

Joy to the World



On the traditional land of the Semiahmoo

the Parish of St. Mark

O C E A N  P A R K

December 25, 2025, 10am

The Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day

Welcome!



This morning in worship...

Merry Christmas!

We join Followers of Jesus around the world in celebrating the birth of Jesus. Jesus is the promised healer of the world, who has come to make all things new.

In Jesus we have light so that we can see light.

In Jesus we have a glimpse into the coming Kingdom of God; a kingdom of justice, peace, and joy. May your heart be fed by the one who came to us in a manger.

Today's Scripture

From Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett.

Isaiah 9:2-7 This familiar passage, uttered in the 8th century BC by the first author of Isaiah foretells a divine kingship derived from the dynasty of King David, and blessed by God. It ushers in the notion of a messianic kingship.

Titus 2:11-14 Titus, left by Paul in Crete to build up the church there, is ordered to encourage the Christians to live their lives according to the highest moral standards.

Luke 2:1-14 This is Luke's account of the birth of Jesus, and the angelic visitation to the shepherds telling of the birth of the Messiah.

Next Sunday December 28

Christmas 1: Christmas Lessons and Carols

Michael Klaver presides and **Sarah Autio** preaches.

O COME
LET US ADORE
HIM



the Gathering of the Community & the Proclamation of the Word

Common Praise 118

**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,
Christ the Lord.*

**God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created:**

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:**

**Yea, Lord we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are
hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God whose Word became flesh,
**breathe a new song of joy and praise
into the world, so that we may bear
the good news of your salvation and
proclaim your promise of peace to the
ends of the earth; through Christ the
Word. Amen.**

The Book of the Prophet Isaiah (9:2-7).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalm 96

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless the divine name;

proclaim the good news of our salvation from day to day.

Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations

and the wonders of God among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,

more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

but it is you, O Lord, who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of your presence!

Oh, the power and the splendour of your sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;

ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due the divine name;

bring offerings and come into the courts of the Lord.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

let the whole earth tremble before God.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord reigns!

The Lord who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved

will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the Lord who is coming,

who is coming to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with truth.

The Letter of Paul to Titus (2:11-14).

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

Glorify to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:1-14

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. Who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. Who descended to the dead. Who, on the third day, rose again. Who ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Who will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Confession & Absolution

Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

*Come,
and
worship.*



the Celebration of the Eucharist

We collect our tithes and offerings and present them to the Lord. We give thanks to God for your generosity to the ministry of this community. You can give using an envelope, by signing up to our Pre-Authorized Debit program, or by using the terminal in the foyer. **Today we use Eucharistic Prayer 3 on page 198.**

Common Praise 135

**Shepherds in the field abiding,
tell us, when the seraph bright
greeted you with wondrous tiding,
what you saw and heard that night.**

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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**We beheld (it is no fable),
God incarnate, King of bliss,
swathed and cradled in a stable,
and the angel strain was this:**

**Choristers on high were singing
Jesus and his virgin birth,
heavenly bells the while a-ringing,
"Peace, good will to all on earth."**

**Thanks, good shepherds,
true your story;
let us go to Bethlehem.
Angels hymn the King of glory;
carol we with you and them.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest continues in prayer.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes,

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues in prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**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. 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 for ever. Amen.

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

God here among us,

light in the midst of us,

bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the Children of God.

Thanks be to God.

All are invited to receive Communion.

*If you would like to learn more about baptism, please connect with the minister.
Prayer for healing is offered during communion on either side of the sanctuary.*

Common Praise 126

**Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus,
no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus -
look down from on high
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh.**

**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.**

Common Praise 153

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Listen now 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!**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this;
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this.**

**Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all!
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save!**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Common Praise 143

**Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:**

*come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born king.*

**Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:**

**Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:**

**Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:**

**Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:**

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