



## EVENING PRAYER

Saturday, January 1, 2022

5:00 p.m.

### PRELUDE

Settings of "In dulci jubilo"

Johann Sebastian Bach, Andreas Buttstedt

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

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

**All** Amen.

**P** Merciful God,

**All** we confess that we are not perfect.

**We have said and done things we regret.**

**We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,  
while denying it to others.**

**We have resisted your call  
to be your voice in the world.**

**Forgive us, loving God.**

**Give us your righteousness,  
the strength to put aside our failures,  
and the courage to try again. Amen.**

**P** Dear people of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born!

You are loved and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us.

You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,  
because God's love is given to you  
as the most precious gift of all.

Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.

**All** Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 278

“Away in a Manger”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the book of Philippians:

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death —  
even death on a cross.  
<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord,

**AI** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*Hymn 279*

*Stanzas 1 and 2*

*(Please stand)*

GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

**AI** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**AI** Praise to you, O Christ.

SHARED REFLECTIONS ON THIS NEW YEAR’S DAY

*(Please stand)*

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.

**AI** Hear our prayer.

**P** Receiving the fulfillment of a savior born this night, we offer thanks and praise to you – our God who keeps promises and hears our prayers. For this, we are your faithful and grateful people,

**All** **Amen.**

#### PEACE

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

**All** **And also with you.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **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.

**All** **Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**All** **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

Dance Prelude on “Love Has Come”

Christopher Uehlein

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus’ name we pray.

**AI** Amen.

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.

**AI** Amen

CLOSING HYMN

“Love Has Come”

*Hymn 292*

DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Your light has come.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Meditation on “What Child is This”

Vince Guaraldi

PREACHING Pastor Peter Nycklemoe  
ASSISTING Pat Hansen  
ORGANIST Tim Short  
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