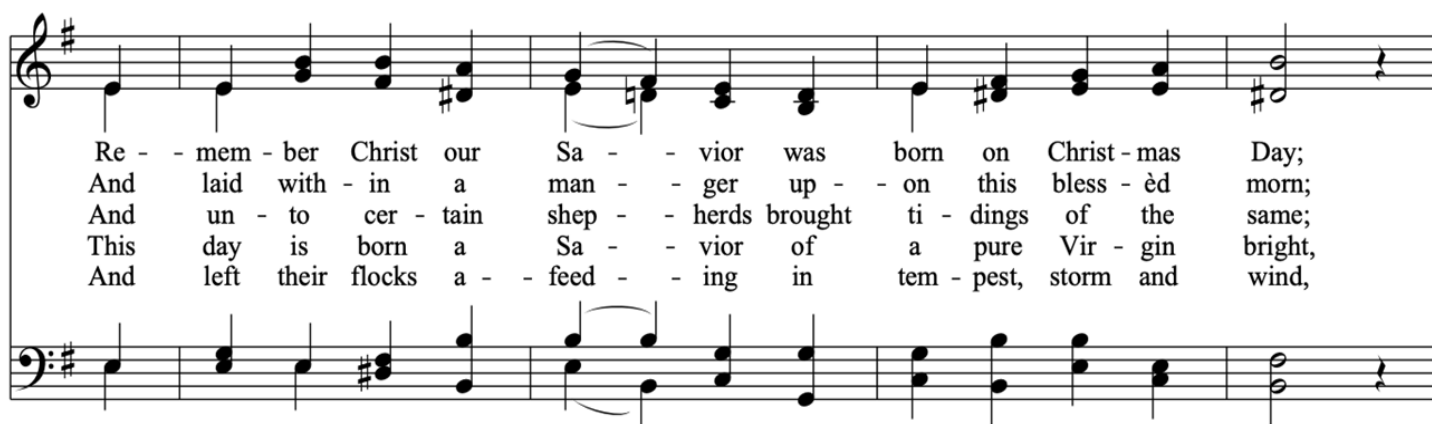
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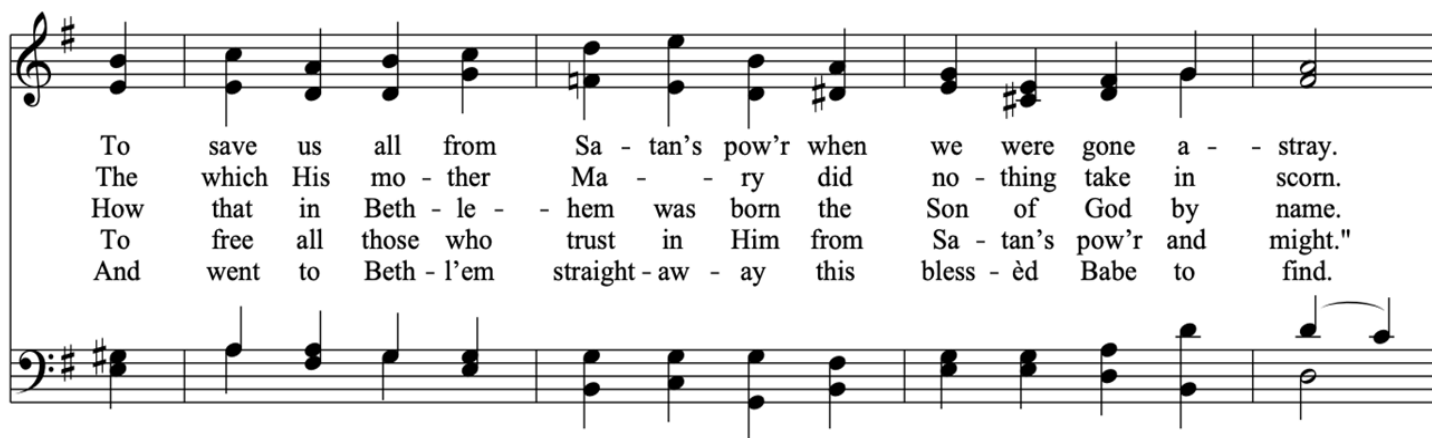
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1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let no - thing you dis - - may,  
2. In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el, this bless - èd Babe was born,  
3. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - - ther a bless - èd an - gel came;  
4. "Fear not, then," said the an - - gel, "Let no - thing you a - - fright  
5. The shep - herds at those ti - - dings re - - jo - iced much in mind,



Re - - mem - ber Christ our Sa - - vior was born on Christ - mas Day;  
And laid with - in a man - - ger up - - on this bless - èd morn;  
And un - to cer - tain shep - - herds brought ti - dings of the same;  
This day is born a Sa - - vior of a pure Vir - gin bright,  
And left their flocks a - - feed - - ing in tem - pest, storm and wind,



To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - - stray.  
The which His mo - ther Ma - - ry did no - thing take in scorn.  
How that in Beth - le - - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
To free all those who trust in Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
And went to Beth - l'em straight - aw - ay this bless - èd Babe to find.



