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## Second Sunday of CHRISTMAS



Guatemalan Nativity  
by John Giuliani

**January 3, 2021**

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*The Birthday of a King*, arr. Craig Curry

**Christmas Wreath Lighting**

**On Christmas Night**

1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels  
an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to  
sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which  
hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great  
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est  
mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.  
heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.  
Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

**Welcome**

# Hymn

## Today I Awake



1. To - day I a - wake and God is be - fore me. At
2. To - day I a - rise and Christ is be - side me. He
3. To - day I af - firm the Spir - it with - in me At
4. To - day I en - joy the Trin - i - ty round me, A -



night, as I dreamt, he sum - moned the day; For  
walked through the dark to scat - ter new light. Yes,  
wor - ship and work, in strug - gle and rest. The  
bove and be - neath, be - fore and be - hind; The



God nev - er sleeps but pat - terns the morn - ing With  
Christ is a - live, and beck - ons his peo - ple To  
Spir - it in - spires all life which is chang - ing From  
Mak - er, the Son, the Spir - it to - geth - er— They



slith - ers of gold or glo - ry in gray.  
hope and to heal, re - sist and in - vite.  
fear - ing to faith, from bro - ken to blest.  
called me to life and call me their friend.

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## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

**Ephesians 1:3-12** (The Message, alt.)

A reading from Ephesians

How blessed is God! And what a blessing God is! The Abba of our Master, Jesus Christ, God takes us to high places of blessing. Long before laying down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of love, to be made whole and holy by love. Long, long ago, God decided to adopt us into a family through Jesus Christ, and took great pleasure planning this!) God wanted us to enter into the celebration of God's lavish gift-giving by the hand of the beloved Son.

Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either.

Abundantly free! God thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans God took such delight in making. God set it all out before us in Christ, a long-range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147:12-20



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Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;  
praise your | God, O Zion,

**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates  
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.**

God has established peace | on your borders  
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.

**God sends out a command | to the earth,  
a word that runs | very swiftly.**

God gives | snow like wool,  
scattering | frost like ashes.

**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.**

**Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?**

The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.

**God declares the | word to Jacob,  
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.**

The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah!

## **Gospel**

**John 1:4-5, 9-14, 16-18** (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

What came into existence through the Word was Life,  
and the Life was Light to live by.

The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness;  
the darkness couldn't put it out.

The Life-Light was the real thing:

Every person entering Life he brings into Light.

He was in the world,

the world was there through him,  
and yet the world didn't even notice.

He came to his own people,  
but they didn't want him.

But whoever did want him,

who believed he was who he claimed  
and would do what he said,

he made to be their true selves,  
their child-of-God selves.

These are the God-begotten,  
not blood-begotten,  
not flesh-begotten,  
not sex-begotten.

The Word became flesh and blood,  
and moved into the neighborhood.

We saw the glory with our own eyes,  
the one-of-a-kind glory,  
like Parent, like Son,

Generous inside and out,  
true from start to finish.

We all live off his generous bounty,  
gift after gift after gift.

We got the basics from Moses,  
and then this exuberant giving and receiving,  
This endless knowing and understanding—  
all this came through Jesus, the Messiah.

No one has ever seen God,  
not so much as a glimpse.

This one-of-a-kind God-Expression,  
who exists at the very heart of his Abba,  
has made God plain as day.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Ministry of Music

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Howard Helvey  
Senior Choir

***Refrain***

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

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

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

**Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Ken Jones, Skye Andre, Michelle Clemence's roommate Courtney, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Ruth Murray's brother Allen Harju, Kim and Kendall Meyer-Turner, Greg Williams, family of Edwina Bradley's sister-in-law Pat Johnson.

## Children's Time

### **WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

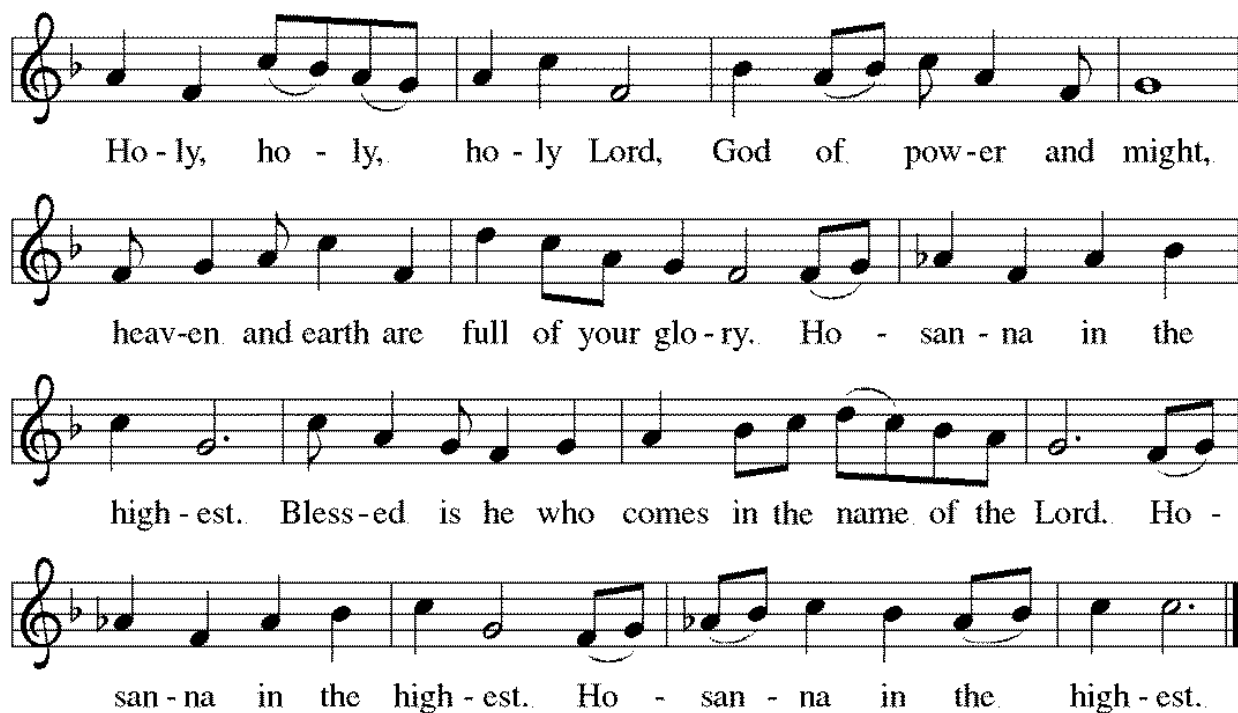
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Mother and Father of all life, from the beginning of time your Spirit breathed light over darkness. You scattered stars in the heavens and raised up the mountains. You poured out great rivers and blessed the earth with life. You made humans in your image, and loved us in our weakness, promising to stay with us wherever we go.

