



## DIALOGUE

Who are these angels who come to earth, bearing the news of the Christ child's birth?

Who are these shepherds who run to see, and worship the babe on bended knee?

Who is this child, so small, so slight, of whom the angels sang that night?

Who is this king, a manger his throne, who humbles himself to make us his own?

Who is this God who sends a Son into our midst, the promised one?

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG**      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

(Red Hymnal # 288)

## CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

### 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

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light.

**By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WHO ARE THESE ANGELS WHO COME TO EARTH

Luke 2:8-14

**HYMN: VS 1-3**      *From Heaven Above*

(Red Hymnal # 268)

### WHO ARE THESE SHEPHERDS WHO RUN TO SEE?

Luke 2:15-20

**HYMN: VS 4-6**      *From Heaven Above*

(Red Hymnal # 268)

### WHO IS THIS CHILD, SO SMALL, SO SLIGHT

Hebrews 1:1-4

**HYMN: VS 7-9**      *From Heaven Above*

(Red Hymnal # 268)

### WHO IS THIS KING, A MANGER HIS THRONE?

Isaiah 9:2-7

**HYMN: VS 10-11**      *From Heaven Above*

(Red Hymnal # 268)

### WHO IS THIS GOD, WHO SENDS A SON?

John 1:1-14

**HYMN: VS 12-14**      *From Heaven Above*

(Red Hymnal # 268)

## SERMON

Pastor Michael Peuse

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

(Red Hymnal # 295)

## CREED

(Red Hymnal p. 104)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**      *Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

**OFFERING**      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

(Red Hymnal # 270)

## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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(Red Hymnal p. 152)

## PREFACE

**HOLY, HOLY, LORD MOST HOLY** (to the tune of Red Hymnal # 275, Angels From the Realms of Glory)

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ✝ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**      *Joy to the World*

(Red Hymnal # 267)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**