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy; O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

# **The Nicene Creed**

**P** People of God, in whom do you believe?

**C** 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 of the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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

## The Prayers

- P** As we long for the return of Jesus in glory, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

*A brief silence is kept.*

- A** “The Lord said to me, ‘You are my Son; today I have begotten you.’” We give you thanks that through Jesus, you have also made us your children. Thank you also for these ways you answered us:

*A sufficient pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.*

Lord, in your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for sending Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary. We long for his return, to raise the dead, judge the world, make all things right, and bring us with him into life and glory forevermore. Bless us with this faith in your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Pour out your favor upon our congregation and fellow area congregations. Help us prepare your way into the hearts of others, especially those who walk in darkness, doubt, or despair. Lord, in your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** O Prince of Peace, protect and bless Your persecuted servants, especially during this season of light. Turn their suffering for the sake of Your Name into great joy. Bless also those missionaries whom we have come to know together with their families: the Rev. Dan Omar, the Rev. Thomas Thorstad, Dure Negassa, and the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu. Lord, in your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Bless all the dear children who need your tender care. Keep them safe from every danger. And give childlike faith to the faithless. Lord, in Your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**A** Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Banish those things which trouble Your people in body, mind, heart or soul. We lift before You especially:

*George and Donna Campagna, Linda Casper, May Hill, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Vince Berardinelli, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Julie and family, Trudy, Linda, Frances and family, Peggy, Brylee, Sandra, Zachary, Kevin, David, Kathy, Asa, Jerry, Jack, Al & family, Beth, Colleen, Rachael, Leila, Darin, Les & Cathy, Tony, Sarah, and Harry*

We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. *A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.*

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**A** Come quickly, Lord of Life. We ask especially that you watch over *the family of Harry Yothers, Debbie Pritts, the family of Mark, the family of Cathy, and the family of Rosalie*. Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy.

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**P** Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**☞ hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**☞ Amen**

## THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- ☞ *The Lord said to me, You are my son; this day have I begotten you. Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. (Ps. 2:7–8)*

### The Peace & Offertory

- ☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
☛ And also with you.

### ORGAN

*See Amid the Winter's Snow*

David Laskey, 1957

### *Prayer for the Laying on of Hands*

*Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin.*



## Offering of Praise | Doxology to the Tune of *The First Noel*

D Bm A A<sup>7</sup> D/F<sup>♯</sup> G D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup>  
 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all

7 D G A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> Bm A A<sup>7</sup>  
 crea - tures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye

12 D/F<sup>♯</sup> G D A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D G A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D  
 heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

