



Merry Christmas

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*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING "All is Well," by M. W. Smith KHB

GATHERING SONG "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice," ELW #288

DIALOGUE

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Leader: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

All: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Leader: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

All: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lives among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Emmanuel," by B. McGee

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.**

Luke 2:1-7 **The Birth of Jesus** Pew Bible p. 832

HYMN "What Child is This," ELW #296

John 1:1-14 **The Mystery of Incarnation** Pew Bible p. 862

MEDITATION “The Legend of the Poinsettia,” by Tomie de Paola Pastor Sarah

HYMN “Angels We Have Heard on High,” ELW #289

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Lord of All Good,” words by Beth Beebe Tradup

(sung to the tune of Joy to the World)

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring. Your purpose to fulfill.
Gifts of love and pledges, they shall ever be.
Our lives in you fulfilled, our lives in you fulfilled,
Our lives, our lives, in you fulfilled.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray...

All: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to God’s people on earth.

Leader: Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

All: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Leader: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

All: Have mercy on the sick, the dying and all who suffer this day.

Leader: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

All: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light in the world. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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 and ever. Amen

DISTRIBUTION “Lamb of God,” ELW p. 208, setting 10

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

“Away in the Manger,” traditional

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: God our redeemer, you have fed us at the table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SENDING

Leader: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG “Go Tell it on the Mountain,” ELW #290

POSTLUDE

“Ukrainian Bell Choir,” arr by KHB

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