December 31, 2023
New Year's Eve and
First Sunday of
Christmas

# Welcome! ¡Bienvenido!

Please prepare for worship by opening your heart, lowering your voice and silencing your cell phone.



### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Friends, let us prepare to enter the new year with hearts that have been unburdened, and let us make our confession before God and one another, first in silent prayer.

—Silence for Reflection—

P: God of stars and angels, God of sheep and lambs, God of abundance and grace:

C: You know us well, better than we know ourselves.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

You hear us shout, "Gloria!" and "Praise!" And you watch us tear things apart with our words and deeds. You hear us say "Thy will be done" and "Use me, O God!" And you watch us do nothing in response to cries for help. You know us, and you love us, and you forgive. Hear us now say, "Help us to change; turn us around. Make us more loving and courageous and hopeful." This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Hear the promised good news from the prophet Simeon: "for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." This is the hope and the promise that the Christ child brings to each of us and to all, if we trust this good news. In the name of the one who is born to us, your sins are forgiven! Receive the salvation that has been prepared for you through Christ Jesus.

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:

Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

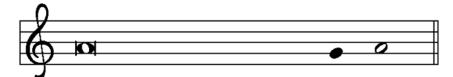
4 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

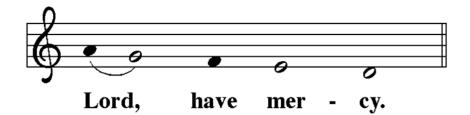
## **GREETING**

- A: The word comes from the mouth of God! A new name shatters Caesar's rod!
- C: Let us hear our new name, let us turn to the light, let us build a new earth, let us celebrate new life!
- A: Let Simeon lift God's children to heaven! Let Anna reveal the name God has given!
- C: Let us hear our new name, let us turn to the light, let us build a new earth, let us celebrate new life!

## **KYRIE**

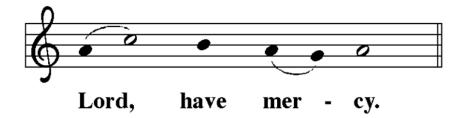


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

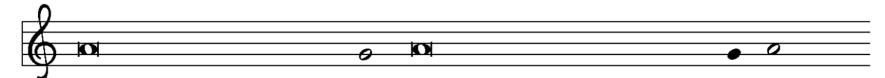




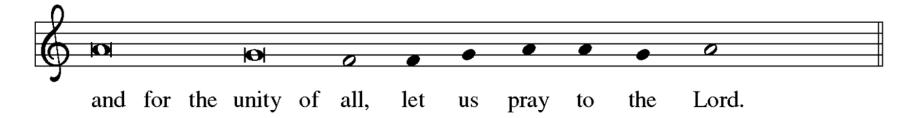
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

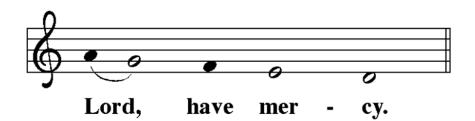


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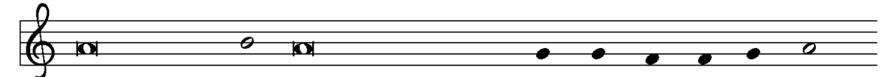


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

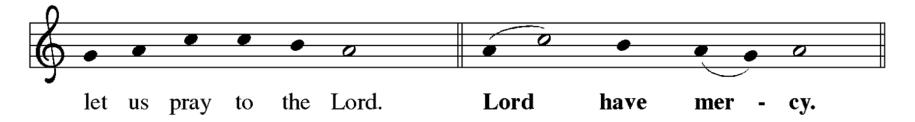




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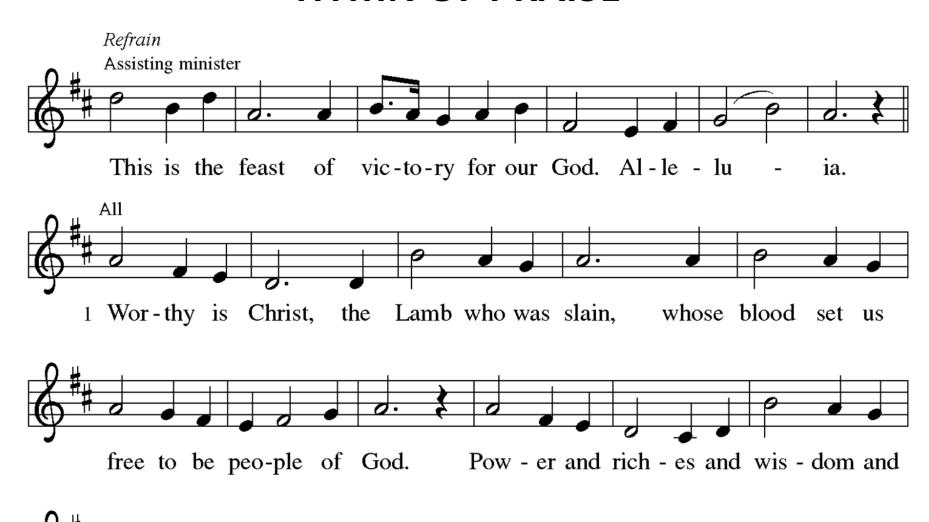
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