18 A<sup>7</sup> D Bm F<sup>♯</sup>m D G A<sup>7</sup> D A  
 No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,

22 Bm D/A G D A<sup>7</sup>/E D/F<sup>♯</sup> D/A A<sup>7</sup> D  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

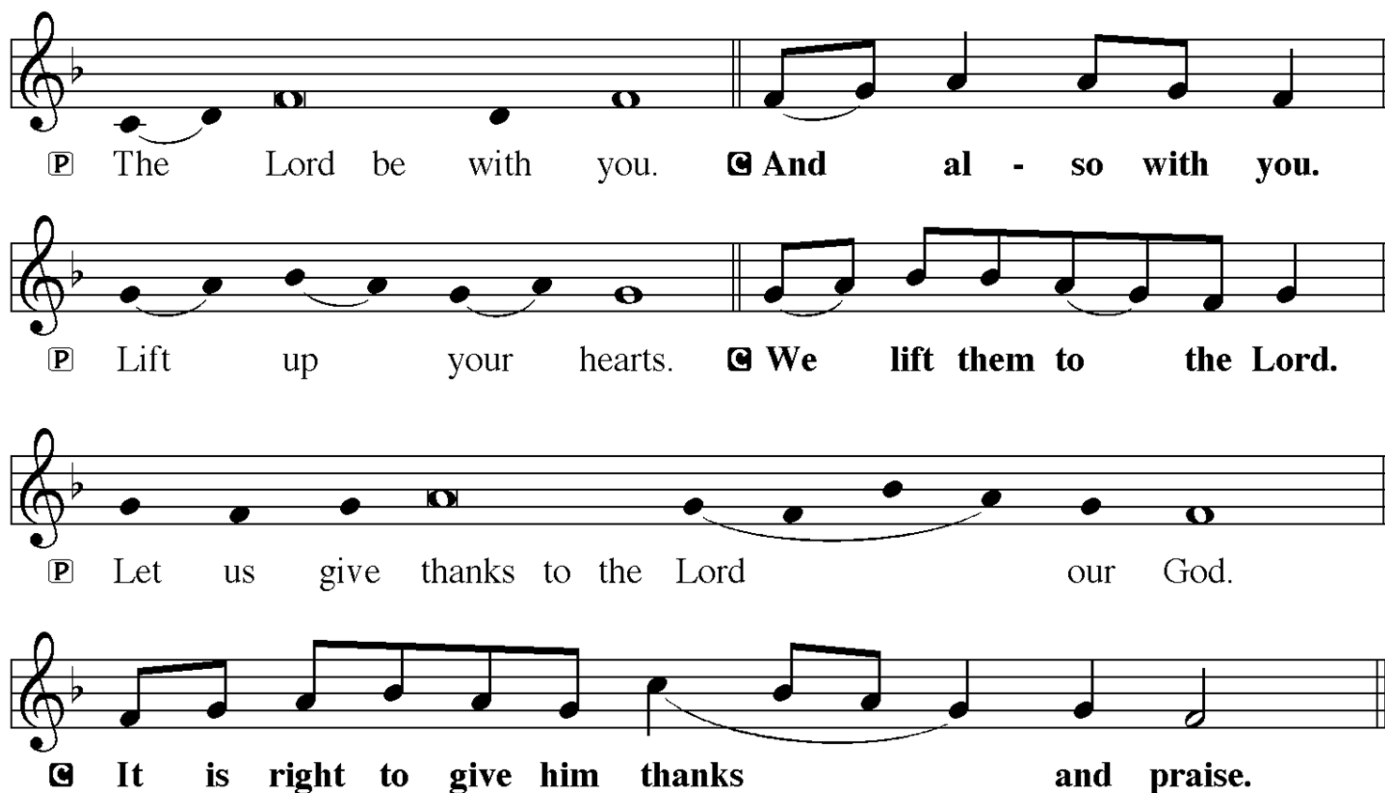
Words: Thomas Ken, 1674  
 Music: Trad. English Carol

*THE FIRST NOEL*  
 Irr. with Refrain

## Offertory Prayer

- Ⓐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- ☐ We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## The Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Psalms) and ends with a 'C' (Credo). The second staff begins with a 'P' and ends with a 'C'. The third staff begins with a 'P' and ends with a 'C'. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' and ends with a 'C'.

