



# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 25, 2018, 10 A.M.

PRELUDE..... “Carol Medley,” Robert Hughes

✠ ✠ ENTRANCE ✠ ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN..... “Angels, From the Realms of Glory,” #275

- L** In the beginning was the Word,
- C** and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- L** In the Word was life,
- C** and the life was the light of all people.
- L** The Word became flesh and lived among us,
- C** and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. John 1
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

**FIRST LESSON**.....Isaiah 52:7-10

How 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." <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The 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.

- A** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

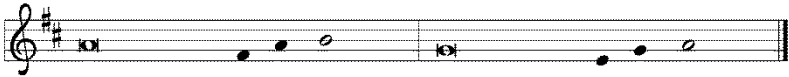
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Light dawns for the righ - teous, and joy for the hon-est of heart.

Psalm 97:11  
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<sup>9</sup>For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;  
 you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

<sup>10</sup>**You who love the | LORD, hate evil!**  
**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the**  
**hand | of the wicked. Refrain**

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns | for the righteous,  
 and joy for the hon- | est of heart.

<sup>12</sup>**Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,**  
**and give thanks to God's | holy name. Refrain**

**SECOND READING** .....Hebrews 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but 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. <sup>3</sup> He 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, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL PROCESSION

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ..... “Let All Together Praise Our God”

Let all together praise our God  
Before his glorious throne;  
Today he opens heav’n again  
To give us his own Son,  
To give us his own Son.

He undertakes a great exchange,  
Puts on our human frame,  
And in return gives us his realm,  
His glory, and his name,  
His glory, and his name.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord**

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

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

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

<sup>14</sup>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.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** ..... “Let All Together Praise Our God”

Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore,  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise you evermore.

**SERMON**

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... “Of the Father’s Love Begotten,” #295

**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.**

**PRAYERS & PEACE**

- ☩** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- ☩** And also with you.  
*(Please greet each other with these or similar words)*

*Sit*

**OFFERING** .....“Of the Father’s Love Begotten,” Wilbur Held

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY** ..... “The First Noel,” #300 stanzas 1, 5

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** In the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ ✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠ ✠

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**P** It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



**P** You are indeed holy O God . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son. . . . to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup. . . may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

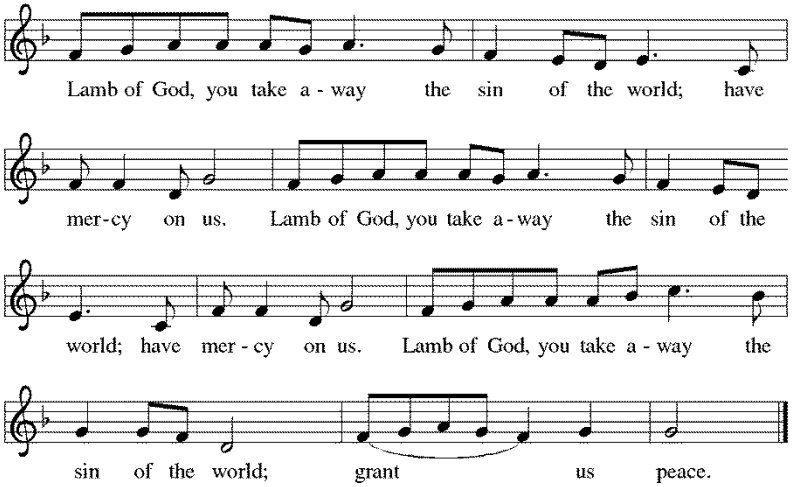
**P** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**





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.

*Sit*

**COMMUNION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** ..... “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly,” #276  
“Awy in a Manger,” #277

*Stand*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in body and soul to life everlasting.
- C** Amen.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

- A** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen.
- P** Almighty God, Father ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** ..... “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice,” #288

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** ..... “Once in Royal David’s City,” Tom Fettke

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**THE POINSETTIAS ON THE ALTAR DISPLAY  
ARE PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD  
WITH GRATEFUL THANKS FOR –**

Our Second Christmas at Messiah *by the Bridger Family*

Frank & Mildred Claycomb *by the Burce Family*

Allan Brinkmann *by Paula Brinkmann*

My parents Marjorie & Roy Walker, Sr. *by Rita Gadus*

My Sister June Schultz *by Rita Gadus*

Felipa Romo (Mom) *by the Geier Family*

Ignacio Romo (Dad) *by the Geier Family*

Iona M. Harris *by Roberta Holmes*

Our Parents *by The Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Hathaway*

To the Glory of God *by The Rev. & Mrs. Bruce Hathaway*

Our parents, Harriet and Bob Kraemer *by Barbara, Jim, Beth and Patty*

Our Parents and Grandparents *by Joe, Ruth and Sarah King*

Eleanor & Reinhold Leske *by Terri Leske*

Loved Ones *by Debbie Luekens*

Tom Filippou *by Debbie Luekens*

Mickie McDonald-MacKeigan

*by John & Dianne McDonald and Brenden MacKeigan*

John & Billie McFadden *by the McFadden Family*  
Francis & Jane Pieper *by the McFadden & Neumann Families*  
Don Moeller *by Wanda, Donna and Carol*  
Mike & Julia Negray *by Ken Negray*  
Carl, Ruth & Nancy Neumann *by the Neumann Family*  
Susan Westcott *by Kathy Neumann and Priscilla Hinsch*  
Joseph & Dorothy Nuessle *by Joseph Nuessle and Karen Watts*  
Richard & Arline Watts *by Joseph Nuessle and Karen Watts*  
Our Parents *by Frank & Ellen Petak*  
Loved Ones *by Dorothy Raum*  
Tracey Beard *by Louis & Carrie Royster*  
Bob McKinney *by the Schauer Family*  
Peter & Theresa Szeltner *by John & Heidi Szeltner*  
Fred & Gloria Hunt *by Bob & Martha Trapp*  
Bob & Mary Marshall *by Bob & Martha Trapp*  
Loved Ones *by Steve and Christa Turnbull*  
Continued prayers for baby Emerson *by the Waugh Family*  
John & Irma Pugel *by the O'Malley and Waugh Families*  
Robert, Patricia & Scott Waugh *by the Waugh Family*







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*To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.*