

# Holy Communion

## Nativity of Our Lord



*Christmas Day*  
December 25, 2021 + 10:00 a.m.

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*Exploring the promise of God for all*

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*The Holy Spirit gathers  
us in unity on this day of  
Christ's birth*

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"What is This Lovely Fragrance"

arr. Paul Manz

*(Please stand at the sound of the bell)*

### OPENING SENTENCES

**P** For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

**AU** **Authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**P** His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace

**AU** **for the throne of David and his kingdom.**

**P** He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness

**AU** **From this time onward and forevermore.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**AU** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

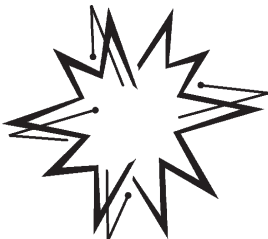
Almighty God, you gave us your beloved Son to embody human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace, enfold us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**AU** **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn 283  
Stanzas 1 & 4



*God speaks to us in  
scripture reading,  
preaching,  
and song*

## WORD

John 1:1-18

### GOSPEL

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**A** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>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>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<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. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**A** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

### SERMON

*(Please stand)*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Of The Father's Love Begotten"

Hymn 295  
Stanzas 1, 3, 5

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** Rejoicing and reverent, we pray for the church, the world and all those in need.

*Each petition concludes:  
God who is with us,*

- A** **Hear our prayer.**



*God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ*

- P** Into your hands gracious God we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise to hear our prayers.  
**A1** Amen.

## MEAL

### PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**A1** And also with you.

*(Please remain standing)*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**A1** And also with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**A1** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**A1** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life. . .  
. . . Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.  
**A1** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**A1** 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 forever. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

### COMMUNION

*(Please stand)*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Let us pray.  
We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.

*God blesses and sends us  
in mission to the world*



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MINNEAPOLIS

As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**A1** Amen.

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION

**P** May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the determination of the magi,  
and the peace of the Christ child.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son,  
and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**A1** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn 270

### DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**A1** Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

"Finale" from the Symphony No. 6

Charles-Marie Widor

## SERVING TODAY

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