

Christmas Morning – Worship with Communion

Friday – December 25, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

The Sensations of Christmas:

Part 5: The Touch of Christmas

*On this Christmas Morning
We Meditate on How Our God Has Come into our World
to Heal Our Separation.*



Come Emmanuel, to be our 'God-With-Us' forever!

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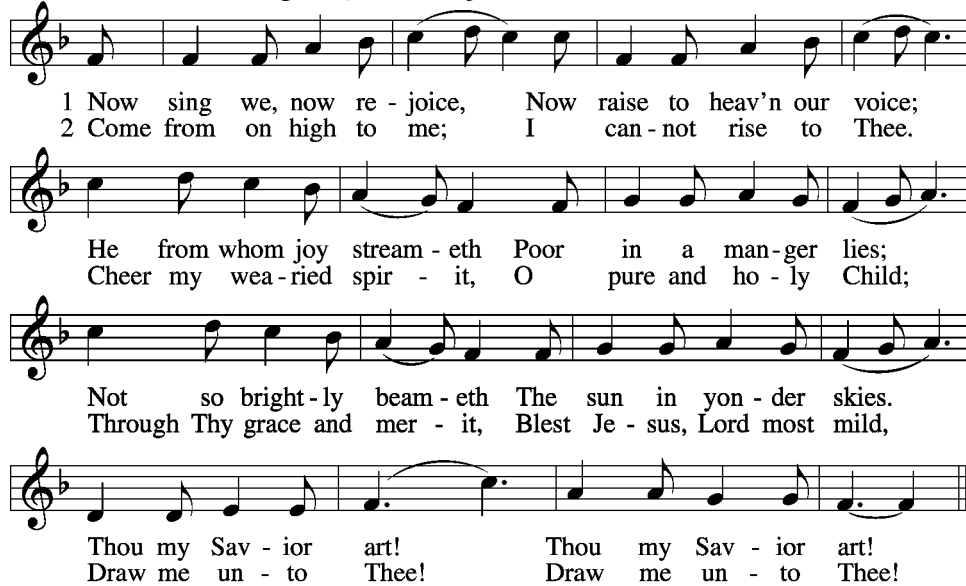
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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 386:1-2 “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”



1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
 2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to Thee.

He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
 Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;

Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
 Through Thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,

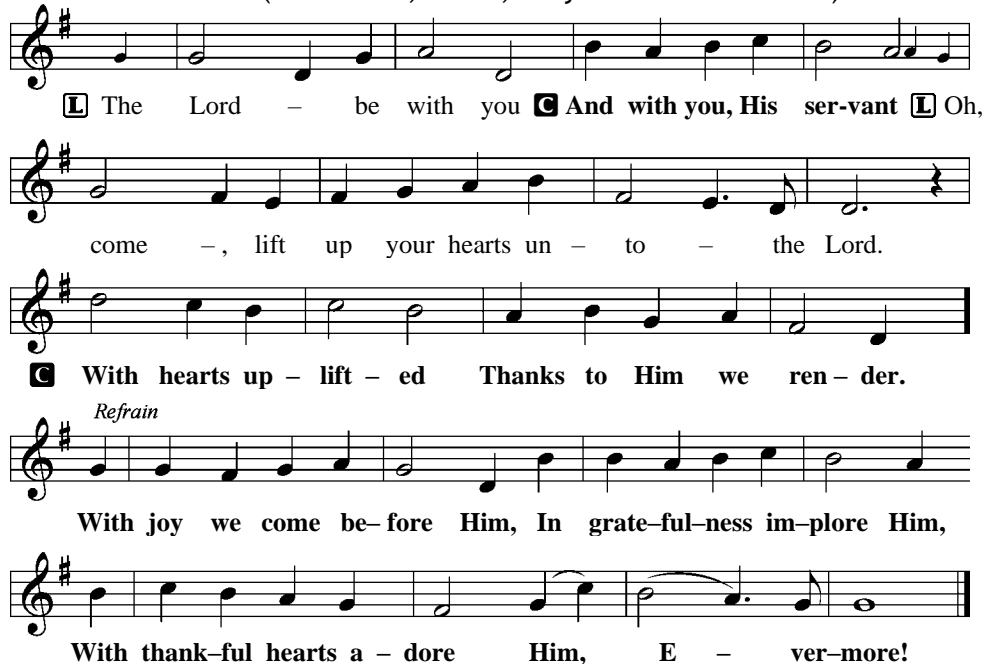
Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee! Draw me un - to Thee!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Salutation & Exhortation (Tune: “Oh, Come, All ye Faithful” LSB 379)



L The Lord - be with you **C** And with you, His ser - vant **L** Oh,
 come - , lift up your hearts un - to - the Lord.