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

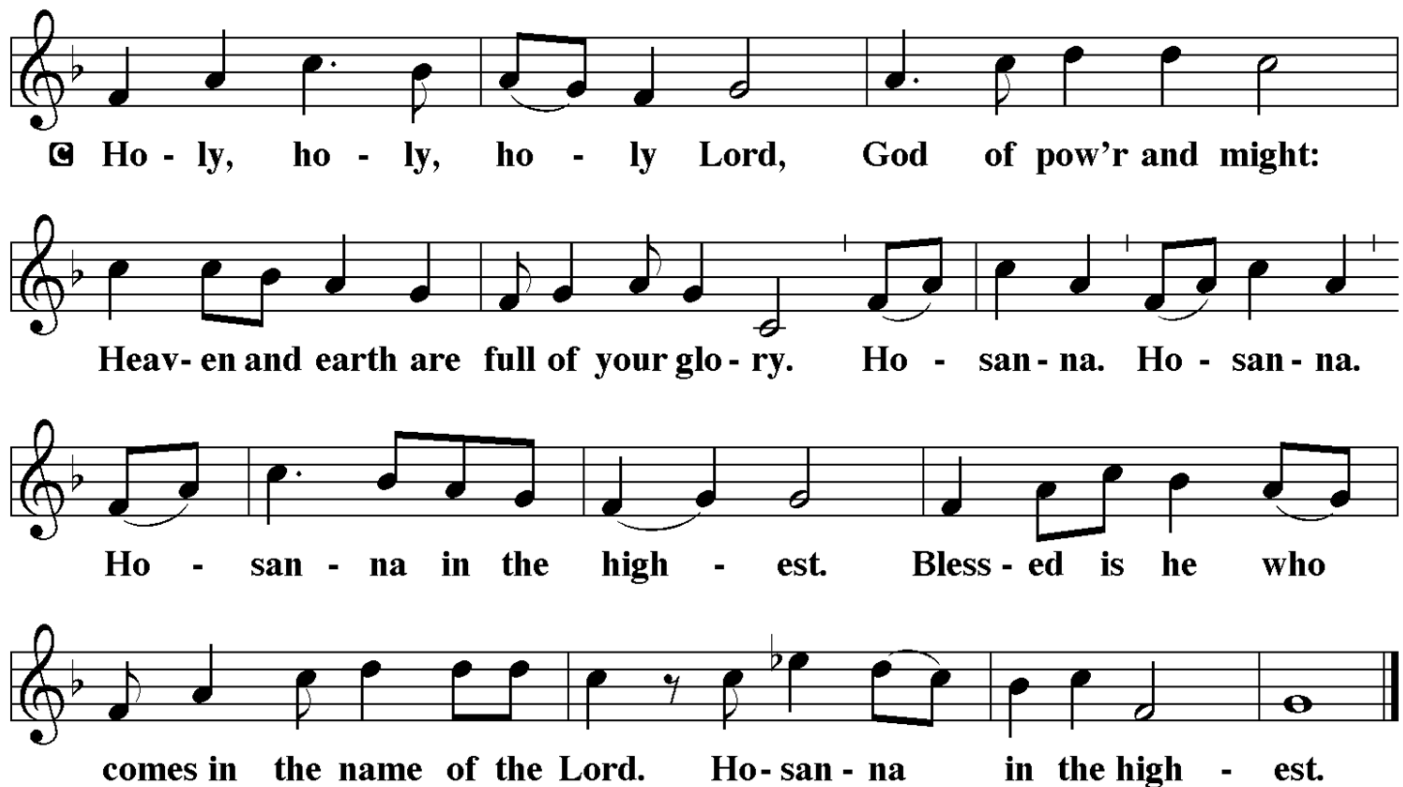
## Preface for Christmas

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.

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.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
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.

## The Eucharistic Prayer of Hippolytus

¶ 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 him you created all things, and in him 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. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who 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.

It is he 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, broken 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 is my blood poured out for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

And we ask you: 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 him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

**C Amen**

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

**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**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**P** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**C** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**

**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the**

**world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**

**sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus.

Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30).

And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

*All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord’s Table.*

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

# Hymn | What Child Is This

LH 73

Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1865.

Music: 'Greensleeves' 16th Century English Traditional.

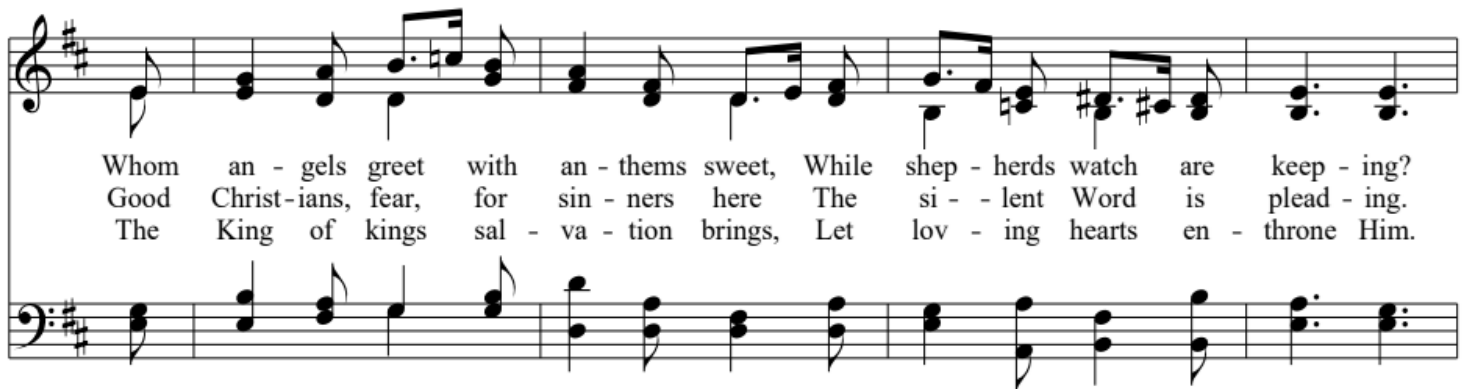
Setting: traditional from "The Sunday School Hymnal and Service Book", 1871.

