



And the Word
became flesh and
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John 1:14, ESV

Being the Body of Christ

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Stand

GATHERING HYMN *O Come All Ye Faithful* #283

GREETING

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

O come let us adore him.

May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High #289

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

HYMN

Joy to the World #267

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Stand***HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

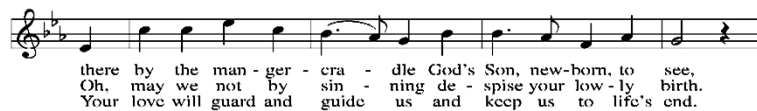
⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit***SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY****When Christmas Morn Is Dawning**

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Music: WIR BLATTEN GEDAUET, German folk tune, 1823

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*Stand***THE PRAYERS**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

After each petition: Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY VERSE (*sung to O Little Town of Bethlehem*)

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, **God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Receive our offerings, and nourish us at your table, that your Word may take flesh in our lives; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 and salutary... and join their unending hymn:

(sung to Hark, the Herald Angels Sing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'n and earth adored.

O how blest is he who comes in the holy name of God.

Joyful, all you nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which 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,
and 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.

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 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**

Sit

COMMUNION

What Child is This?

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in the incarnation of your Son you have united earth and heaven. May
we who have tasted heavenly things share the gift of your presence with all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

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, Holy Spirit bless you now
and forever. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

The Bells of Christmas

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DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to God's people on earth!

As heralds of God's peace, go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing attr: J. S. Bach

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