

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020
10:30 a.m.

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day

December 6, 2020

Prelude

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† **Call to Worship** (Isaiah 40:3-5)

The Rev. Aaron J. Suber

Pastor: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

Pastor: the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

People: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."


† Indicates the congregation standing

† Hymn of Adoration



Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.
Matt. 2:11




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. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch- ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais- ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;




ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



REFRAIN



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



James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Smart, 1867

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God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

People: Who made heaven and earth!

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

† The Lord's Prayer

Together as God's People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

† We Confess Our Sin and Affirm Our Faith

Elder Jim Slocomb

Leader: God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

All: Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make to thee any graven image.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

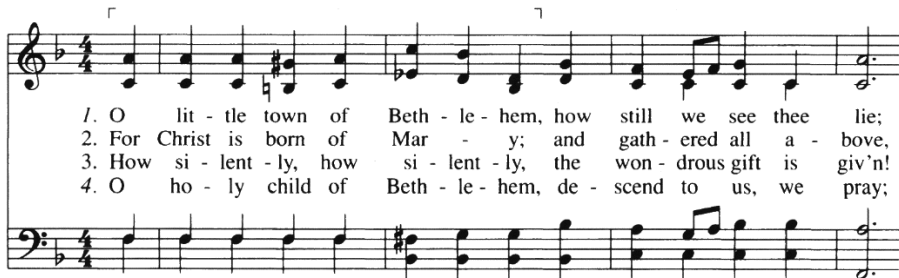
Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

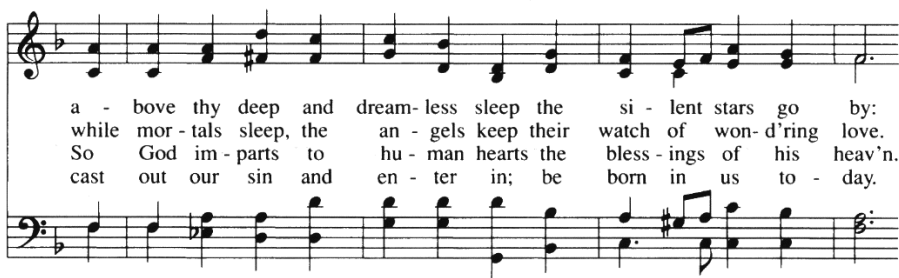
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O Little Town of Bethlehem

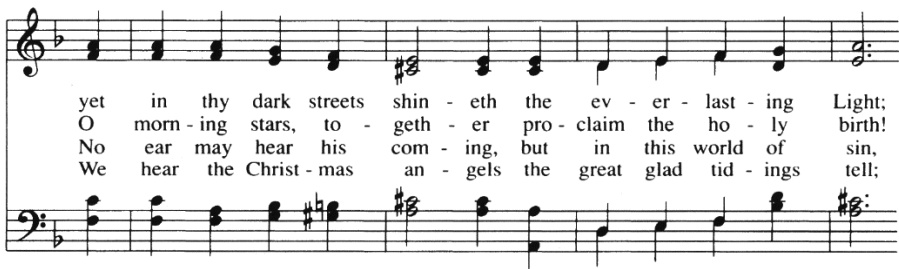
Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Mic. 5:2



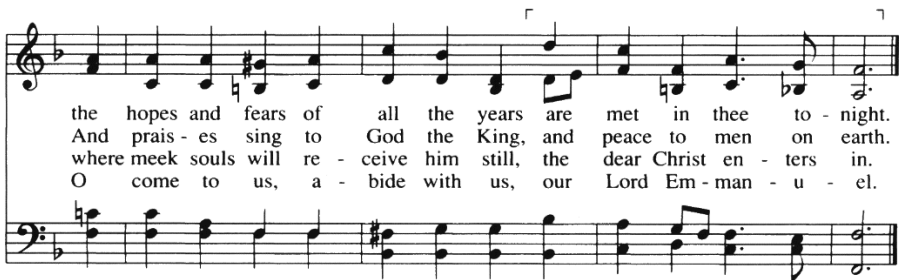
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

† The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and the response, “And also with you.”)

Morning Prayer

Elder Jim Slocomb

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Scan this code to give your tithes and offerings online.



Offertory

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading

Rev. Suber

Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

“A King Has Come”

(scripture and outline next page)

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Text

Matthew 2:1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, [2] saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” [3] When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; [4] and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. [5] They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

[6] ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

[7] Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. [8] And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” [9] After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. [10] When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. [11] And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. [12] And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

“A King Has Come”

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Matthew 2:1-12
Pastor Aaron Suber

· **Behold the King of the Jews (1-3)**

· **Jesus' birth promised (4-6)**

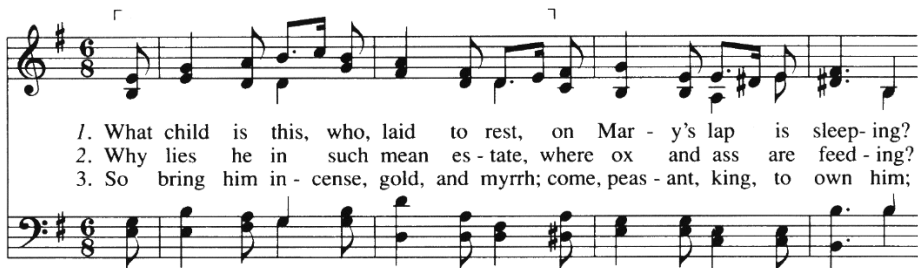
· **God brings people to Himself (7-12)**

† Hymn of Response (1-2) and Hymn of Dedication (3)

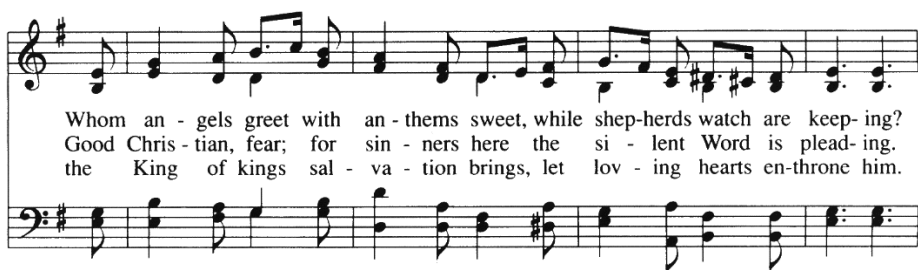
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What Child Is This

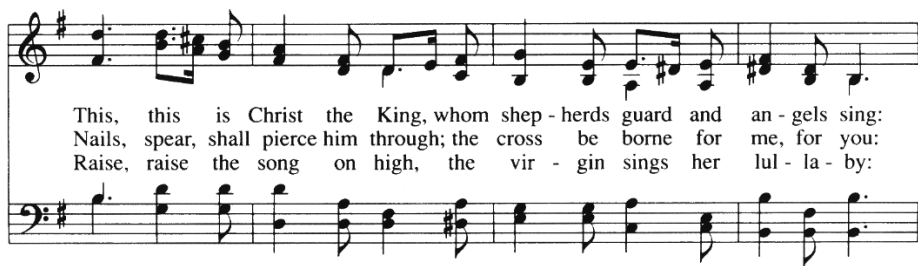
Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2



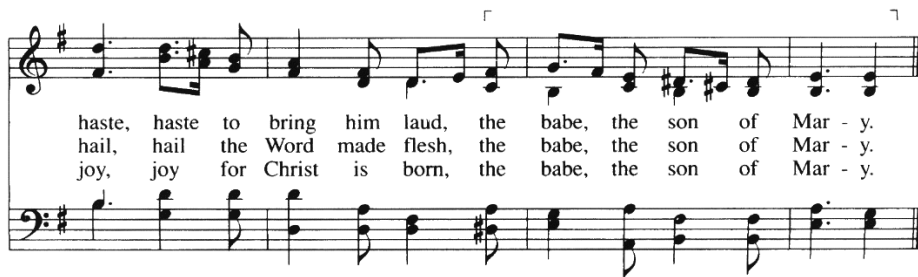
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution

Rev. Suber

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

The Elders

(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Please note the bread is not gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication – Deacons' Fund Offering

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† Benediction

Rev. Suber

† Hymn of Dismissal

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Holy Jesus, ev'ry day, keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last...where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

Postlude

† Indicates the congregation standing