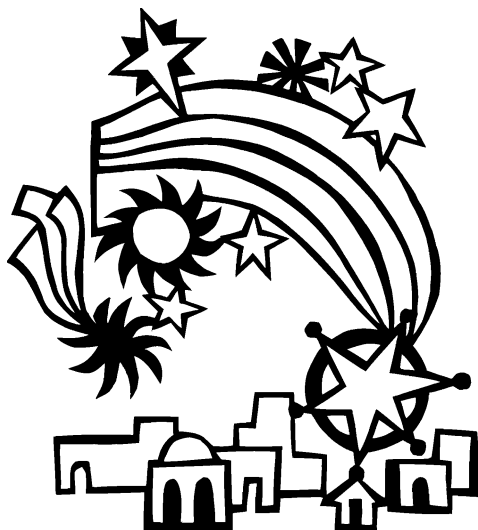


Christmas Day

December 25, 2022 10:30 AM



Today's service is adapted from the traditional Lessons and Carols Christmas worship service that started at King's College, Cambridge.

This morning our offering will be collected in offering plates as you exit the sanctuary.

Gathering

Children are invited to come to the font before we begin and process with bells during the gathering song.

+ Christmas Litany

O come, all ye faithful

Joyful and triumphant!

Fill the mountains and valleys, the seas and skies; fill the cities and plains, your homes and hearts, with songs of praise and shouts of joy.

For unto us a Son is given, unto us a Savior is born, Christ the Lord!

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord!

Gathering Song – O Come, All Ye Faithful – ELW 283

Greeting

Today Christ is born. Alleluia, Alleluia! 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

Holy God,

the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

First Lesson – Genesis 3:8-14

“Not Always For You”

– A prayer by Walter Brueggemann

Hymn – Of the Father’s Love Begotten - ELW 295

Second Lesson – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

“this is the time” by Meta Herrick Carlson

Hymn – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – ELW 270

Third Lesson – Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Christmas Message from Elizabeth Eaton,

Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Hymn – O Little Town of Bethlehem – ELW 279

Fourth Lesson – Luke 1:26-35, 38

Prayers:

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hymn – Infant Holy, Infant Lowly – ELW 276

Fifth Lesson – Luke 2:1-14

Children’s Sermon

Hymn – The First Noel – ELW 300

Sixth Lesson – Luke 2:15-20

Homily – Pastor Daniel Smith

Hymn – What Child Is This – ELW 296

Communion

+ Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

For those worshipping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God’s love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshipping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God’s free gift of grace for you.

Communion Hymns

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear – ELW 282

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice – ELW 288

Blessing

Prayer After Communion

On this day, O God,

you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

Seventh Lesson – John 1:1-5, 14

Hymn – Away in a Manger – ELW 277

Benediction

Dismissal

Go in Peace, Christ is born!

Thanks be to God!