# Lord's Day Worship

A DIVINE SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 25, 2022

**PRELUDE** 

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Quiet our minds, O God, and gladden our hearts; that, as we come together to worship you, we may, by your Spirit, be drawn near to your presence and find that this place is indeed the very gate of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

# GOD CALLS US

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen!

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

And his name shall be called Emmanuel, God with us.

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,

For he will save his people from their sins.

For unto us a child is born,

And unto us a Son is given!

And the government is upon his shoulder. And his name is:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father. Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no

For the zeal of the LORD of Hosts has done this!

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

For his love revealed in the Word made Flesh!

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

For sending his Son to share our humanity, that we might receive everlasting life!

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God,

For our salvation and for bringing joy and peace into the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

(Matt. 1:23, 21, Isaiah 9:6-7)

†HYMN OF PRAISE

## GOD CLEANSES US

#### †PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We are not worthy to be called your children; and thus we turn to you again. +Silent Prayer+

Have mercy on us, and bring us back to yourself as those who were once dead but now have life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Now lift up your heads, and hear these words of comfort and good news from the Scriptures...

> "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

> > Matthew 1:21

The Word was made flesh that, by the love of the Father, and power of the Holy Spirit, the Son of God might die for the forgiveness of your sins and rise again for your justification. Wherefore I declare to you, as Christ's minister and by His authority, that all your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"..... Selection 207

# GOD CONVERSES WITH US

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

†HYMN OF PRAISE

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 the 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 is seated on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall 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 worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen!

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. SERMON TEXT. Luke 2:1-20 PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD "Good News of Great Joy" . . . . . . Pastor Josh Anderson A Sermon for Christmas Day

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US

†COMMUNION HYMN "Of the Father's Love Begotten" ...... Selection 162

†The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

And also with you! People:

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is indeed right and a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks unto you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made man in the flesh of the virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore with all the angels and archangels who first sang his praise, along with the whole church in heaven and on earth, we laud and magnify your glorious name, ever more praising you, and saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and

earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Prayer of Preparation & Faith

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your steadfast love, which endures forever. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Father, to partake of the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ, that we may grow into his likeness, and evermore abide in union with him, and he with us. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Bread

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Wine

Pastor: Let us confess the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, All:

Christ will come again!

# **GOD COMMISSIONS US**

†Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

All gracious God, who of your infinite love gave your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and rise again for our justification, and have made us partakers of your divine nature through the gift of the Holy Spirit; accept the fruits of our labors which we now present to you in this offering and also our very selves as we stand before you; and hear us as we pray as your Son taught us: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen!

†Hymn of Praise

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" ...... Selection 208

†Pastoral Benediction

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face

shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his

face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen!

†Those who are able are invited to stand.

## Luke 2:1-20

[1] In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2] This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3] And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4] And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5] to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6] And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. [7] And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

[8] And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. [10] And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

[14] "Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

[15] When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." [16] And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. [17] And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. [18] And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. [19] But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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