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CHRISTMAS**
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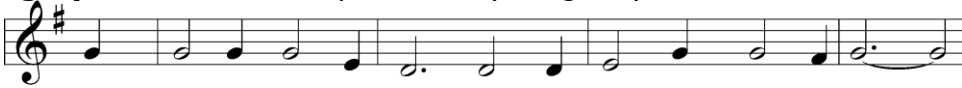


Prelude

Opening Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

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1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Verses

Psalms 119

P Oh how I love your law!

C **It is my meditation all the day.**

P Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,

C **for it is ever with me.**

- P** How sweet are your words to my taste,
C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**
P Through your precepts I get understanding;
C **therefore I hate every false way.**

-Please Kneel/Sit for a Time of Private Confession-

Confession and Absolution

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us come before the Lord with open hearts, laying aside all pride and pretense. The God who formed us knows our thoughts and sees our ways (*Psalms 139:1-3*). He invites us to return to Him, for He is gracious and steadfast in love (*Exodus 34:6*). With humble trust, let us call upon Him:
- C** **Lord Jesus, draw near to us. Purify our lives, renew our hearts, and lead us in Your truth, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your light.**
- P** We stand before the Holy One, acknowledging that our lives have strayed from His good path. Our desires have turned inward (*Jeremiah 17:9*), our speech has not always honored Him (*Ephesians 4:29*), and our actions have failed to reflect His righteousness (*Galatians 5:17*). Let us therefore confess our sins to the Lord, trusting in His compassion and mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father, we admit our sin before You. We have pursued what is empty (*Jeremiah 2:13*), clung to what is unworthy (*Hebrews 12:1*), and ignored Your call to love as You have loved us (*John 13:34*). Forgive us for our hardness of heart, our impatience, our neglect of Your Word, and our resistance to Your Spirit. For the sake of Christ our Redeemer, have mercy on us.**
- P** Hear the promise of God: He is near to the brokenhearted and saves those crushed in spirit (*Psalms 34:18*). He does not cast away those who seek Him (*John 6:37*) but gathers them with everlasting kindness (*Isaiah 54:8*). Trust, then, that in Christ you are met not with condemnation but with grace, for His blood speaks a better word on your behalf (*Hebrews 12:24*). As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce to you the full forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

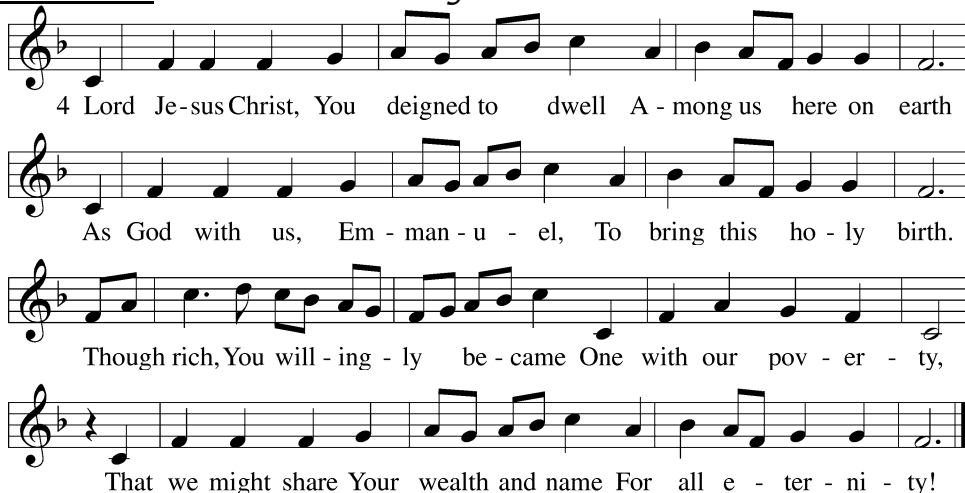
- P** He is the Light who spoke creation into being, and on this holy day,
C **He shines within the world He Himself illumined.**
P He is the Eternal Son, begotten before the dawn of ages,
C **and the child born into time to redeem the ages.**
P The One who holds all things together now rests in the arms of His mother.

- C** The Lord of heaven breathes the gentle air of our humanity.
P He comes in majesty we cannot fathom and in humility we cannot ignore,
C yet His majesty is not lessened by His humility nor His humility hidden by His majesty.

Christmas Carol

O Sing of Christ

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4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth
 As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.
 Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,
 That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. And now, O LORD my God,

you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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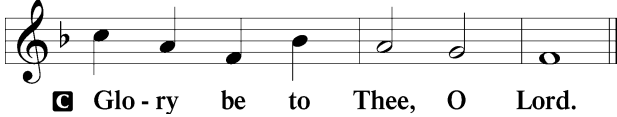
Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.



The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

**the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was
 incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and
 was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was
 buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and
 ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will
 come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the
 Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

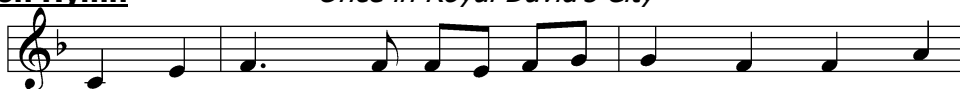
Children's Message

-Children of all ages are welcome to the altar during this time!-

Sermon Hymn

Once in Royal David's City


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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like
 was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad-ness, And He shares in all our glad-ness.
 leads His chil-dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil-dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

Sermon

"As You Wish"

