



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice, arr. P. Manz

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CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

People: Praise the Lord, all his angels; praise God, all God's host!

Leader: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

People: Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created.

HYMN 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, In Dulci Jubilo

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Day dawns, and we forget to praise you, Creator God. Grace abounds, and we forget to praise you, Redeemer and Friend. Spirit moves, and we forget to praise you, Sustainer Wisdom. Life springs forth, and we keep silent. Forgive us, we pray, and renew a right spirit within us, that we might remember who we are and whose we are, and return to rejoicing (*silent confession continues...*) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: When we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sin, removing it as far as the east is from the west, and remembering it no more.

People: In the name of the Holy Son of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 148

After all sing the response once, the cantor will sing the verses of the Psalm. The congregation will then sing the response where indicated with "(R)".

refrain

Dutch E - re zij God, e - re zij God, in de
 English Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the
 Alternate Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -

G D G D G A7/E D

ho - ge, in de ho - ge, in de ho - ge!
 high - est, in the high - est, in the high - est!
 lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise God in the heights.
 Praise the Lord, all you angels; Sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. (R)

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise all you shining stars.
 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. (R)

Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,
 who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. (R)

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; fire and hail, snow and fog,
 tempestuous wind, doing God's will; mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
 wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds; sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and young together. (R)

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted,
 whose splendor is over earth and heaven. The Lord has raised up strength for the people
 and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah! (R)

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

SERMON

Come Join Creation's Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain, Go Tell It

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Noel, L.C. Daquin

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