

Saturday, December 25, 2021
Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day
Holy Communion

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.**

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you. We replace compassion with competition. We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek. We are quick to anger but slow to forgive. We have not put on love in harmony with you. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. ✙ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING SONG *What Child Is This* **(Red Hymnal #296)**

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.

KYRIE **(Red Hymnal p.147)**

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.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - FAITH: Celtic Alleluia **(Red Hymnal #174)**
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Rev. Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY *The First Noel* **(Red Hymnal #300)**

NICENE CREED **(Red Hymnal p.104)**

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. **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

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world, In Jesus' name we pray **Amen**

SENDING SONG *The Bells of Christmas* **(Red Hymnal #298)**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.