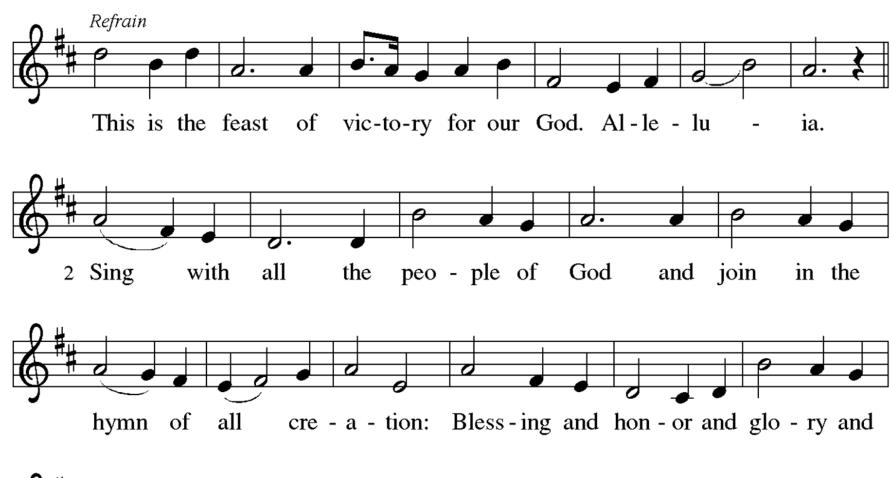
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

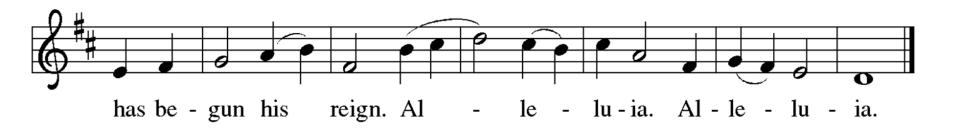


might be to God and the Lamb for - ev-er. A - men.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



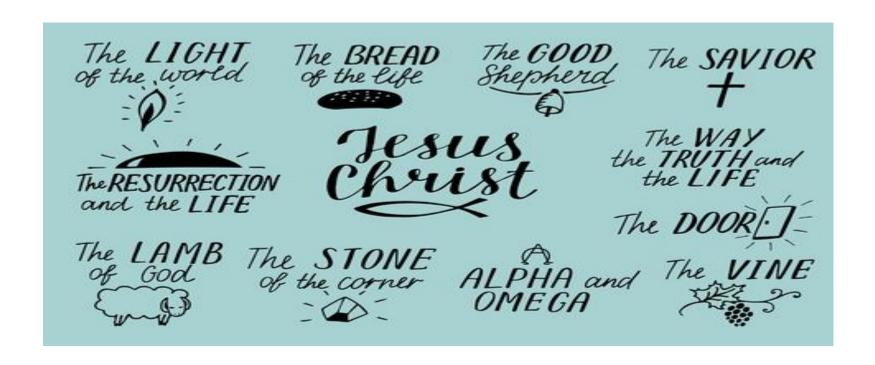
### PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Almighty God,

we come to this time of worship, prepared for the calendar to turn the page, the year to turn to 2024, and we give thanks for all you have done for us, for the year you have brought us through. Before the next year begins, may we put aside the busy-ness of the world to focus on you, to join our hearts in worship, in prayer and praise and thanksgiving, for you are the God of all seasons, of all times, the Alpha and the Omega,

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: who was and who is and who is to come, the Almighty. Amen.