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♩ = 80



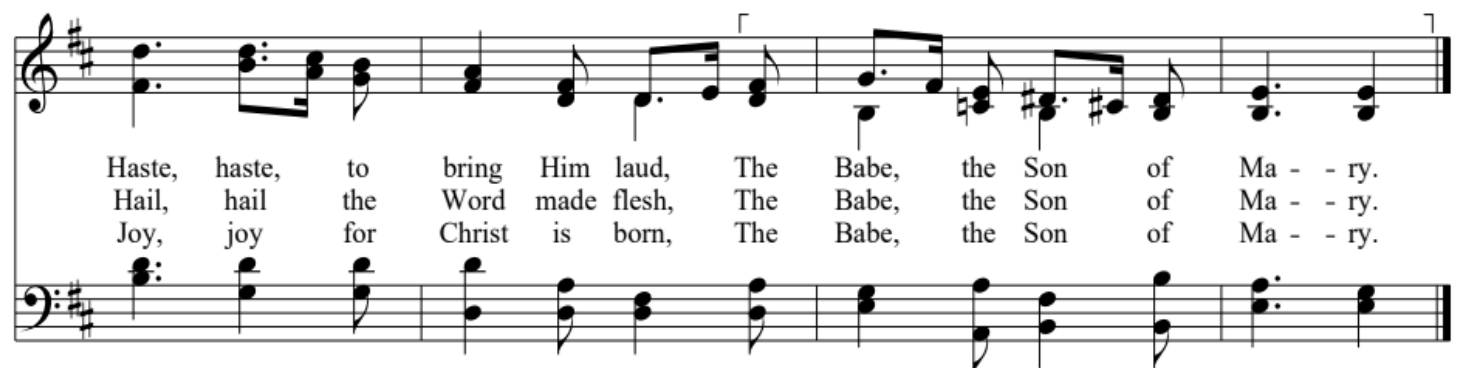
1. What Child is this who, laid to rest On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies He in such mean e - state, Where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come pea - sant, king to own Him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Christ - ians, fear, for sin - ners here The si - - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise a song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - - la - by.



Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Ma - - ry.  
 Hail, hail to the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Ma - - ry.  
 Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Ma - - ry.

4. What God is this who comes to us,  
in His own Holy Supper?  
Whose blood was shed as wine to drink,  
Whose flesh we eat together.  
This, this is Christ for you;  
His Bread and wine for me for you.  
Eat, drink, His death killed Death,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

5. Take heart, dear Christian, on this day  
When soul does leap like little John  
His Spirit ours, our hearts made full  
The Christian church victorious  
Tell, tell the world of Christ!  
Our Lord, our God, our Savior  
New, new made new by Him,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

6. Behold Him now in clouds above,  
His glory ever piercing!  
Like long ago in fire and cloud;  
Our God, the King, He seeks us.  
Crown, crown, Him King of Kings!  
His Glory enthroned forever.  
Judge, judge us saved or doomed,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

vv. 4-6: Justin Baker

## Post-Communion

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**C** Amen



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

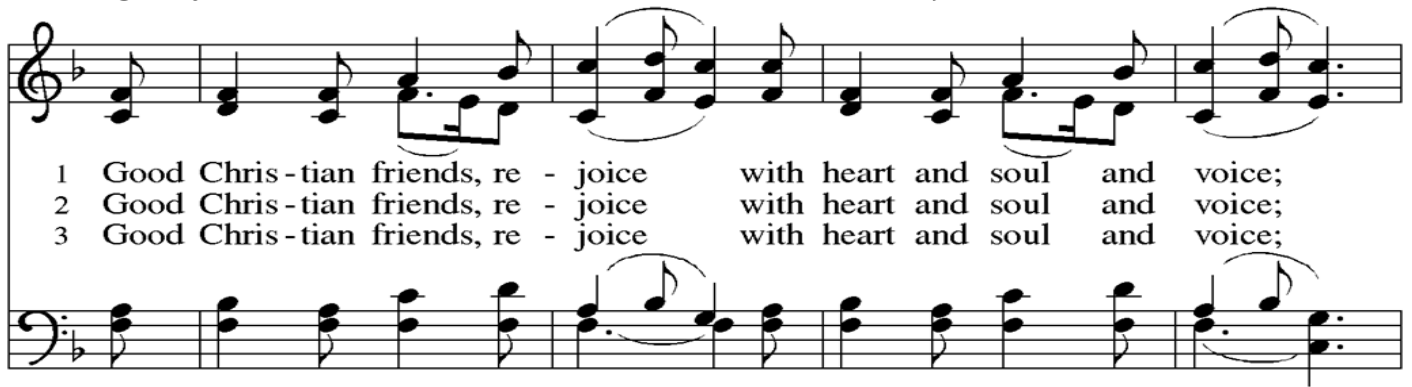
**A** Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

