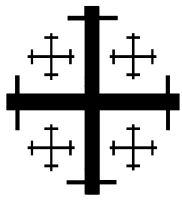


# First Sunday of Christmas

**29 December 2024**

**9:30 am**





# The Liturgy at Calvary

**On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.**

## PRELUDE

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Please stand and face the Baptismal Font*

### Emmanuel

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,  
His name is called Em - man - u - el;  
God with us, re - vealed in us;  
His name is called Em - man - u - el.

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- L As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you (Colossians 3:12-13).

*Silence is kept for confession and reflection*

**C** May the peace of Christ rule in my heart that I might be thankful. May the word of Christ dwell in me richly that I might be wise. And whatever I do, whether in word or deed, may I do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:14-17).

**L** "How good it is to sing praises to our God, for the Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; whose understanding has no limit. Praise the LORD" (Psalm 147:1,3,5).

*Reprise Emmanuel*

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

## KYRIE ELEISON [Greek, LORD HAVE MERCY]

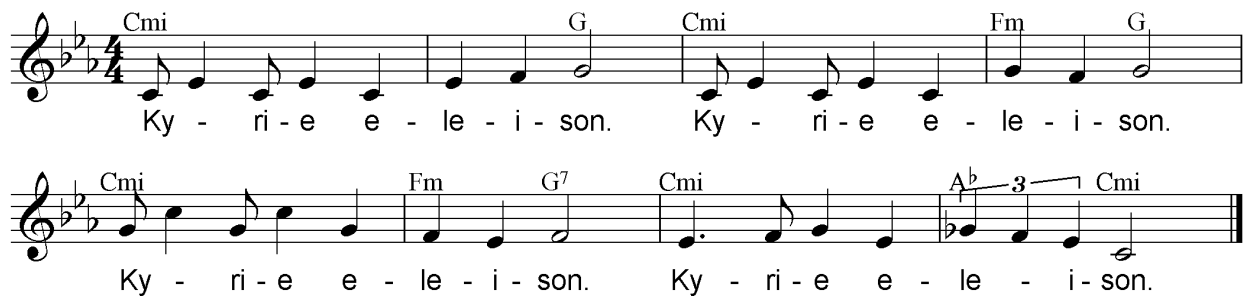
**All**

Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison hymn. The first staff contains the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." with musical notes and chords (Cmi, G, Cmi, Fm, G). The second staff contains the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." with musical notes and chords (Cmi, Fm, G7, Cmi, Ab3, Cmi).

**Cantor**

Musical notation for the Cantor's part of the Kyrie Eleison hymn. The first staff contains the lyrics "For peace in the world, for the health of the church for the un - i - ty of all;" with musical notes. The second staff contains the lyrics "for this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:" with musical notes.

## All



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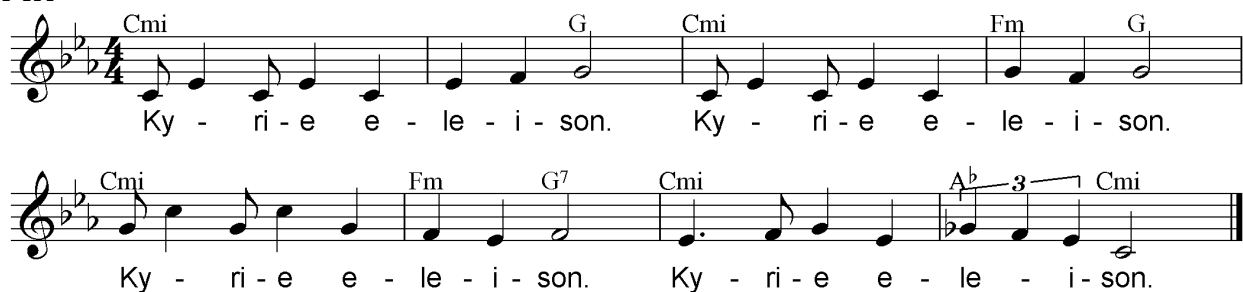
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## Cantor



For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for Spir - it kind - led love;  
for our life in Christ, which fills us with joy, let us pray to the Lord:

