

L: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to sing for joy with the angels.

L: In the brightness of his life

C: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

L: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Distribution

Blessing

L: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C: Praise God, all creatures here below!

L: You are the shepherds telling the story.

C: We tell it in the streets and across the land.

L: You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

C: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

L: You are the angels announcing peace.

C: We live with joy and go now in peace.

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" LBW #55

Dismissal

"Alleluia"



DECEMBER 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas

Gathering Song

"Joy To The World" LBW #39, vv. 1-2

Dialogue

L: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

L: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

L: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

L: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

L: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

Opening Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray: Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts.

C: Amen.

First reading: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

"I Wonder as I Wander"

**I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.**

Second reading: Micah 5:2-5a

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**

Third reading: Luke 1:26-35, 38

“What Child Is This”

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!**

Fourth reading: Matthew 1:18-25

“From Heaven Above”

**From heav’n above to earth I come
To bring good news to ev’ryone!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To all the world, and gladly sing.**

Fifth reading: Luke 2:8-20

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

**Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story;
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.**

Sixth reading: Matthew 2:1-11

“We Three Kings”

**We three kings of Orient are:
Bearing gifts we traverse afar—
Field and fountain, moor and mountain—
Following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

Seventh reading: John 1:1-14

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

**Of the Father’s love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore. Amen**

The Message

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory

Responsive Prayer

L: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

L: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

L: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

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