## **FIRST READING:** Isaiah 61:10—62:3 <sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Isaias 61:10—62:3 <sup>10</sup> ¡Cómo me alegro en el Señor! Me lleno de gozo en mi Dios, porque me ha brindado su salvación, ime ha cubierto de victoria! Soy como un novio que se pone su corona o una novia que se adorna con sus joyas.

PRIMERA LECTURA:

# FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

# PRIMERA LECTURA: Isaias 61:10—62:3

Porque así como nacen las plantas de la tierra y brotan los retoños en un jardín, así hará el Señor que brote su victoria y que todas las naciones entonen cantos de alabanza.

# FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

# PRIMERA LECTURA: Isaias 61:10—62:3

Por amor a ti, Sión, no me quedaré callado; por amor a ti, Jerusalén, no descansaré hasta que tu victoria brille como el amanecer y tu salvación como una antorcha encendida.

# FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

# PRIMERA LECTURA: Isaias 61:10—62:3

<sup>2</sup> Las naciones verán tu salvación, todos los reyes verán tu gloria. Entonces tendrás un nombre nuevo que el Señor mismo te dará.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:10—62:3

PRIMERA LECTURA:

Isaias 61:10—62:3

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>3</sup> Tú serás una hermosa corona real en la mano del Señor tu Dios.

Word of God, Word of Life, **A**:

Thanks be to God!

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- 2 Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

- Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
- 6 who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

- 9 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.

- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 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!

# SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

## SEGUNDA LECTURA Gálatas 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> When the fullness <sup>4</sup> Pero cuando se of time had come, cumplió el tiempo, Dios God sent his Son, envió a su Hijo, que born of a woman, nació de una mujer, born under the law, sometido a la ley de <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem Moisés, <sup>5</sup> para those who were rescatarnos a los que under the law, so estábamos bajo esa ley y concedernos gozar de that we might receive adoption as los derechos de hijos children. de Dios.

## SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

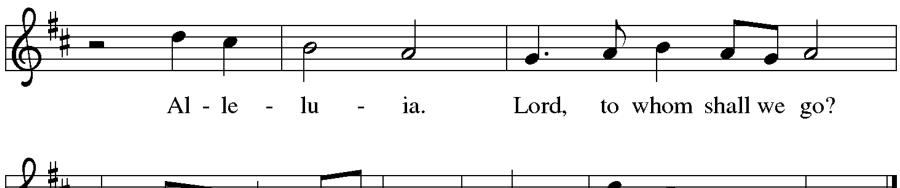
**SEGUNDA LECTURA** Gálatas 4:4-7

<sup>6</sup> And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir,

<sup>6</sup> Y porque ya somos sus hijos, Dios mandó el Espíritu de su Hijo a nuestros corazones; y el Espíritu clama: «¡Abbá! ¡Padre!» <sup>7</sup> Así pues, tú ya no eres esclavo, sino hijo de Dios; y por ser hijo suyo, es voluntad de Dios que seas también su heredero.

through God. A: Word of God, Word of Life, C: Thanks be to God!

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke, in the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

## Luke 2:22-40 <sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary | brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the

law of the Lord, "Every

firstborn male shall be

designated as holy to

the Lord"),

**GOSPEL READING:** 

<sup>22</sup> Cuando se cumplieron los días en que ellos debían purificarse según la ley de Moisés, llevaron al niño a Jerusalén para presentárselo al Señor. <sup>23</sup> Lo hicieron así porque en la ley del Señor está

escrito: «Todo primer

consagrado al Señor.»

hijo varón será

**EL EVANGELIO** 

Lucas 2:22-40

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 2:22-40

## **EL EVANGELIO** Lucas 2:22-40 <sup>24</sup> Fueron, pues, a ofrecer

<sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the

him.

en sacrificio lo que manda

la ley del Señor: un par de Lord, "a pair of turtledoves tórtolas o dos pichones de or two young pigeons." 25 paloma. <sup>25</sup> En aquel tiempo vivía en Jerusalén un

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name

hombre que se llamaba was Simeon; this man was Simeón. Era un hombre righteous and devout, justo y piadoso, que looking forward to the esperaba la restauración de consolation of Israel, and Israel. El Espíritu Santo the Holy Spirit rested on estaba con Simeón,

### GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

<sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

# **EL EVANGELIO Lucas 2:22-40**

<sup>26</sup> y le había hecho saber que no moriría sin ver antes al Mesías, a quien el Señor enviaría. <sup>27</sup> Guiado por el Espíritu Santo, Simeón fue al templo; y cuando los padres del niño Jesús lo llevaron también a él, para cumplir con lo que la ley ordenaba,

