

BLESSING

Leader: The life our Lord Jesus Christ, who lived and suffered and died and rose again for the sake of all suffering and hurting humans, yesterday, today, and tomorrow; the peace of God, which passes all understanding; and the presence of God's Holy Spirit supporting and encouraging you, be with you through this season of the longest night.

CAROL "Silent Night" ELW #281 Bonnie Jackelen while remaining seated

Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin Mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night. Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar. Heav'nly hosts sing Allelujah. Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, Holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face. With the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Worship



Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion 4 & 10 pm Christmas Day Lessons & Carols 9 am

Good Gifts Tree



Help support folks who need it as part of your Christmas gifting. See all the choices on the Giving Tree in the narthex.



Home Communion

Please let the office or Pastor Sarah know if you, or anyone you know would like a visit and communion at home this season.

For pastoral care or other needs please contact the Pastor or the church office at 651-429-4828.

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WELCOME

Dear friends, we begin our service with a call to worship. Please respond to the words in bold type as part of the People.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth, and we have seen his glory.

Leader: In Him was life, and that life was the light of all.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to extinguish it.

WORDS OF WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Did Not Know," by B. Hughes Bill Hughes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

Pause for individual reflection.

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ASSURANCE OF ACCEPTANCE BY GOD

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD FOR US

READING Isaiah 25:6-9

LIGHT A CANDLE AND PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray...

People: Lord our God, may your fellowship be available to all, especially those who feel excluded. Amen.

READING Luke 2:1-7

LIGHT A CANDLE AND PRAYER

People: Lord Jesus, let those who are far from home, those who are strangers, feel that they genuinely belong in your company. Amen.

READING 1 Kings 19:1-3a, 8-15a

LIGHT A CANDLE AND PRAYER

People: Spirit of God, calm the turmoil in our souls so that we can hear your still small voice. Amen.

READING Luke 6:17-23

LIGHT A CANDLE AND PRAYER

People: Lord Jesus, like this candle, bring some warmth and light to those who mourn, who hunger and thirst, and who weep.

READING Psalm 22:1-11

LIGHT A CANDLE AND PRAYER

People: Spirit of God, shine like this candle in the darkness, lighting the way for all who feel abandoned, forsaken, and forgotten. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

All are welcome to participate with us in the holy meal Jesus shares with all people.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY CAROL "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," vs 1, 5 & 6 Bonnie Jackelen

O come, O come, Emmanuel. And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high. And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night. And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come. And open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high. And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Rejoice! O Israel. Rejoice! O Israel.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: This is Christ's table. It is a table of love and welcome. It is a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth. So come, those of you who have great faith, and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus, and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

COMMUNION PRAYER

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 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 power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAROL "Come Thou Long-expected Jesus," ELW #254 Bonnie Jackelen

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