

**Divine Service, Setting Three**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
**Song Service**  
**20 December 2020**

***PRE-SERVICE MUSIC***

***RINGING OF THE BELLS***

***CALL TO WORSHIP***

***WELCOME AND INVOCATION: PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDT***

**All: Amen**

***OPENING HYMN: ♪ "SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME"***

*All:*

- 1. Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.**
  
- 2. Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh-  
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.**

*Women:*

- 3. Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown;  
God was there upon His throne.**

*All:*

- 4. Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.**

***READING OF THE PROPHECIES: ISAIAH 9:6-7; GALATIANS 4:4-5***

**HYMN: ♪ "SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME"**

*All:*

5. God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down.  
Back then to His throne and crown.

*Men:*

6. For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

*All:*

7. From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

- Δ8. Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

**READING OF THE PROPHECIES: JEREMIAH 23:1-7**

**HYMN: ♪ "LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING"**

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
as prophets long have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
the Rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it,  
the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
she bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.

3. This Flower, whose fragrance tender  
with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
the darkness everywhere.  
True Man, yet very God,  
from sin and death He saves us,  
And lightens every load.

4. O Savior, Child of Mary,  
who felt our human woe,  
O Savior, King of glory,  
who dost our weakness know;  
Bring us at length we pray,  
to the bright courts of Heaven,  
And to the endless day!

**READING OF THE PROPHECIES: DEUTERONOMY 18:15; GENESIS 3:15;**

**ANTHEM: ♪ "MARY DID YOU KNOW"**

**BY JOHNNIE & SETH KALBAS**

**READING OF THE PROPHECIES: MICAH 5:1-5A**

**HYMN: ♪ "IHR KINDERLEIN KOMMET"**

Ihr kinderlein kommet, O kommet doch all',  
Zur Krippe her kommet in Bethlehems Stall  
Und seht, was in dieser hoch-heiligen Nacht  
Der Vater im Himmel für Freude uns macht!

O seht in der Krippe, im nächtlichen Stall,  
Seht hier bei des Lichteins hellglänz-endem Strahl,  
In reinlichen Windeln, das himmlische Kind,  
Viel schöner und holder, als Engelein sind.

O beugt wie die Hirten anbetend die Knie,  
Erhebet die Händlein und danket, wie sie!  
Stimmt freudig, ihr Kinder, wer sollt' sich nicht freu'n,  
Stimmt freudig zum Jubel der Engel mit ein!

**SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:1-7**

**HYMN: ♪ "GOTT IST DIE LIEBE"**

Gott ist die Liebe, laszt mich erlösen;  
Gott is die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.  
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Got ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.

Ich lag in Banden Der Schnöden Sünde;  
Ich lag in Banden und Konnt' nicht los.  
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Got ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.

Er sandte Jesum, den treuen heiland  
Er sandte Jesum und macht mich los  
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Got ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.

Dich will ich preisen, du ew'ge Liebe;  
Dich will ich loben, so lang ich bin.  
Drum sag' ich noch einmal: Got ist die Liebe,  
Gott ist die Liebe, er liebt auch mich.

**SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:8-14**

**HYMN: ♪ "AWAY IN THE MANGER"**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the [bright] sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

**SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 1:18-25**

**HYMN: ♪ "WHAT CHILD IS THIS"**

1. What Child is this who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2. Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

**SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 2:15-20**

**HYMN: ♪ "OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL"**

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;  
Come see in the manger our Savior and King!  
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;

*Refrain: Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

2. True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;  
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.  
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord. *Refrain*

3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven.  
"To God in the highest all glory be given!"  
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord. *Refrain*

4. To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth  
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,  
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word! *Refrain*

**SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

**HYMN: ♪ "ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH"**

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see,  
Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

*Stand*

**NICENE CREED**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ; grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**C** Amen

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**G** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS**

**G** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** 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.

**G** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** **Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**G** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION REMINDER**

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**G** **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪ "THE FIRST NOEL"**

#### **1. The first Noel the angel did say**

**Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

*Refrain:*

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.**

#### **2. They lookèd up and saw a star**

**Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain***

***DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪ "SILENT NIGHT"***

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das heilige Elternpaar,  
Das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,  
Bei dem himmlischen Kind,  
Bei dem himmlischen Kind.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

***DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪ "LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE"***

1. Let us all with gladsome voice  
Praise the God of Heaven,  
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,  
His own Son hath given.
2. To this vale of tears He comes,  
Here to serve in sadness,  
That with Him in Heav'ns fair home  
We may reign in gladness.
3. We are rich, for He was poor;  
Is not this a wonder?  
Therefore praise God evermore  
Here on earth and yonder.
4. O Lord Christ, our Savior dear,  
Be Thou ever near us.  
Grant us now a glad new year.  
Amen, Jesus, hear us!