

Worship Bulletin for Sunday, January 3, 2021 – 9:30am  
THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE     *Angels from the Realms of Glory* by Mark Thompson  
              *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* by Dani Lemieux

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN           He Came Down (ELW# 253)

- 1 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 2 He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 3 He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 4 He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.  
hallelujah forevermore.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

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

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: The light has come into the world and no darkness can overcome it. Let us confess our need for God's mercy.

*(A time for personal confession and reflection.)*

P: God of Peace,

**C: we confess that we are not at peace— with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in the world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace for you this night: in the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

**C: Amen.**

### **SHARING A SIGN OF GOD'S PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you!**

P: The Light has come into the world! Christ is Born; Alleluia, alleluia! 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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

**All : 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. Amen.**

### **KYRIE**

**Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (v.1-2) ELW #272**

**1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
as seers of old have sung,  
it came, a flow'r so bright,  
amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.**

**2 Isaiah had foretold it,  
the rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Angels We Have Heard on High (ELW #289)**

**1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.**

#### ***Refrain***

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.**

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING** Psalm 2

**GOSPEL** Luke 2: 41-52

**MESSAGE** Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *The First Noel* (ELW #300 vs 1,2,4) Tammy Funk, Dean Ramberg

1 The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain*

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

4 This star drew near to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain x 2*

**APOSTLES CREED**

**BLESSINGS OF THE HOUSEHOLDS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition..* P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

**GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN**            *O Holy Night* by Creator Youth

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Good and loving God,

**C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**        **Joy to the World** by Tammy Funk and Dean Ramberg (ELW #267)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry 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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING AND SANTUS**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**POST- COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**POST- COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Great and saving God,

**C: you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, help us to proclaim all that we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD**

**BLESSING**

P: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain* by Dean Ramberg

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