

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2022

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news to everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Presider: We are a people who have walked in deep darkness
People: We come this night, seeking to be a people who have seen a great light.
Presider: Light comes to us on this holiest of nights.
People: The light of a small babe, the light of a bright star
Presider: The light of God's love
People: Shinning for all the earth
Presider: Come and see.....the child has been born! Lights are shining!

GATHERING HYMN CP # 118 O Come All Ye Faithful

Presider: God who sends the Light into our world, who shines in the Bethlehem manger, and who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all.
People: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Throughout this season we have lived, waited, and remembered the hope, peace, joy, and love of God found in Christ. Tonight we gather together and light candles in honour of the Christ Child. the light of new life burst forth. We light this candle for Christ.
People: On this night, we remember God has come in the Christ Child.

ADVENT SONG We Lift the Light of Hope – verse 5

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together the prayer of the day.....
People: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

STORY

Reading Isaiah 9: 2-7

ACCLAMATION HYMN ELW # 277 Away in a Manger Vs 1,2

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke
People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.
Luke 2: 1-14 [15-20]

Presider: The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

ACCLAMATION HYMN ELW # 277 Away in a Manger – Vs 3

RESPONDING

Homily: Pastor Lori

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW # 282 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN – ELW # 270 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

BLESS AND BREAK

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth..... to sing their unending hymn:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Holy God, our Source and Ending, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks to you!.....the name of Emmanuel – God – With - Us:

People: Amen.

Presider: And now as Jesus has taught us, let us pray singing:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

SHARING

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People: God here among us, Light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

Presider: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for us.

People: Thanks be to God

AGNUS DEI Lamb of God – ACS pg 40

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW # 274 On Christmas Night

ELW # 279 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Leader: Prayer after Communion

People: Amen. Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLE – ELW # 281 Silent Night

During the singing the sides people will bring the Light of Christ to the person sitting on the aisle, to be passed on to others in your pew. Please have your tapers ready

BLESSING

NEWS AND EVENTS

SENDING HYMN – ELW # 267 Joy to the World

Leader: Christ the Saviour is born! Go in peace, proclaim the good news.

People: Thanks be to God.

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