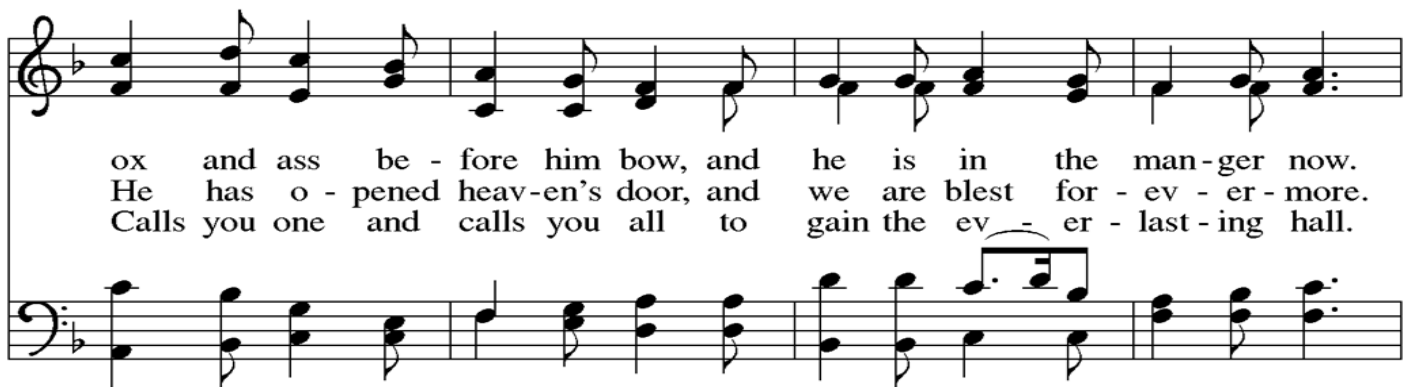




1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866  
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

# Go Tell It On The Mountain

LBW 70

*Refrain*



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



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 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 lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

## Dismissal & Postlude

**A** Go forth radiantly in the light of Christ.

**C** Amen

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*Good King Wenceslas*

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# *Poinsettia Dedications*



*Lou and Michele Hiener:  
To the Glory of God*

*Vince and Donna Berardinelli:  
In Memory of Irv and Gladys  
Rittko, Marcia Endress,  
Ted Rittko, Gen and Sam  
Berardinelli*

*Ed Zinkan:  
As a Gift to Emmanuel's Shut-Ins*

*Ron and Susan Smith:  
In Memory of Weinel, Ethel, and  
Judy Jones  
In Memory of William and Emily  
Smith*

*The Bakers:  
To the Glory of God*

*Scott and Carol Wilson:  
In Memory of Mel and Lois  
Wingard and Dean and Doris  
Wilson*

*Faith Palmer:  
In Memory of my Pap-Pap, Irv  
Rittko*

*The Treloar Family:  
In Memory of Lee "Pop"  
Woodward and  
In Honor of Arlene "Mamma"  
Woodward*

*Arlene Woodward:  
In Memory of Lee and Brian  
Woodward*

*The Visnic-Ford Family:  
In Memory of our parents and In  
Honor of Christmas Blessings*

## Serving Today

*Counters: Danette Hunter & MaryAnn Sinwell; Greeters: Dave & Mary Whipkey; Organist: Homer Adams; Pastor, Justin Baker*

## This Week at Emmanuel

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Thursday, Dec 25	10:15 AM	Worship on Christmas Day	Sanctuary
Friday, Dec 26	9:00 AM	Pack Up Luminaria	Sanctuary
Saturday, Dec 27			
Sunday, Dec 28	9:00 AM	Fellowship Hour: Nativity Cookies & Christmas Movie	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship on The Feast of Holy Innocents	Sanctuary
Monday, Dec 29			
Tuesday, Dec 30			
Wednesday, Dec 31			
Tuesday, Jan 6	7:00 PM	Worship on Epiphany	Sanctuary

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