## GOSPEL READING:

Luke 2:22-40

<sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

## **EL EVANGELIO Lucas 2:22-40**

<sup>28</sup> Simeón lo tomó en brazos y alabó a Dios, diciendo:

<sup>29</sup> «Ahora, Señor, tu
promesa está cumplida:
puedes dejar que tu
siervo muera en paz.
<sup>30</sup> Porque ya he visto la

<sup>31</sup> que has comenzado a realizar a la vista de todos los pueblos,

salvación

## GOSPEL READING:

Luke 2:22-40

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

## **EL EVANGELIO Lucas 2:22-40**

<sup>32</sup> la luz que alumbrará a las naciones y que será la gloria de tu pueblo Israel.»

<sup>33</sup> El padre y la madre de Jesús se quedaron admirados al oír lo que Simeón decía del niño.

## **GOSPEL READING:** Luke 2:22-40

## **EL EVANGELIO** Lucas 2:22-40

34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign so that the inner

<sup>34</sup> Entonces Simeón les dio su bendición, y dijo a María, la madre de Jesús: —Mira, este niño está destinado a hacer que muchos en Israel caigan o se levanten. Él será una señal que muchos rechazarán, <sup>35</sup> a fin de que las intenciones de muchos corazones queden al descubierto. Pero todo esto va a ser para ti como una espada que atraviese tu propia alma.

that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul

## GOSPEL READING:

Luke 2:22-40

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

## **EL EVANGELIO Lucas 2:22-40**

<sup>36</sup> También estaba allí una profetisa llamada Ana, hija de Penuel, de la tribu de Aser. Era ya muy anciana. Se casó siendo muy joven, y había vivido con su marido siete años;

#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

the age of eighty-four.
She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

### **EL EVANGELIO Lucas 2:22-40**

<sup>37</sup> hacía ya ochenta y cuatro años que se había quedado viuda. Nunca salía del templo, sino que servía día y noche al Señor, con ayunos y oraciones.

#### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40**

38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

#### **EL EVANGELIO Lucas 2:22-40**

<sup>38</sup> Ana se presentó en aquel mismo momento, y comenzó a dar gracias a Dios y a hablar del niño Jesús a todos los que esperaban la liberación de Jerusalén.



#### GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:22-40

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

### **EL EVANGELIO Lucas 2:22-40**

<sup>39</sup> Después de haber cumplido con todo lo que manda la ley del Señor, volvieron a Galilea, a su propio pueblo de Nazaret.

#### **GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 2:22-40

<sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### **EL EVANGELIO Lucas 2:22-40**

<sup>40</sup> Y el niño crecía y se hacía más fuerte, estaba lleno de sabiduría y gozaba del favor de Dios.

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

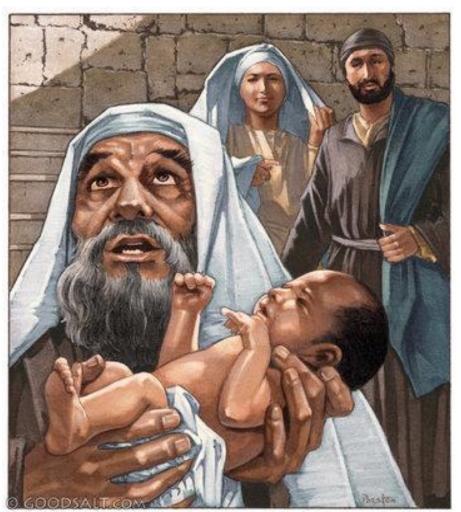
#### Children's Message

Pastor Mike



# Sermon "When Reality Doesn't Live Up To The Hype"

**Pastor Mike** 



### HYMN OF THE DAY O Come, All Ye Faithful Red Book # 283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain: Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

# HYMN OF THE DAY O Come, All Ye Faithful Red Book # 283

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

Refrain: Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

## HYMN OF THE DAY O Come, All Ye Faithful Red Book # 283

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest:

Refrain: Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

#### HYMN OF THE DAY O Come, All Ye Faithful

Red Book # 283 Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. unknown, st. 2

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain: Venite adoremus,
venite adoremus,
venite adoremus Dominum.
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

C: 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,

#### **CREDO DE NICE**

C: Creemos en un solo Dios, Padre, todopoderoso, creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo que es, visible e invisible.

Creemos en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, engendrado eternamente del Padre, Dios de Dios, luz de la luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero,

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.

