



10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday, January 5th

PRELUDE

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

arr. Angela Cross

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Songs of the Thankfulness and Praise”

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

C: **For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.**

P: And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

C: **And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.**

P: For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

C: **and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C: **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Merciful God, we confess that we live surrounded by the darkness of sin. Our lives are spent in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness by the light of Your Son’s saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Amen.**

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.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace shining down on us from above and for the salvation of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For revealing Your Son to the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace so that the Church of God would more brightly shine the light of the Gospel in the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who join us here to thank God for the unsearchable riches of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Enlighten us, encourage us, and keep us in the true faith that leads to eternal life.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE “O Savior of Our Fallen Race”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 7:10-14** [ESV]

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA VERSE

R: Alleluia. Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?

C: For we saw the star when it rose and have come to worship Him. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 [ESV]

R: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew:

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

HYMN “As With Gladness Men of Old”

SERMON “HE SHALL BE CALLED IMMANUEL”

OFFERING CONNECT

OFFERTORY

“We Three Kings”

arr. Mark Hayes

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, who became flesh and dwelt among us on earth, light in a dark world, so that we might dwell with Him in everlasting life and light. 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

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Piano

Marie Rogers

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Piano

arr. Thomas Berdos



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