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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

welcome!

Welcome to the new home of Church of the Good Shepherd and to our inaugural worship gathering in it!

As you know, central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the understanding that our Heavenly Father, according to his unfathomable love and immeasurable grace, adopts us as his children and then transforms us over time into the image of his Son. How fitting it is, then, that we would be worshipping today for the first time in a building that symbolizes that process.

Rather than purchasing a vacant piece of land and erecting a structure from the ground up, or acquiring an old structure and demolishing it in order to start over, we chose to buy a building that needed a lot of work, a building that had great potential, a building that could reflect to the world the beautiful process of intentional transformation. We did that on purpose, of course, as a way of providing an outward and visible sign of God's grace and of his commitment to finish the work he begins in his children. Obviously, we're not finished yet but, then again, neither is he.

And so today, in the Season of Christmas, we gather in this building to worship the one true God who has come to us in Christ. On this day and on every day henceforth, we worship the one who has accepted us as we are and who is changing us to be like him. May our common life together, with our corporate worship at its center, give the world a beautiful picture of that transforming love.

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WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

People: To us a son is given.

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VERSE 1

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

VERSE 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

VERSE 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

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VERSE 1

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

CHORUS 1

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

VERSE 2

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

VERSE 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

VERSE 4

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from Jeremiah 31:7-14.*

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

⁷ For thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

- 8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
- 9 With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
- 10 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
- 11 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
- 12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
- 13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
- 14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Liturgist: *A reading from Psalm 84.*

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place, *
O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the LORD; *
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, *
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 4 Happy are those who live in your house, *
ever singing your praise.
- 5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, *
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs; *
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength; *
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
give ear, O God of Jacob!
- 9 Behold our shield, O God; *
look on the face of your anointed.
- 10 For a day in your courts is better *
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God *
than live in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; *
he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

THE SECOND LESSON

Liturgist: *A reading from Ephesians 1:3-14.*

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

Please stand and sing.

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CHORUS

Let us adore Him

Let us adore Him

Jesus Christ is the Lord

Come and behold Him

Bow down before Him

Jesus Christ is the Lord

THE GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading today is from Matthew 2:1-12.

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the

people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

HOMILY

Please stand.

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 from 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 worshiped 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly

repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Celebrant: On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We invite you to take advantage of several opportunities:

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. The clergy will celebrate the Eucharist in both kinds while distributing only the bread to the congregation. Gluten free bread is available also. We ask that households maintain social distance with one another when coming forward to receive the sacrament. While not the norm or the ideal, this practice of the laity receiving only the bread for a season has ample historical precedent and fully confers to its recipients the real presence of Christ.

COMMUNION HYMN

“O Come All You Unfaithful”

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VERSE 1

O come all you unfaithful
Come weak and unstable
Come know you are not alone

VERSE 2

O come barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying
Come see what your God has done

CHORUS 1

Christ is born Christ is born
Christ is born for you

VERSE 3

O come bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken
Come taste of His perfect love

VERSE 4

O come guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

MISC 1

(BRIDGE)

He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe
He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

VERSE 5

So come though you have nothing
Come He is the offering
Come see what your God has done

"The First Noel"

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VERSE 1

The first noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

CHORUS 1

Noel Noel
Noel Noel
Sing out with one accord
Praises to the Lord
Oh come let us adore
Noel Noel
Born is the King

VERSE 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

CHORUS 2

Noel Noel
Noel Noel
Sing out with one accord
Praises to the Lord
Oh come let us adore
Noel Noel
Born is the King

MISC 1

Sing out with one accord
Praises to the Lord
Go and tell everyone
Jesus Christ is born
Noel Noel
Noel Noel
Noel Noel
Born is the King
Born is the King

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, always. Amen.

THE HYMN IN RECESSION

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VERSE 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

VERSE 2

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

VERSE 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

VERSE 4

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

SENDING FORTH

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!