

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and His name shall be called



Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God,  
The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

CHRISTMAS DAY 2019 - 10:00 A.M.  
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# LESSONS AND CAROLS WORSHIP SERVICE

(\* = Please stand as you are able)

Prelude "Medley of Carols" (B. Hayes)

Welcome

## \*Gathering Song

"O Come All Ye Faithful" ELW #283; vss. 1 & 4

1 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!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

## \*Christmas Dialogue

L.: Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God, you were before time began and came into the world to save us.

C: Blessed are you, Sun of Righteousness, you shine with the Father's love and illumine the whole universe.

L: Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child, you shared our humanity.

**C: Let heaven and earth ring out their praise.**

L: O Mystery of the Word made flesh, with all the voices of heaven, we celebrate your coming as our Savior.

**C: Let men and women and angels sing of your glory.**

L: O Splendor the Father's Light, with all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at your birth.

**C: Praise and honor and glory to you, O Incarnate Word.**

### **Opening Prayer**

L : The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **\* Opening Prayer**

**First Reading:** Genesis 1:1-5, 14-15

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

14 And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so.

**First Carol “I Wonder As I Wander” WOV #642; vss. 1 & 3**

**1. I wonder as I wander out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.  
For poor on'ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.**

**2. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God’s angels in heav’n to sing,  
He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.**

**Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of  
the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

## Second Carol

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

ELW #272; vss. 1-2

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
as seers of old have sung,  
it came, a flow'r so bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.

2 Isaiah had foretold it,  
the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night.

## Third Reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a

virgin?’ <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

### **Third Carol “The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came”**

**ELW #265; vss. 1 & 4**

**1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

### **Fourth Reading: Luke 2:8-20**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!’

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

#### **Fourth Carol “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”**

**ELW #275; vss. 1-2**

**1 Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
once you sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

**2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.**

#### **Fifth Reading: John 1:1-5, 10-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into

being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

### **Fifth Carol "Of The Father's Love Begotten"**

**ELW #295; vss. 1-2**

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.**
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.**

**Reflection**

**Pastor Mark Perry**

**Responsive Carol “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”**

**ELW #295; vs. 5**

**5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be:  
honor, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory  
evermore and evermore! Amen.**

**Responsive Prayer**

**L: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.**

**All: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

**L: In his light, draw all to the manger**

**All: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

**L: In his light, draw all to the manger**

**All: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.**

**L: In his light, draw all to the manger**

**All: to sing for joy with the angels.**

**L: In the brightness of his life**

**All: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and  
hunger in the world.**

*(Other petitions and praises may be added here)*

**L: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.**

**All: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.  
Amen.**

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

### **Offering**

**Offering Music "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" (Polish Carol)**

### **\* Offertory Prayer**

**L: God with us:**

**You came as a baby to a manger.**

**You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.**

**You come again in bread and wine.**

**Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.**

**And then, through these gifts,**

**help us to bless the lives of others**

**in the strength of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

### **\* Holy Communion / Words of Institution**

### **\* The Lord's Prayer**

**Distribution (around the Altar)**

**Music During Communion:**

**"Lamb of God"**

**ELW pg. 146**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

**"Away in a Manger"**

**ELW #277**

- 1** Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
  
- 2** The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
  
- 3** Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

**"What Child Is This"**

**ELW #296**

- 1** What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!
  
- 2** Why lies he in such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

**3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
the babe, the son of Mary**

**\* Post-Communion Prayer**

**P: Emmanuel, God with us,  
you grace us with life and breath  
and give us bread for the journey.  
Send us out in service to this world that you love,  
telling the amazing news of your coming  
to be Savior and Lord of all.  
Amen.**

**\* Blessing**

**May Christ, who by his incarnation  
has filled us with grace and truth,  
give you peace this Christmas and always.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Sending Song “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

**ELW #288; vss. 1 & 3**

**1 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,**

and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

**3 Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!**

**Dismissal**

**L: Glory to God in the highest!**

**All: Peace to God's people on earth!**

**L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude        "Voluntary on Sending Hymn" (B. Hayes)**