

# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS EVE



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## PRELUDE

*Fantasia on "The First Nowell"*  
Robert J. Hughes

## OPENING HYMN

*O Come all Ye Faithful*

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9:2-7

## PSALM:

Psalm 96 (*Spoken Responsively*)

1 *Sing to the Lord* a new song:

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2 **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;**

**Proclaim God's Salvation from day to day.**

3 Declare God's glory among the nations.

and God's wonders among all peoples.

4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,**

**more to be feared than all gods. R**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

**6 Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord. R**

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be  
moved will judge the peoples with equity.”**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all  
that is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your  
coming, O Lord,  
for you come to judge the earth.**

13 You will judge the world with righteousness

## SECOND READING:

Titus 2:11-14

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

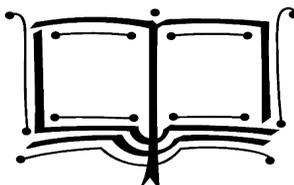
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**GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 2:1-20

**SERMON**



**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION & MUSIC MEDITATION**

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

**A brief silence.**

Love proclaims that a Savior has been born to us! Inspire your church throughout the world to proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth to all who seek salvation, hope, and new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Love murmurs words of comfort to a newborn child and exhausted parents. Bless new and expectant parents or caregivers, especially those who are alone or afraid this night. Pour out your love upon families of every kind. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**Here other intercessions may be offered.**

God's ever-present love is proclaimed through the faithful who came before us. We give you thanks for Mary, John the baptizer, Elizabeth his mother, Joseph the dreamer, and all who point toward your love (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angles, with the church on earth and the hosts of Heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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, forever and ever. Amen**

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND BENEDICTION

Let us pray.

Most High God,  
you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,  
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,  
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

**Amen**

**BLESSING** May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN *Joy To The World*

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Joy to the World*  
Gerald Peterson



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**Sunday 8:45 a.m.**

Faith Formation/Christian Education

**Sunday 10:00 a.m.**

Worship with Holy Communion

**Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.**

Holy Communion with Rite of Healing (Chapel)

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