C With hearts up - lift - ed Thanks to Him we ren - der.

Refrain

With joy we come be - fore Him, In grate - ful - ness im - plore Him,
 With thank - ful hearts a - dore Him, E - ver - more!

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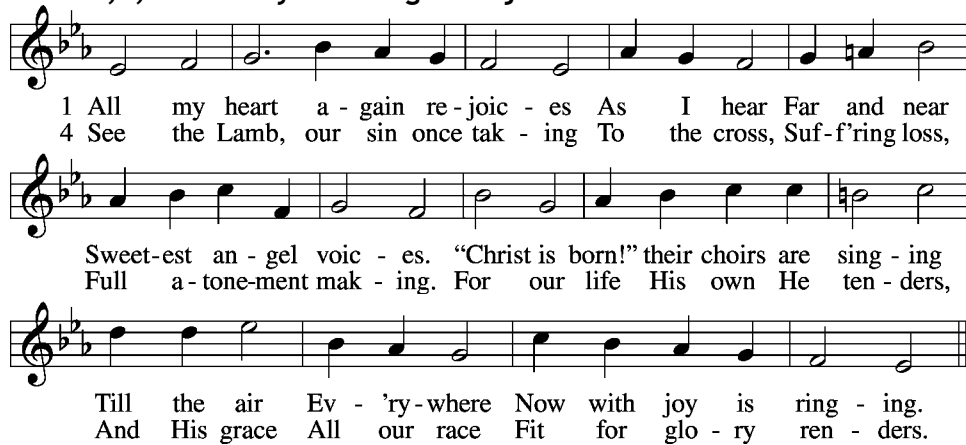
Confession & Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.
C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, your son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Hymn # 360:1,4,5 “All my Heart Again Rejoices”



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es As I hear Far and near
4 See the Lamb, our sin once tak - ing To the cross, Suf - f'ring loss,
Sweet - est an - gel voic - es. “Christ is born!” their choirs are sing - ing
Full a - tone - ment mak - ing. For our life His own He ten - ders,
Till the air Ev - 'ry - where Now with joy is ring - ing.
And His grace All our race Fit for glo - ry ren - ders.

5 Softly from His lowly manger Children, from the sins that grieve you
Jesus calls You are freed;
One and all, All you need
“You are safe from danger. I will surely give you.”

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Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in human flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
⁵And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;

*I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Special Music "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

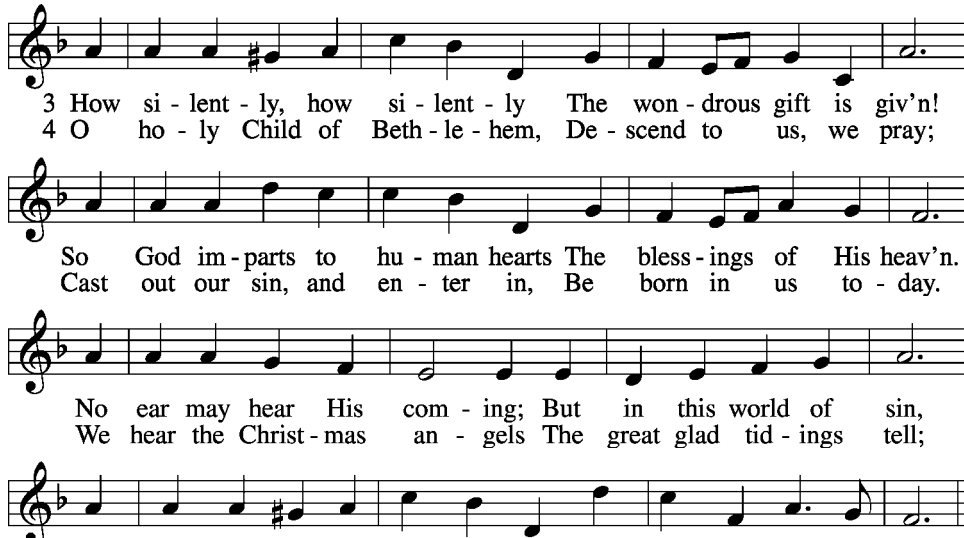
Epistle: 1 John 1:1-3

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 361:3-4 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.
No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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Stand