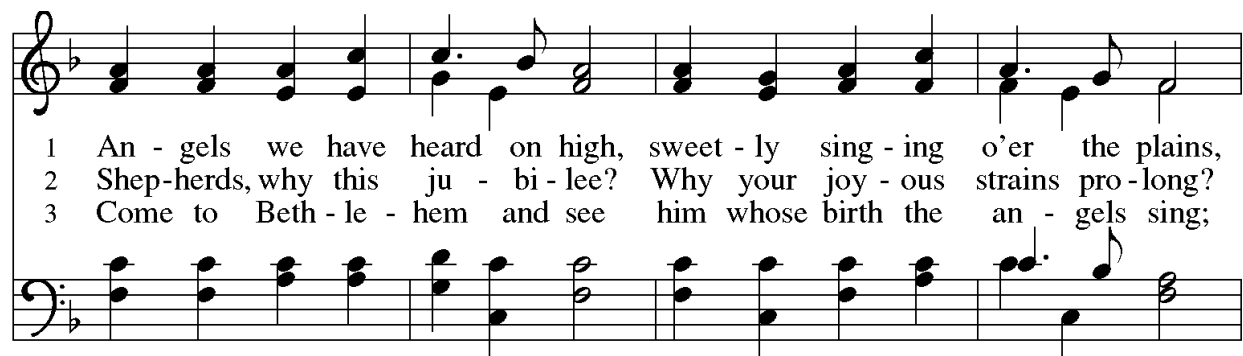
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## HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria in excelsis* (ELW 289)



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Please sit for today's readings from scripture*

### **First Reading      1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

<sup>18</sup>Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup>His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup>Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup>Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 148    *All Creatures, Worship God Most High (ELW 835)***



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623. Text © 1997. Augsburg Fortress.

## Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

## **ALLELUIA & GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS**

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

hal - le hal - le ha - le lu -

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

## **C Glory to you, Oh Lord**

### **Gospel St. Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my



Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P The Gospel of Our Lord

**C Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

*Pr. Kyle Symanski*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## *What Child Is This (ELW 296)*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898. Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16<sup>th</sup> cent.

## **CREED**

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God.

**ALL We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Instrumental Intro

In the si-lence Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the still-ness Lord, Hear our prayer.

Our spo-ken words, our si-lent thoughts:

these we hum-bly share.

In this mo-ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

*after each prayer petition*

**A** Lord in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*concluding with*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please show one another a sign of peace*

**OFFERTORY** *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*  
Arr. David Nevue, b. 1965



## Two Ways to Give

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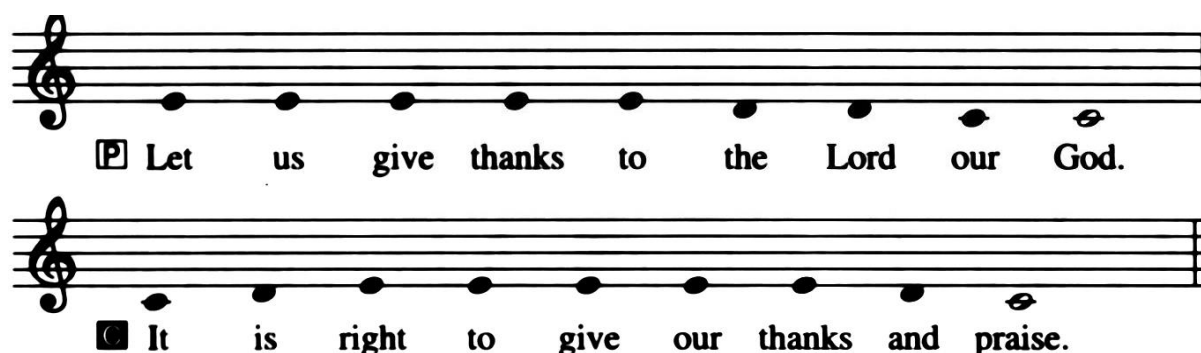
*Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:*

We lift our voices. We lift our hearts, we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our  
hearts. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we  
give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices we lift our hearts, we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an offering. We are an offering.

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first  
given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions,  
signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake  
of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And also with you.**  
**☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.**



P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You so loved the world that you sent your only Son, your word made flesh to live among us and to open to us the way of your abundant life.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS [Latin, HOLY & BLESSED]

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### *Eucharistic Acclamation*

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the lyrics: "We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we". The second staff contains the lyrics: "break this bread and share this\_ cup un - til you come a - gain." Above the notes are chord symbols: C, G7, Am, F, G7, C, F, G7, C.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

## AGNUS DEI [Latin, **LAMB OF GOD**]

Four staves of musical notation in treble clef, 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The notation includes various note values and rests.



## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**In-Person:** We will commune by continuous line. We will commune the pulpit side first. You will be ushered up in small groups to receive bread from the Pastor and then an individual cup from the tray.

