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First Sunday of Christmas Family Worship with Holy Communion
December 26, 2021 † 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The assembly stands as they are comfortable.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess our sin before you.

We replace compassion with competition.

We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.

We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.

We have not put on love in harmony with you.

Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.

Swaddle our hearts with your peace,

that all we do, in word or deed,

may reflect your love born among us.

Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:

God has come among us

in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

† In Christ your sins are forgiven

and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



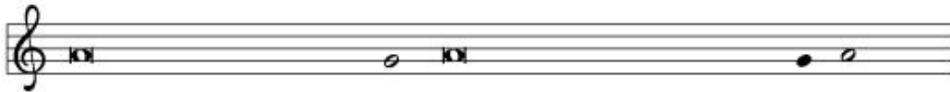
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN # 275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory verses 1 and 4

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features two systems of music. The first system contains the first verse, and the second system contains the fourth verse and a refrain. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C).

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: 2:18-20, 26 (International Children's Bible)

A reading from Samuel.

18 But Samuel obeyed the Lord. He wore a linen holy vest. **19** Every year Samuel's mother would make a little coat for him. She would take it to him when she went to Shiloh. She went there with her husband for the sacrifice. **20** Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife. Eli would say, "May the Lord repay you with children through Hannah. They will take the place of the boy Hannah prayed for and gave back to the Lord." Then Elkanah and Hannah would go home.

26 The boy Samuel kept growing. He pleased God and the people.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17 (Easy-to-Read Version)

A reading from Colossians.

12 God has chosen you and made you his holy people. He loves you. So your new life should be like this: Show mercy to others. Be kind, humble, gentle, and patient. 13 Don't be angry with each other, but forgive each other. If you feel someone has wronged you, forgive them. Forgive others because the Lord forgave you. 14 Together with these things, the most important part of your new life is to love each other. Love is what holds everything together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking. It is for peace that you were chosen to be together in one body. And always be thankful.

16 Let the teaching of Christ live inside you richly. Use all wisdom to teach and counsel each other. Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 Everything you say and everything you do should be done for Jesus your Lord. And in all you do, give thanks to God the Father through Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 151**



GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52 (International Children's Bible)

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. **42** When Jesus was 12 years old, they went to the feast as they always did. **43** When the feast days were over, they went home. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. **44** Joseph and Mary traveled for a whole day. They thought that Jesus was with them in the group. Then they began to look for him among their family and friends, **45** but they did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him there. **46** After three days they found him. Jesus was sitting in the Temple with the religious teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. **47** All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and wise answers. **48** When Jesus' parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you."

49 Jesus asked, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is!" **50** But they did not understand the meaning of what he said.

51 Jesus went with them to Nazareth and obeyed them. His mother was still thinking about all that had happened. **52** Jesus continued to learn more and more and to grow physically. People liked him, and he pleased God.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #269 Once in Royal David's City

Once in Royal David's City

The musical score is written for a single voice and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You come to us in gatherings of your church across the globe. Unite us with those who celebrate your birth even when they are weighed down by grief, loss, poverty, hunger, or injustice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You come to us in the diverse splendor of the universe. Grant us the humility to trust our place in the network of creation, that we live in service to you and the natural world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You come to us through relationships of many kinds: families, friendships, communities, and nations. Guide us in these relationships, that we recognize the Christ child in one another and show your love to those most vulnerable. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You come to us through people whom the world forgets. Poor shepherds and an imprisoned Paul announced your good news. Send your Spirit to all who are imprisoned, struggling with addiction, unwell, or in any need this day, especially Judy, Frank, Wayne, Stephanie, John, Holly, and Kerri; all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19; and those we name before you now (pause). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You come to us in acts of justice and forgiveness. Open our hearts to forgive one another, without permitting injustice. Supply us with the wisdom to be clothed with love, binding all things together in perfect harmony. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You come to us through those who have died yet live with you forever, especially James, Tamara, Kenneth, Carol, Gay, Marion, Kathy, Penny, Salvatore and Linda; John, Apostle and evangelist; the Holy Innocents, martyrs. We give thanks for Stephen, deacon and martyr, and who gave his life to tell the story of your love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

(Pastor) Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

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OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, in person, by mail, or by visiting our website to set up online giving.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE p. 144**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
you have opened the eyes of faith
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
that, beholding the God made visible,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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 in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, Mother and Father of all life,
from the beginning of time your Spirit breathed light over darkness.
You scattered stars in the heavens and raised up the mountains.
You poured out great rivers and blessed the earth with life.
You made men and women in your image, and loved us in our
weakness, promising to stay with us wherever we go.

In the winter of our longing, you came to the prophet Mary
offering your Spirit to make creation whole.
You gave her a child, Jesus, your beloved son,
to turn the broken world upside down.

Jesus stayed with us, healing the sick and feeding the hungry,
unbinding prisoners and raising the dead.
He ate with strangers, showed mercy to sinners,
and taught us to follow him in love without fear.

