



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“The Huron Carol”

arr. Martin

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Savior of the Nations, Come”

### OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: “The LORD has done great things for us,

C: **And we are filled with joy.**

P: Those who sow with tears

C: **Will reap with songs of joy.”**

P: In past weeks, we lit the candles of HOPE and PEACE. Today, we light the rose-colored candle of JOY as we remember our Savior is still with us in His Word and Sacraments.

C: **“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”** (*Psalms 16:11*).

P: “Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.” (*1 Peter 1:8*)

C: **“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”** (*Philippians 4:4*)

P: “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority before all time, now and forever.

C: **Amen.”** (*Jude 1:24-25*)

### RESPONSE “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*[Moment of silent confession]*

P: “For His anger lasts only a moment,

**C: but His favor lasts a lifetime.”**

P: The joy that we have in Christ is the greatest joy of all. Confidently anticipating His joy, we join in a shared confession of sins, with the firm knowledge that we will be forgiven of those sins. We confess together:

**C: We have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. We are unworthy of Your grace. Savior of the nations, come. Make our hearts Your home. Abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

P: Christ came to earth to save you. He died for your sins. “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” 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.**

P: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

**C: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

P: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

**C: Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry**

P: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**RESPONSE “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 [ESV]**

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL John 14:18-23 [ESV]**

P: Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight;

**C: Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Alleluia!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John:

**C: Glory to You, O Lord!**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH *from the Gospel of John***

R: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

**C: All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.**

R: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

R: He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him.

**C: He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.**

R: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God,

**C: Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.**

R: And 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.

**C: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

## SERMON HYMN “What Child is This”

## SERMON “THE KING WHO WILL COME IN JOY”

## OFFERING CONNECT

## OFFERTORY

“A Festive HYFRYDOL”

arr. Marie Rogers

*Piano*

## PRAYERS of the CHURCH

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

## THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Away in a Manger”

arr. Michael Costello

“Adeste Fidelis”

arr. John Biery

*Piano*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESS

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

## BENEDICTION

## NUNC DIMITTIS

## POSTLUDE

“In dulce jubilo”

arr. James Vivian

*Organ*



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