

WONDER

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 8:00 AM

GATHERING

Christy Perkey, pianist

WELCOME

Heather Harriss

**God of Advent hope, we come to this place seeking your peace.
May it be so. Amen.**

PRELUDE

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COLORS

Mark 1

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Matthew 5:14-16

**O Holy God of Bethlehem,
help us to keep awake and be ready for your birth in our world and in our hearts. Amen.**

**Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.**

CRADLE SONG

**Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.
One candle is lit for the hope of the age.**

NATIVITY SCENE

Luke 2

**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.**

POINSETTIA

Matthew 6

**O Holy God of Bethlehem,
help us to keep awake and be ready for your birth in our world and in our hearts. Amen.**

CHRISMON TREE

Deuteronomy 6

**O Holy God of Bethlehem,
help us to keep awake and be ready for your birth in our world and in our hearts. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Paul Purdue

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, * who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native tongue and address God, who is beyond gender, with names that speak to your heart: "Our Mother", "Our Creator", "Holy Parent", or other titles that honor God's love, presence, and goodness.

BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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†DOXOLOGY

HYFRYDOL

**Longing for a hope to live by, yearning for a peace that's fair.
Wanting joy that ends all outcry, wanting love to banish fear.
We bring gifts to set before you, trusting that your advent brings
life in all abundant fullness, hope that soars on eagle's wings.**

†THE EVERGREENS

Isaiah 60:13

**O Holy God of Bethlehem,
help us to keep awake and be ready for your birth in our world and in our hearts. Amen.**

†HANGING THE GREENS

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?
With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.
How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?
With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.
How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?
With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.
How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.

For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God.

We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice,
and peace for all of creation.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated and remain silent until the conclusion of the postlude.

†POSTLUDE

Exits are located in all 4 corners of the sanctuary. Please move outdoors to greet one another.

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

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Gayle Sullivan, Director of Music Ministries

Kim Sheehan and Bill Haire, readers

Lindsay and Keith Sheehan, Nativity bearers

Bruce Williams, Worship/Tech Coordinator

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