



10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday, December 29th

PRELUDE

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: Amen.

P: Come, for God provided redeeming, in His covenant ordaining.

C: Christ is born, God’s love revealing. We are His eternally.

P: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C: in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: Great are the works of the LORD,

C: studied by all who delight in them.

P: Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C: and His righteousness endures forever.

P: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

C: the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P: He provides food for those who fear Him;

C: He remembers His covenant forever.

P: He has shown His people the power of His works,

C: in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

P: The works of His hands are faithful and just;

C: all His precepts are trustworthy;

P: they are established forever and ever,

C: to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

P: He sent redemption to His people;

C: He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

C: all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

P: Come, for God provided redeeming, in His covenant ordaining.

C: Christ is born, God's love revealing. We are His eternally.

P: People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C: Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not lived our lives fully in the freedom won for us by our Lord. We have not always shared the bounty You have given us as stewards of Your creation. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. 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: The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

C: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

P: The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Isaiah 62:10-12** [ESV]

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA VERSE

R: Alleluia! Behold your salvation comes;

C: His reward is with him, and his recompense before him. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 2:15-20** [ESV]

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

HYMN "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

SERMON "GO AND TELL"

OFFERING CONNECT

OFFERTORY “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the gift of peace that flows freely through Your Son, who left His heavenly throne to become the firstborn of Mary. He would die once for all for the sins of the world before rising to life again. Because of His perfect life, death, and resurrection, You clothe us with Christ in our Baptism and nourish us through His Word and this Sacrament of His body and blood. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

C: **Amen.**

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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CLOSING HYMN “Joy to the World”

POSTLUDE



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