

Christmas Day

“We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

-John 1:14



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
December 25, 2014



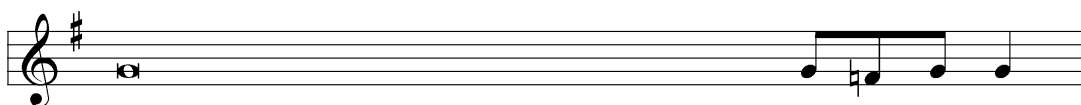
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

WELCOME

HYMN

Let All Together Praise Our God
Christian Worship #41

Please stand



M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.



Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.



Christ, have mer - cy on us.

C: But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

Christian Worship #64



1. Let us all with glad - some voice Praise the God of heav - en,
2. To this vale of tears he comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,
3. We are rich, for he was poor; Is not this a won - der?
4. O Lord Christ, our Sav - ior dear, Bless us and be near us.

Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son has giv - en.
That with him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There - fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your one and only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:18-23, 34:5-7

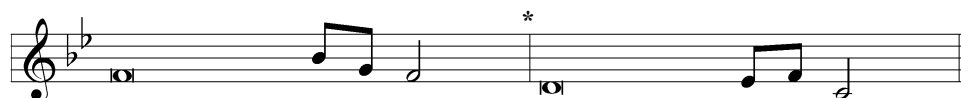
Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

Refrain



Psalm Tone



M: Sing to the LORD a / new song,*
C: for he has done mar- / velous things.

M: The LORD has made his sal- / vation known*
C: and revealed his righteousness to the /
nations.

M: He has remembered his love and his
faithfulness to the house of / Israel;*
C: all the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation / of our God.

M: make music to the LORD / with the harp,*
C: with the harp and the sound of / singing.

M: Shout for joy before the / LORD, the King.*
C: He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with / equity.

All: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,*
C: burst into jubilant song with / music;

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son;

Hebrews 1:1-9

today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

WORSHIP CHOIR

The First Noel / Pachelbel's Canon Musical Arrangement by Michael Clawson

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

*For all to see there was a star shining in the east beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light, and it continued both day and night.*

Please stand

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

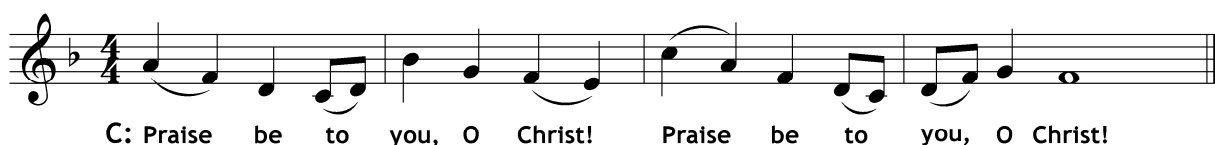
After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who

received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' " From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Christian Worship #35

SERMON

Exodus 33:18-23, 34:5-7
Get a Glimpse of God's Glory

Please stand

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Christian Worship #61

Please be seated

OFFERING *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Mary Did You Know
Arr. by Koiné
Vocalist: Erin Pigeon, Piano: Elaine Goldie

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: On this holy day, dear Father, we rejoice to hear the good news of great joy that a Savior has been born for us. For fulfilling your prophecies and in the fullness of time sending your Son to be our Savior, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.

C: To us a child is born! To us a Son is given.

- M: What a great mystery of our faith is this: that God has become fully human for our salvation! Even though he is the all-powerful Lord of all, he is wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.
- C: Help us always believe that this precious child was born as our substitute to be our Savior.
- M: In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the shepherds spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior born for all the world, may we also make use of the unique opportunities this holiday presents to tell others of what we have seen and heard concerning the child.
- C: Grant that the true peace between God and fallen mankind may comfort all people.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring your our private petitions.

Silent Prayer.

- M: As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts.
- C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

A Great and Mighty Wonder
Christian Worship #36

Please stand

- M: Dear Lord, we rejoice that you have allowed us again to meditate upon and to celebrate the joyous message of Christmas. Grant that our attention to the Christ Child may be more than a seasonal attraction or a sentimental novelty. Rather, let the message of the salvation which he came to bring find ready acceptance in our hearts and in the hearts of others for the eternal benefit of our souls, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
- C: Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World
Christian Worship #62

POSTLUDE

Various Carols of the Christ Child

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke Accompanist Teri Guenther
Brass Ensemble Director Missy Wiechmann
Trumpets Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Pastor Ron Koehler, Tyler Koehler
Trombone..... John Rayman
Baritone..... Eileen Rayman
French Horn..... Cora Stuhr
Handbell Choir Directors Melissa Newbrey & Beth Kassulke
Handbell Choir Teri Guenther, Missy Wiechmann, Dylan Guenther, Gloria Gerdtts,
Karen Grorud, Donna Malchow, Tina Christianson, Cora Stuhr and Greg Grorud
Worship Choir Director..... Teri Guenther
Offertory Music Erin Pigeon & Elaine Goldie
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Have a Blessed Christmas!
Thank you for joining us for worship this Christmas Day. We hope and pray that the joy of this day will be yours throughout the season, in the New Year, and throughout your life. If you are a guest with us today and do not have a church home, we would consider it a special privilege to share God’s Word with you on a regular basis. Please take a guest packet from the table near the exit to learn more about Grace and the ministries God has allowed us to undertake.

Please join us for a New Year’s Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, December 31 at 6:30 PM.

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

At Grace-Benson
451 W. Duane St

7:30 AM Worship Service

At Grace-Tucson
830 N. First Avenue

7:45 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM Worship Service

At Grace-Sahuarita
17675 S. La Canada Dr

9:45 AM Worship Service

At Grace-Vail
Worshiping at Esmond Station School
9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way

10:00 AM Worship Service

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