As your Word became flesh on that night long ago,
on the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, gave it for all to drink, saying:
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

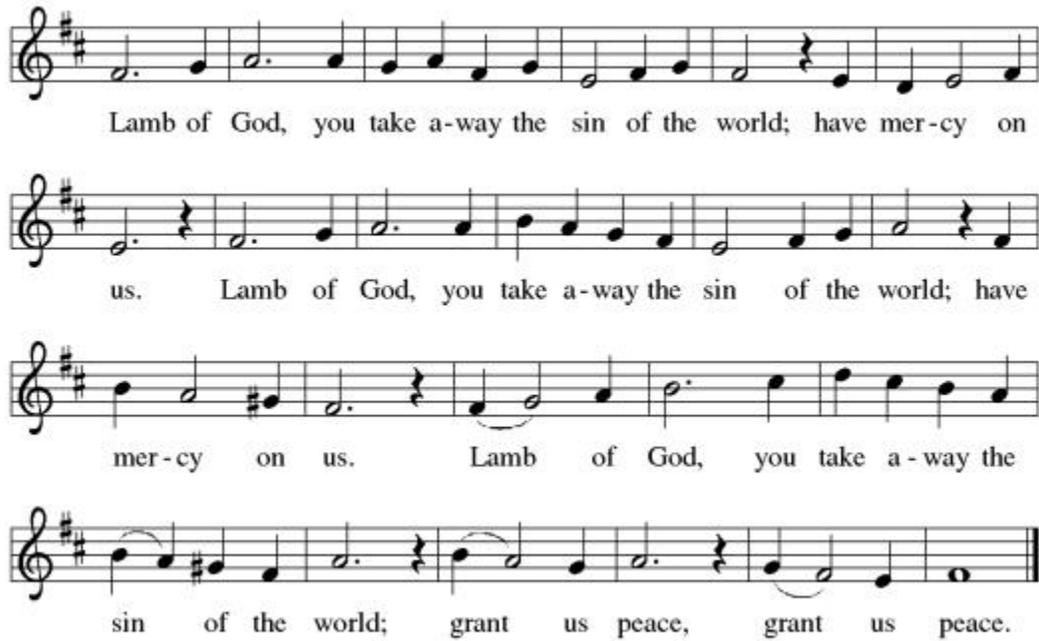
LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION p.146

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for you.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Body of Christ, given for you.
The Blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG #276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.
Music: W ZŁOBIE LEZY, Polish carol

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN # 292 Love Has Come

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING: (26 December 2021)

Lex Stolle, Carmine Colasanto, Richard Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]
Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]
Norma Martin [requested by Sue Rorke]
Carol Kaelin, Robert Richards, Pamela Catania (Justine Hoffman's mom), Lise Gunther, Nancy Fjellstad, Winnie Malloy, Joe Dugan, Don & Marianne Spagna [requested by Mary Fjellstad]
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]
Mia Kaiser [requested by Emilie Diehl]
Nicholas Mauceri and Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]
Noelle Miller, Marlene Demetri, the Nason family [requested by Leslee Mathieson]
Richard Wiles [husband of Joan Wiles]
Stanley Ulc, Stefanie Spath [requested by Marianna Ulc and family]
John Sullivan [requested by Dottie & Jim Clavell]
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]
Rosemary Greiner [requested by Lee Nocero]
Virginia & Marty Perry, Marilyn Henson, Amy Kitay [requested by Diana & David Smiloff]
Ruth Aiello [requested by Cindy Davis]
Laura Garlock, Billy Hamm [requested by Darlene Klouda]
Ilse Gunther, Ralph Gunther and Stephanie O'Neill [requested by the Hoffman family]
Zach Hills, Joann Pagnani [requested by Brian & Diane Marley]
Bernadette Ueberg [requested by John Hinsch]
Joan Young [requested by Sue Dresch]
The Davour and Avelli families, the Asmus family, the Paolillo and Ihlen families, the Lindroth and Graziano families, the Peeders family, the Singelton family, Walter Henning Sr., Pastor Frank Modr, Art Hansen, the Clark and Hohlbein families, the DeRosa family, the Mursch family, Edward Pascale (father of Rose Fesselmeyer), Martha Hahn, Gary Weymer [requested by Pastor Shelhart]
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]
Mike Schuster [requested by Eric Palmer]
Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]
The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]
Bill Feigin [requested by Jessica Michalski]
Judy Hinsch [requested by the Hinsch family]
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg, Liz Solomon, Warren Hemming, Susie Gillen [requested by the Breimann family]
Fr Jeevan Paul [requested by Joe & Brenda Dugan]
Bill Davy [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]
The Shelhart family, Brianna Maglio [requested by Linda Pagano]
Fred Eichorn [requested by James Flaherty]
Suzie DiSanza [requested by Donna Ihlen]
Viola Giovinco [requested by Liz DeLuca]
Herbert Ahrens [Janis Ranieri]

Judy and John Hinsch thank you for your prayers. If you would like to follow updates on Judy's care/treatment and share comments, please visit the Caring Bridge link established by the Hinsch's children:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/judyressmeyerhinsch/journal/view/id/60402ca3a9a2050001a80944>

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Captain Zachary Hinsch [nephew of Judy & John Hinsch]
Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin]
Sergeant Charlee Seto [granddaughter of Jacci & Mike Milo]
Corporal August Detting
Major William Fortin