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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* **GOD**

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2019

11:00 P.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: "Carols of the Manger" Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

No. 90 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*stanza 1: Chamber Choir
stanzas 2-5: Congregation*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE Lizzie Young; Christy and Keith Young

✦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him,
and without him was not any thing made that was made.
In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light,
that all might believe through him.
He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

**The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world.**

He was in the world, and the world was made through him,
yet the world did not know him.
He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

**But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God,**

who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh
nor of the will of man, but of God.

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**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!**

✦INVOCATION (*please raise hands*)

CHORAL MEDITATION: "O Magnum Mysterium" Morten Lauridsen

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia
Viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio. O beata Virgo,
Cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

*O great and wonderful mystery, that beasts should see the new-born
Lord lying in a manger. O blessed virgin, whose body was chosen
To bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD. Gerry Peak

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 176

“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor” . . . QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON. Luke 2:22-35
(page 857 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: The Ordinary People of Christmas: Simeon George Robertson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the Lord’s table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. All communion wafers are gluten free.

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH. The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father, who sent Your one and only Son
to bear the sin of the world
and to bring life and light to sinners far and wide,
we confess our need of Your gracious and forgiving love,
for we have violated Your commandments
by our thoughts, words, and deeds,
and we are without excuse.
On this holy night, we cast our sins upon Jesus
and pray that You would heal us of our guilt and shame
and of our wandering hearts,
that we may serve You with glad obedience,
to the everlasting glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Galatians 4:4-5

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will
serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing
the hymn printed in bold below.*

“Away in a Manger” Ola Gjeilo

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.
The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Lizzie Young, soloist

“What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES

**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.
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.
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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF CHRIST’S BIRTH: “Silent Night! Holy Night!” STILLE NACHT

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav’nly hosts sings alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

♠HYMN OF JOY: “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” ANTIOCH

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Joy to the World” Michael Dell

♠Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

*Instrumentalists: Diane Cohen and Lori Gilbert, violin; Greg Morris, viola;
Alissa Horn, cello; Molly O’Roark, harp; Samuel Metzger, organ*

Worship with Us on Sundays

Thank you for worshipping with us tonight. We invite you to join us
each Sunday at 8:15 or 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Visit 2pc.org for more information about our church. Merry Christmas!