



Friday, December 24, 2021  
Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve  
Holy Communion

### 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.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*      (Red Hymnal #283)

### CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Many ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image; long after the great flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant; twenty-one centuries from the time the promise was given to Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt and Miriam danced in freedom; eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the judges; one thousand years from the anointing of David as king, in fulfillment of the times and years and months and days discerned by the prophets; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; while the whole world enjoyed a span of peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit and nine months of growth in the womb of his mother— now in our own times is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**HYMN**      *I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve*      (Red Hymnal #271)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

**HYMN**      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*      (Red Hymnal #270)

**SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14**

**HYMN**      *Away in a Manger*      (Red Hymnal #277)

**THIRD READING: Luke 2:1-14**

The holy gospel according to Luke

**HYMN**      *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*      (Red Hymnal #282)

**FOURTH READING: Luke 2:15-20**

**HYMN**      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*      (Red Hymnal #279)

**SERMON**      **Rev. Michael Peuse**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      (Red Hymnal #289)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**      Merciful God.      **Receive our prayer**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, thorough Christ our Lord.      **Amen**

**DIALOGUE**      (Red Hymnal p.152)

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**LORD'S PRAYER**      (Red Hymnal p. 154)

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

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.      **Amen**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES: John 1:1-14**

### LITANY OF LIGHT

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.

**Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.**

Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.

**Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

**Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.**

**HYMN OF LIGHT**      *SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!*      (Red Hymnal #281)

### BLESSING

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the ✝ Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**      *Joy to the World*      (Red Hymnal #267)

### DISMISSAL

Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere

**Thanks be to God.**