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-5, 9-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn # 369 "Where Shepherds Lately Kneled"



1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,
2 In that un - like - ly place I find Him as they said:
3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,
4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned

I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange - ly stirred;
Sweet new - born babe, how frail! And in a man - ger bed:
His proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound - ing heart I stare:
Its way in - to my heart— un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,

But there is room and wel - come there for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
To die, to live, and not a - lone for me,

But there is room and wel - come there for me.
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.
To die, to live, and not a - lone for me?

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Sermon: "The Touch of Christmas"

Stand

"He's Your Immanuel"

(Tune LSB # 362)



1. O sing to God a brand new song, For now the world's re-deemed.
For He has giv - en us His Son And in that gift re - ceived,
Our hearts He calls from wan - der - ing A - way from His em - brace.
And brings us to the man - ger light That we might see His face.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Prayer of the Church

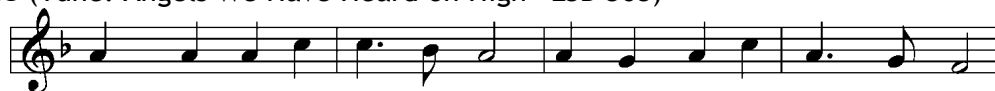
P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P Hear us Father for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Immanuel, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

† Service of the Sacrament †

Preface (Tune: Angels We Have Heard on High” LSB 368)



[L]: May the good Lord be with you. Lift your hearts to God in praise.

2. In the Word of God made flesh Great and won-drous my-ster-y

3. There-fore with the church on earth And the hosts of heav'n a-bove



[C]: May the Lord be with you too. To the Lord our hearts we raise.

Now we see with vi-sion fresh God's a-bun-dant ma-jes-ty.

Let us praise His name, whose birth, Brings to us e-ter-nal love



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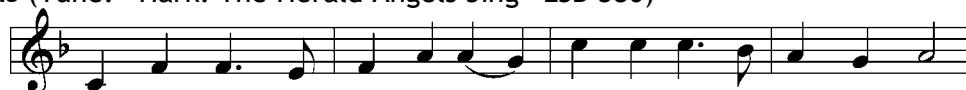


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[P] It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels, archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Tune: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB 380)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of hosts, by all a - dored!



Heav'n and earth can-not con-tain All the glo - ry of Your name!



Hail, ho-san-na, God Most High! Blest is He who now draws nigh



In the name of God the king! Je - sus at Your birth we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord! God of hosts by all a - dored!

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Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: *"Take, eat; this is My ~~✠~~body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: *"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ~~✠~~blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

(Tune: LSB 376)



Lamb of God, You are, Lord Je - sus. Take a -
way our sin, we pray. Lamb of God, You are, Lord
Je - sus. In Your mer - cy save, we pray. Lamb of
God, You set us free. Je - sus grant Your heav'n-ly peace.

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Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

Nunc Dimittis (Tune: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen")

C  Oh, thank the Lord and sing His praise,
What He has done proclaim!
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And proudly bear His name
Who leads His thankful people forth
His promises to claim.

Refrain: Oh, tidings of com - fort and joy, comfort and joy,
Oh, ti-dings of com - fort and joy!,

Lord, let Your servant go in peace,
 Your word has been fulfilled.
 My eyes have seen the saving work
 Which for the world You willed;
 The glory of Your chosen race
 As light for all revealed. *Refrain*

Oh, praise to God the Fa - ther,
 And praise to God the Son,
 And praise to God the Spi - rit.
 Most bless-ed Three in One,
 As 'twas, is now, and e'er shall be
 While endless ages run! *Refrain*

Collect

LSB 166

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, fount and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

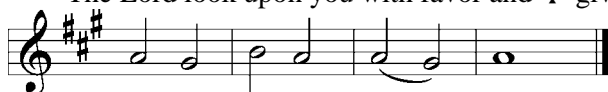
Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn # 365 "Away in a Manger"



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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