



PRAYER & PRAISE



CHURCH OF THE
SAVIOR

The First Week after Christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023



We're so glad you're here.



At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in “Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life.” We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Children are invited to sit with their families. Coloring pages are available. The Fireside Room will be open for anyone who needs extra space.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Pick up a loop in the livestream booth (the door to the right of the fireplace in the Fireside Room). An usher can guide you there. Noise cancelling headphones are available at the info table for those who might be sensitive to noise.

Today is the First Sunday after Christmas: We are still in the season of Christmas, which on the Christian calendar lasts for twelve days. The idea behind this extended Christmas celebration is that, after spending the four weeks of Advent longing for the arrival of our savior, we begin our celebration when Jesus arrives and then continue to celebrate for twelve days. Even if you're the person who tears down all the decorations on December 26th, it is worth taking these days to remember and celebrate that Jesus came to earth and into our lives.

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PRELUDE & WELCOME

Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude as you quiet your mind and prepare your heart for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her 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.

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Deacon: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All: Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

Deacon: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Christ candle and candles on the Holy Table are lit during the next song.

The Lord is My Light

*Theme I**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

*Theme II**



The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust.

**Both themes may be sung at the same time.*

Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord,
Our God, our Maker.
Come, let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord,
Our God, our Maker.
For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand,
Just the sheep of His hand.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

*Gloria,
in excelsis Deo;
Gloria,
in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings bel
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see,
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore, on bended knee,
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Holy Is His Name

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior.
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness,
And my name will be forever exalted.
For the mighty God has done great things for me,
And His mercy will reach from age to age.

*And holy, holy;
Holy is His name.*

He has mercy in ev'ry generation,
He has revealed His power and His glory.
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly.
He has come to help His servant Israel,
He remembers His promise to our fathers.

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

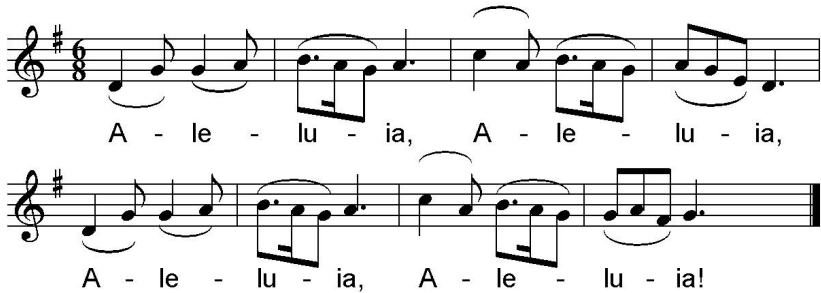
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

ALLELUIA

You may stand.



THE GOSPEL

LUKE 2:22-40

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²² When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

³³ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,³⁷ and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.³⁸ Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

HOMILY

The Light of the World

Sarah Lindsay
Pastor of Adult Formation

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Deacon: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Jesus, King of Angels

Solo, John Rakes
Pastor of Music and Worship

THE DOXOLOGY

You may stand.

Praise God, from whom all
bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Deacon: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be — your Name, your king - dom come, your
will — be done, on earth — as — in heav - en, Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we — for - give those who sin a - gainst us. —
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us — from e - vil. For the
king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours, — now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Deacon: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Deacon: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Ushers will release you row by row, beginning with the Fireside Room.

COMMUNION SONGS

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise;
Join the triumph of the skies.
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.

Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity;
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace,
Hail the Sun of righteousness.
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King.

Emmanuel God With Us

Go tell it on the mountain,
The one that we've been waiting for.
The King of our salvation;
Born on this day, our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere,
That we can be forgiven.
The weight of all our sin, He came to bear.

*Emmanuel, God with us.
Emmanuel, King Jesus.
The Savior of the world is born.
Emmanuel, God with us.
Emmanuel, King Jesus.
The Savior of the world is born.*

Go tell it on the mountain,
Humbly in a manger lay;
Mercy sent from heaven;
Angels fill the sky with highest praise.

Go tell it on the mountain,
This baby born of virgin birth;
The ruler of all nations;
The glory of our God has come to earth.

Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Deacon: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the new year,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come Worship with the Wise Men

On January 6, plan to stay after worship for a piece of rosca, the traditional “kings’ bread,” as we observe the kings’ worship of Jesus. We’ll have hot cocoa, too. (Need to run? Take a slice of rosca with you.) And if you find a small figure of baby Jesus in your rosca, save it in order to bring it back on February 3rd, when we celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children’s Worship: Children’s Worship will restart January 6th. We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children’s Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Youth Group Gatherings will resume January 27th. See you then! Future dates are: February 10th and 24th, March 9th, and April 6th and 20th.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Jean Ann Parker: jeanann@friendsofthesavior.org

Year end figures are not yet available.

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