In the winter of our longing, you came to the prophet Mary, offering your Spirit to make creation whole. You gave her a child, Jesus, your beloved son, to turn the broken world upside-down. Jesus stayed with us, healing the sick and feeding the hungry, unbinding prisoners and raising the dead. He ate with strangers, showed mercy to sinners, and taught us to follow him in love without fear.

Shine upon us as you shone upon the faithful Mary, and as you shine upon your people in the darkest times and places. Lit by your love, may raise our voices with saints and angels in this heavenly song:





On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his friends and said — “Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said — “Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.”

God of all the things, we ask your Spirit to bless this meal. We offer ourselves to you, remembering Christ’s death and resurrection, his birth in Bethlehem, and rest in the manger, his welcome to shepherds and strangers. Come among us and make your home with us that we may be the body of Christ for the world you love, making real the prayer Jesus taught us:

### Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## Sharing the Meal

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

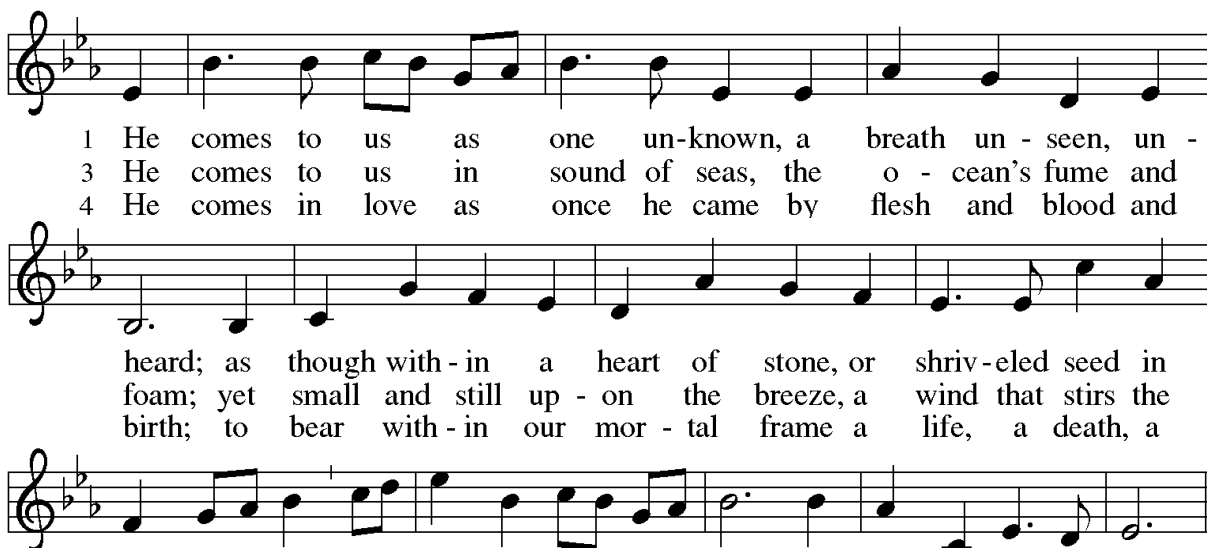
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell. Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

**Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and

heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a

dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Announcements

### Postlude

### *Joy to the World*, arr. John Ness Beck

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### Adult Sunday School

11:15 am Sundays



#### A NEW NORMAL:

**What have we learned from 2020 that we would like to incorporate into a new normal for Redeemer?**

Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting

Time: Sunday mornings 11:15 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hqZ1dQR3lUbjdYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885

Passcode: 043099

Phone only: 646 876 9923



Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm

***The Book of Genesis***

**We'd love to have you join us via  
Zoom!**

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: Tuesdays 1:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYNlYrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

Passcode: 619946

Phone only: 646 876 9923



***LSS Food Pantry***

***January 6***

***1-4 pm***

***Contact Kathleen Zwanziger  
to volunteer***

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	David Shull, Pastor
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mary Benis
<b>ASL Interpreter</b>	Tori Reed
<b>Reader</b>	Mary Benis
<b>Cantor</b>	Wendy Stoica
<b>Organist &amp; Senior Choir Director</b>	Kathy Rapp
<b>Pianist &amp; Chimes Choir Director</b>	Karen Kent
<b>Producer</b>	Scott Steiner, Tom Mimplitch

*Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 3 - 10

<b>Today</b>	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>RLC at LSS Food Pantry</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education

