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## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen.** Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life, you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In ✝ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn**

### **Joy to the World LBW 39**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing.  
and heav'n and nature sing. And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.  
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.  
repeat the sounding joy. Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.  
No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.  
far as the curse is found. Far as, far as, the curse is found.  
He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.  
and wonders of his love. And wonders, wonders of his love.

### **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

### **First Reading**

### **Numbers 6:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, <sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

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

## Psalm in Song

Psalm 8  
Zac Fitzsimmons

## Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

## Gospel

Luke 2:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. <sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## Hymn of the Day

What Child is This LBW 40

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

(Refrain) This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear: for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. (Refrain)

## **Apostles' Creed**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

## **Peace**

## **Offering**

## **Doxology**

## **Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, **receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Post Communion Blessing**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God our redeemer, **you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. Amen.

**Sending Hymn****Go Tell it on the Mountain LBW 70**

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviors birth. (refrain)

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ is born; and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (refrain)

**Dismissal**

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**Thanks be to God!**