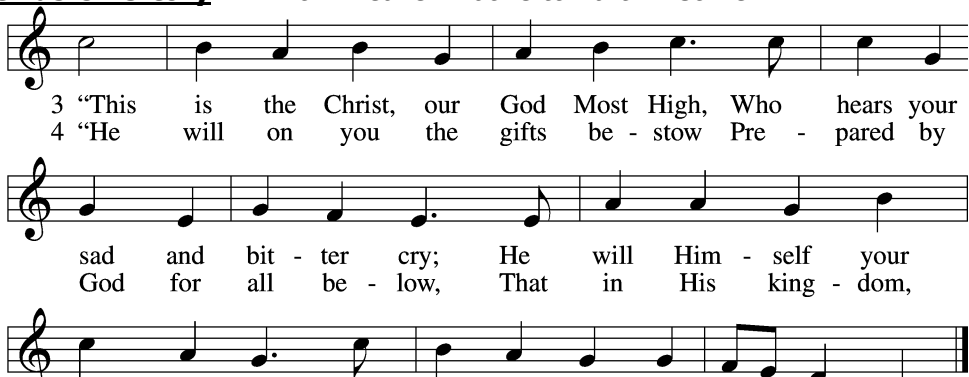
1 Kings 3

Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor

Christmas Offertory

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

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3 "This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
 4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your
 God for all be - low, That in His king - dom,
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at
www.stpaulroyaloak.org/online-giving



Prayer of the Church

-11:00am service continues with the Lord's Prayer and Benediction-

† THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have revealed the brightness of Your glory. Though unseen by mortal eyes, You have made Yourself known in the infant born of the Virgin, that we might behold Your compassion and receive Your peace. In Him the hope of the prophets is fulfilled, the joy of the angels is proclaimed, and the salvation of the nations is made manifest. So, Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Lord's Prayer

Mt. 6:9-11

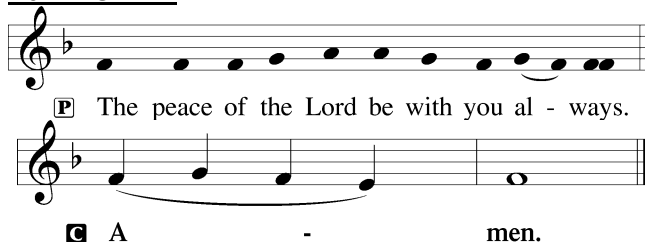
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

Pax Domini

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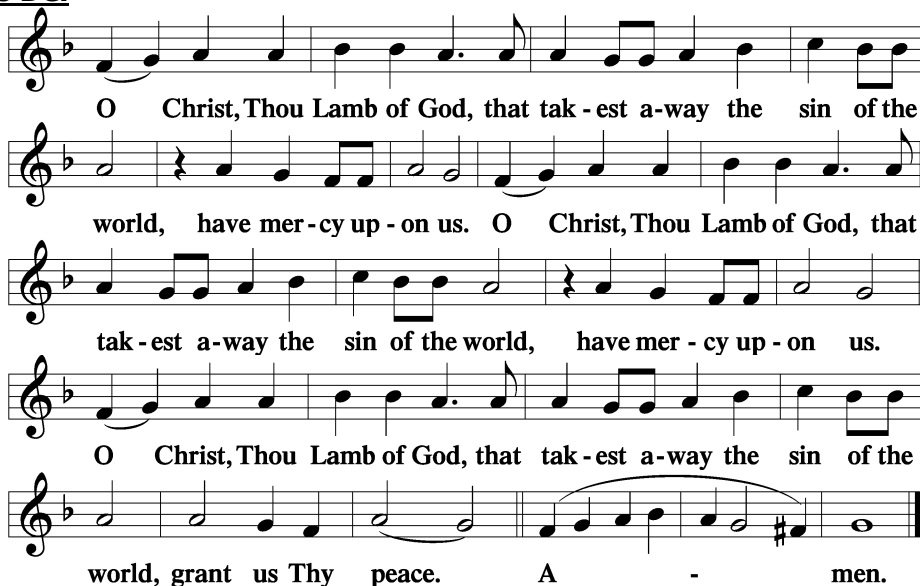


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

G A - men.

Agnus Dei

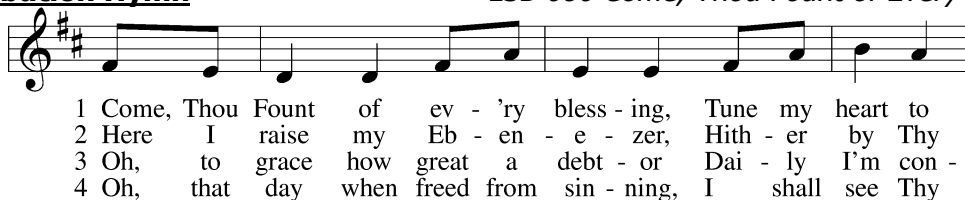
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,
 Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er
 glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine
 ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

Post-Communion Collect

- [P]** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Your Son, who did all things well during His earthly ministry, and also continues to do all things well today in Word and Sacrament; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Benediction

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- [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.

[C] **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

LSB 387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Serving us in Worship this week:

Preacher	Pastor Andrzejewski
Music	Gregory Paul
Altar Guild	Melia Woelmer + Terri Brockmiller
Readers	8:15 Barb Costakes 11 Rita McClatchey
Elders	8:15 Bryan Harris + Jim Schultz 11 Mike Babycz
Counters	8:15 Libby Walker + Emily Bashore 11 Amy Szerdi + Meredith Sanislo
Ushers	8:15 Steve Snell + David Owens + Andrew Volchko + Elders 11 Jeff Gowman + Brian Charlton + Dave Hemming + Mike Boyd

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