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JANUARY 4/5, 2025
EPIPHANY

Welcome to Worship

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PREACHING:

Pastor Mike Pancoast

ASSISTING:

SUN Pastor Sue Wallager

READER:

5 PM Greg Bergeron

8 AM Marcia Wilson

9 AM Caroline Baker

11 AM Carol Loyd

ORGANIST:

Mary Jo Gothmann

PRELUDE (8 & 9 AM):

"Vocalise" by Sergei Rachmaninoff
Dean Sorenson, trombone; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection)

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Love Has Come 292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950
 Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856
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GREETING:

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BAPTISM (5PM): Arthur Patrick Mingo

WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (9 & 11 AM)

LESSONS: Isaiah 60:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION GOSPEL

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE SERMON TEXT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON: by Pastor Mike Pancoast

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional, arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

THE APOSTLES' CREED (8, 9 & 11 AM):

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

After each petition

Emmanuel, God is with us . . .

Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)

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MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

5 PM: "Selection to be announced"

Minnesota Renaissance Choir quartet:

Heather Cogswell, Megan Crosby, Jonathan Campbell, Adam Reinwald.

8 & 9 AM: "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck

Dean Sorenson, trombone; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

OFFERTORY: Love Has Brought Us Here Together. vs 1 ACS 1040

Love has brought us here together; love of fam'ly, love of friends;
 love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's gift, that never ends.
 From our birth, throughout our lifetime, love's insistence calls our name.
 Floods of waters cannot drown it or put out its dancing flame.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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.

DISTRIBUTION

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8 & 9 am: "Communion: Arioso " by J.S. Bach

Dean Sorenson, trombone; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER:

Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Bright and Glorious Is the Sky vs. 1,3,6..... 272

WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP

Hearing Assistance Units Available

Hearing assistance units are available at the sound booth at the back of the Sanctuary.

Mobility Concerns

We have areas in the Sanctuary where a wheelchair or walker will fit. Ushers can assist you.

Children Welcome

Activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary. We have two "pray grounds" in the Sanctuary with plenty of places just outside the Sanctuary as well where children can sit and play.

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SUNDAY 9 & 11 AM

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1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this

heav - ens high, where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.

6 And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing, is the Word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-1970, alt.
Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.
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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE