

January 3, 2021 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Variations on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

VARIOUS

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

P. Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#222 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

SUSSEX CAROL



*INVOCATION AND 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(adapted from "Gathering for Worship")
We confess that we have lived superficially.
We have pushed to the back of our minds
the questions that trouble us.
We have not found time
to face the emotions that disturb us.
We have hidden from life
behind activity, habit, and consumerism.
We have allowed imagination and sympathy to wither.
We have avoided you, God, even as you came after us.
Lord God,
come after us again,
draw us towards your heart,
that we may open up to the needs of others,
rediscover ourselves, know your love, and live again.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

Colossians 3:12-17

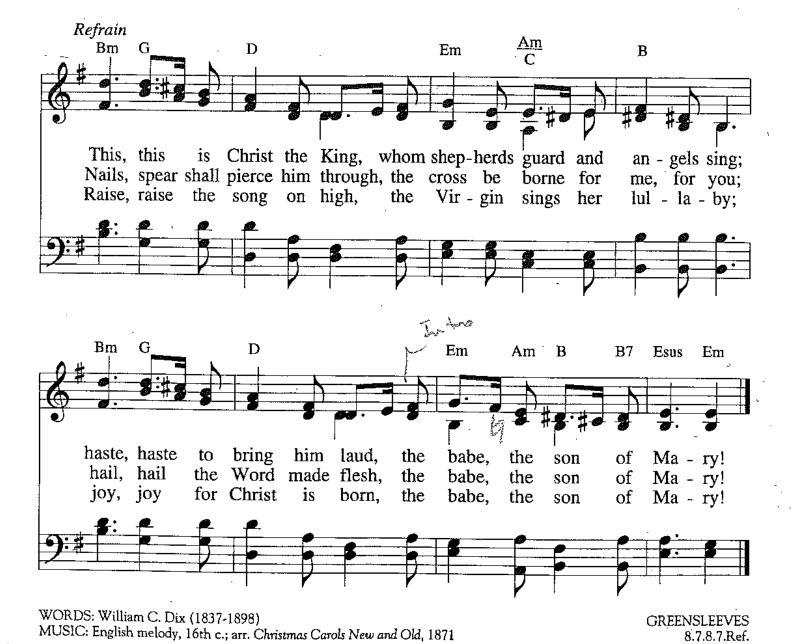
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#184 What Child Is Child

GREENSLEEVES





CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:41-52

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

*HYMN OF APPROACH

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL



GATHERING AT THE TABLE

*The Passing of the Peace

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic* Church,

the communion of saints.

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time

The Bread

The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

WORDS OF SHARING

All:

Dearest Christ,

We thank you for this feast of life.

We are fed by your love;

we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions you have put in our hearts.

We are commissioned to:

feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

love as we have been loved.

Amen

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

I Wander as I Wonder

APPALACHIAN CAROL

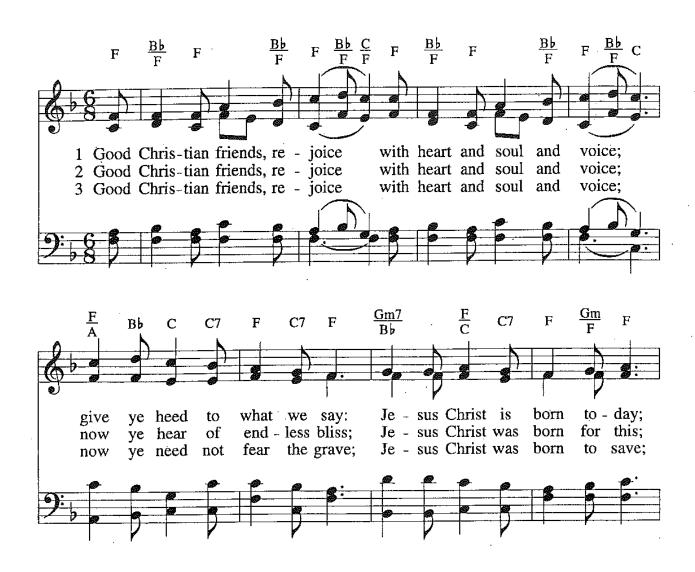
*Offertory Response
So, bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come, peasant, king to own Him;
The King of Kings salvation brings.
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

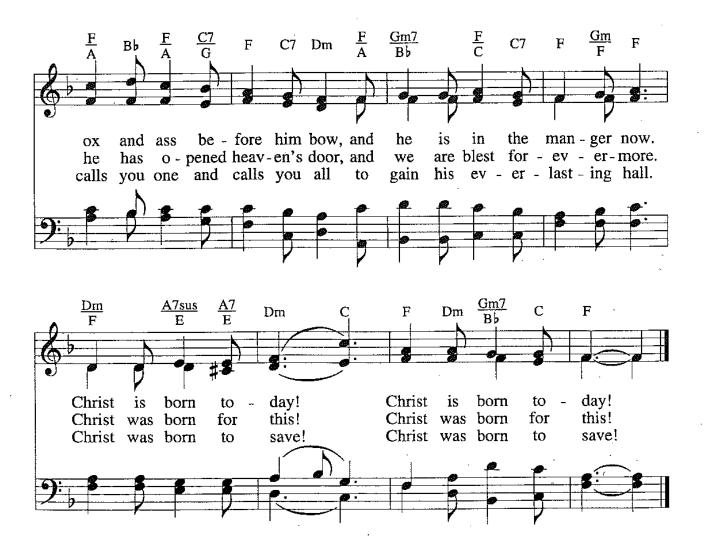
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO





WORDS: Latin carol, 14th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt. MUSIC: German melody, 14th c.

IN DULCI JUBILO Irregular

*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

*POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo N. D. Joio

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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After the service join us for Zoom Meeting Coffee Hour (starts at approx. **12:25 am**)

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