

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

PRELUDE

Prelude on DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
(Ken Stoops, organ)

T.F.H. Candlyn

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Pasek and Paul from Dear Evan Hansen

*Even when the dark comes crashing through / When you need a friend to carry you
When you're broken on the ground / You will be found
So let the sun come streaming in / You'll reach up and rise again
Lift your head and look around / You will be found*

Celebrant:

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

People:

**In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the
desert a highway for our God.**

OPENING HYMN

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

The Hymnal 1982 #265

All rise.

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al
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Trinity Kids are now invited to join their teachers in the rear of the church for Sunday School in the Clubhouse!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

MICAH 5:2-5a

Reader: A reading from the Book of Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
 then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15,

setting in *Psalms for All Seasons*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: D/F#, D, G, D. Lyrics: 1 My soul is filled with joy as I; 2 I am low - ly as a child, but I; 3 I pro-claim the power of God, you do.

System 2: Chords: G, D, G, D. Lyrics: sing to God my Sav - ior; you have looked up - on your know from this day for - ward that my name will be re - mar - vels for your ser - vants; though you scat - ter the proud -

System 3: Chords: Bm, Bm7/A, G, Em. Lyrics: ser - vant, you have vis - i - ted your peo - ple. mem - bered, for all will call me bless - ed. heart - ed, and de - stroy the might of princ - es.

Refrain: Chords: D, G, D, G. Lyrics: And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -

D G D Bm Bm7/A
 a-tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer-cy to the
 G Em D G
 peo - ple you have cho-sen, and ho - ly is your
 D G D
 name. (last time)

4 To the hungry you give food,
 send the rich away__ empty.
 In your mercy you are mindful
 of the people you have chosen.
Refrain

5 In your love you now fulfill
 what you promised to your people.
 I will praise you Lord, my Savior,
 everlasting is your mercy.
Refrain

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THE SECOND READING

HEBREWS 10:5-10

Reader: A reading from the Book of Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

sequence

Thy Word is a Lamp

Augsburg Hymns for Worship

All are invited to join.

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're right there beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near, please be with me 'til the end
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 1:39-55

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,
(please join the Deacon Meribah in reciting the Magnificat)

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

sermon

The Rev. Deacon Meribah Mansfield

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Emily Williams Guffey

- Leader* Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim: Awaken hope and kindle our longing for your return. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free: Release us from our sins and fears, that we may live in your light and truth. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* O come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind. Dissolve our sad divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Comfort all who sit in the darkness of illness, grief, or distress, especially those we now name: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those in need.)* Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer, especially those we now name: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those who have died.)* May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* With the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy, let us name the blessings of our lives: *(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, prayers of thanksgiving.)* You have lifted up our lowliness in many marvelous ways. Lord, in your mercy
- People* **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

People: God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. **Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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OFFERTORY

*Gospel Magnificat
(Kim Buehler and the Trinity Choir)*

Patty Drennan

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE ✠

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language Version)

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

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again with power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

The Sound of My People by Roger Holland III

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na, ho-san -
na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san -
na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your people; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION: BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the people of God; holy food for holy people.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Please be seated until you are invited to come forward to receive communion. We offer both bread and **non-alcoholic wine** at the time of communion. **BREAD**- please extend your hands to receive a piece of bread (or ask for a gluten-free cracker) **WINE**- we ask that you drink from the chalice as it is offered to you. Please let an usher know if you would like the bread/wine brought to you and if you would like a gluten free option.*

COMMUNION SONG

Christmas Lullaby
(Grace Wipfli, soprano
and Grace Mauk, piano)

Jason Robert Brown
from *Songs for a New World*

COMMUNION SONG

Let It Be

John Lennon & Paul McCartney

*When I find myself in times of trouble,
Mother Mary comes to me, speaking words
of wisdom,
let it be*

*And in my hour of darkness she is
standing right in front of me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be*

*Let it be, let it be, Let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom, Let it be*

*And when the broken-hearted people
living in the world agree there will be an
answer,
let it be*

*For though they may be parted,
there is still a chance that they will see
there will be an answer,
let it be.*

REFRAIN:

*Let it be, let it be
Let it be, let it be
Yeah, there will be an answer
Let it be, Let it be, let it be
Let it be, let it be
Whisper words of wisdom
Let it be, Let it be, let it be (repeat)*

*And when the night is cloudy
there is still a light that shines on me
Shine until tomorrow, let it be
I wake up to the sound of music,
Mother Mary comes to me
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be*

REFRAIN

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please rise.)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

Jolene Miller

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Loving God, you traveled with your people out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. We thank you for your presence as we've traveled through our transition. Grant us patience as the Search Committee continues to discern with priests and is guided by the Holy Spirit to identify our next rector. We hold the Search Committee, our Vestry, and our community before you in prayer, and we pray with thanksgiving for all the priests who have offered their gifts in the process. May we live into the hope and promise of the search, as you lead our new rector to us, and us to them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Crowded Table

The Highwomen

*I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done
And bring us back together when the day is done*

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

The Canticle of the Turning

Gather Third Edition #622

See next page.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to and serve our Loving, Liberating, Life-Giving God!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



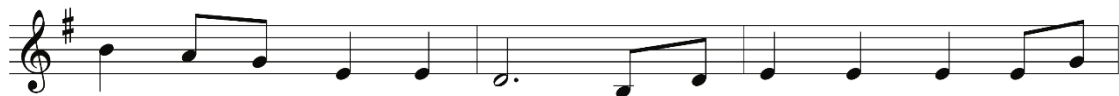
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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