**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to commune each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing:  
"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

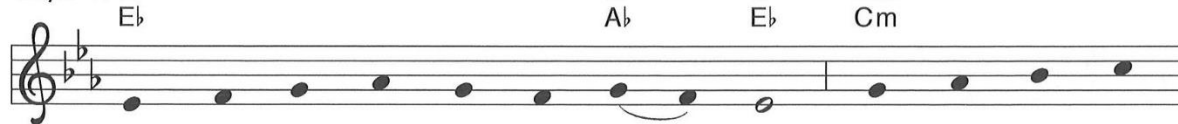
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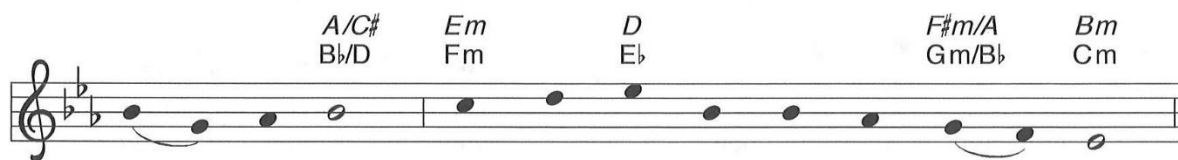
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## Of the Father's Love Begotten

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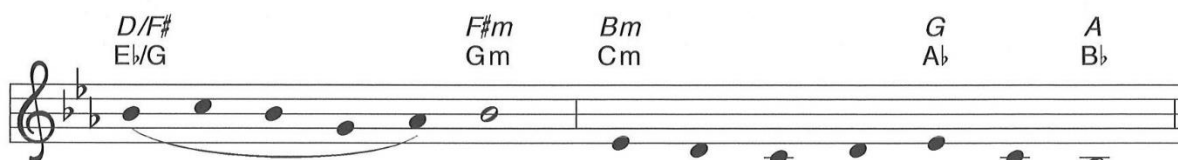
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -  
 prom-ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

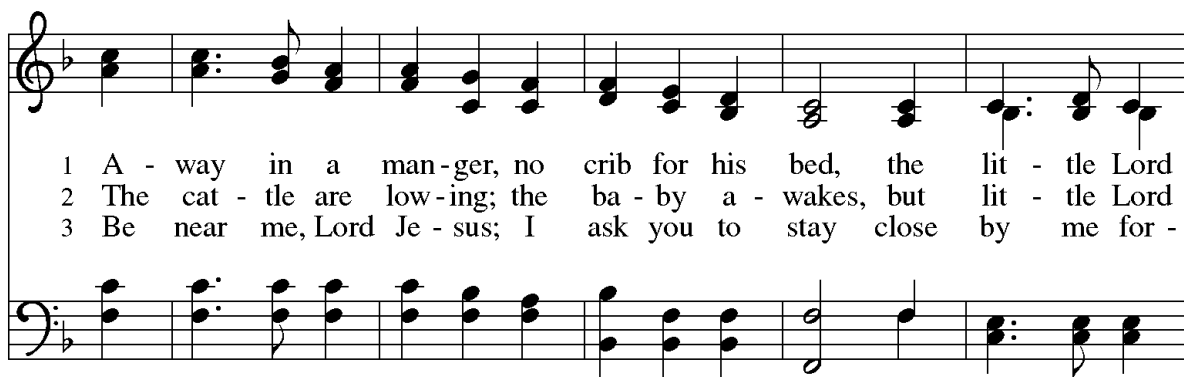


have deem - been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
 pect - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 si - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 min - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry

Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–413; tr. composite  
 Music: Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.

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## Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
 2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.  
 Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
 and keep you in God's grace.

**C** **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise;\_ tell ev-ery  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and  
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Send us with your  
prom-is-es, O God, and lead us forth with joy! With -  
shouts of thanks-giv-ing, A-men, A-men; With -  
shouts of thanks-giv-ing A-men! A-men!

**A** Let us pray... God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

**C Amen**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

*Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** *Go Tell it on the Mountain*  
Arr. Michael Hassell

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 Karen Moxley, *violin, vocals* David Lakota, *bass*  
 Christy Gibson, Pete Moxley, *vocals*  
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 Blake Kitch, Charles Denison, *percussion, vocals*

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## **Commemorations This Week**

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### **Name of Jesus**

#### **Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

By Jewish law, every baby boy was circumcised and named on the eighth day of life, so on the eighth day of Christmas the church celebrates this event in Jesus' life. The keeping of the covenant as well as Jesus' name are signs of God's salvation given to us through him.

### **Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church, died 1872**

#### **Thursday, January 2, 2025**

Loehe was a pastor in nineteenth-century Germany. Loehe's chief concern was that a congregation find its life in the holy communion, and from that source evangelism and social ministries would flow. He sent pastors to North America, Australia, New Guinea, Brazil, and Ukraine.

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