

# Christmas Day



Saturday  
December 25, 2021

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.**

OPENING PRAYERS

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.**

## GOSPEL

John 1: 1-5, 14

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

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, Lord Christ**

## HOMILY

Pastor Cindy

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## HOLY EUCHARIST

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right to glorify you  
and to give you thanks, our holy and living God;  
you dwell in light inaccessible  
from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,  
you made all things and fill them with your blessing;  
you created them to rejoice  
in the splendor of your radiance.

Now we praise you with the faithful of every time and place,  
and give voice to every creature,  
as we join in the eternal hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our  
care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might become  
stewards of all creation.

Again and again, you called us into covenant with you, and through  
the prophets, you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your  
only begotten one to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born  
of your servant Mary, Jesus lived as one of us. To the poor Christ  
proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the  
sorrowful, joy.

The night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

**Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.**

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:

**This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you;  
do this as often as you drink it to remember me.**

From the gifts, you have given us we offer you this bread and this cup, and proclaim the mystery of our faith,

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is 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.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation.  
And in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your Word  
take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your  
glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### FINAL BLESSING

### DISMISSAL

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace and share the story of Jesus.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



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