#### CREDO DE NICE

engendrado, no hecho, de un Ser con el Padre; por él fueron hechas todas las cosas.

Por nosotros y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, se encarnó del Espíritu Santo y de la virgen Maríay se hizo verdaderamente humano.

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.

#### CREDO DE NICE

Por nosotros fue crucificado bajo Poncio Pilato; padeció la muerte y fue sepultado.

Al tercer día resucitó conforme a las Escrituras; subió a los cielos y está sentado a la diestra del Padre.

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,\*

#### CREDO DE NICE

Vendrá de nuevo con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, Señor, dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo,\*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. **CREDO DE NICE** 

quien con el Padre y el Hijo es adorado y glorificado, quien ha hablado por medio de los profetas.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

Creemos en una santa iglesia católica y apostólica.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

Reconocemos un bautismo para el perdón de los pecados.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **CREDO DE NICE**

Esperamos la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo venidero. Amén.



# After each petition of the prayer:

A: God of the New Year, C: Grant us new mercies.

# SHARING OF THE PEACE COMPARTIENDO LA PAZ

A time to greet each other with God's peace.



P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: God of hope and joy,

the gifts we offer to you pale when C: our minds try to grasp all we have been given in this season: wholeness in our woundedness, hope in our despair, peace in our turmoil, forgiveness in our rebellion. Like Simeon, we have listened with our ears that we might not miss you, and our eyes have seen your salvation!

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Help us embrace your extravagant generosity, as we give ourselves to others. In our Savior's Holy name, we pray. Amen.

(Luke 2:22-40)



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

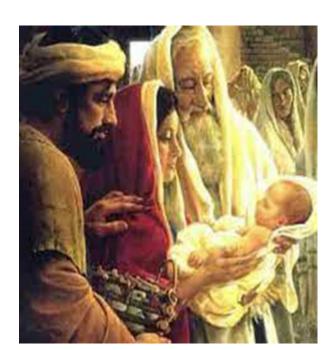
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

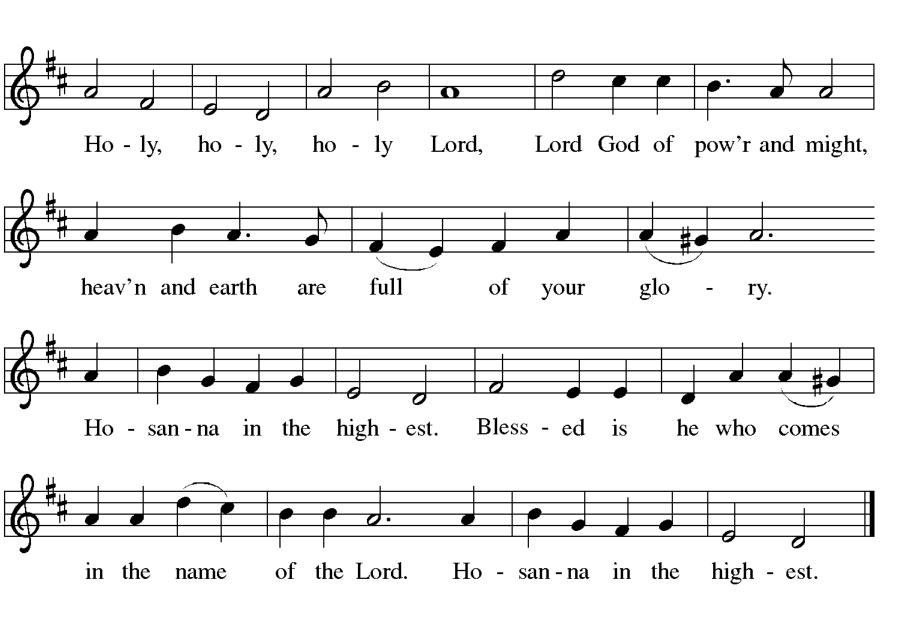
P: Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of chaos, you called all worlds into being, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Day and night we celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ, your Word became flesh, and was born of Mary. He emptied himself, taking our human form, that through his incarnation and passion we might come to share in his divine nature.

P: Therefore as children of your redeeming purpose who celebrate the birth of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:



#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us, and lived for a time among us, that we might forever live with you. In the manger at Bethlehem, in his flight to Egypt, and as the carpenter's son, the Only-begotten bent low to meet us.

P: Obedient to your calling, he accepted death on the cross. When you raised him from the dead on the third day, and gave him the name above all names,

P: he opened the gate of glory that we might be your children, and share in his kingdom of Peace.



#### **EUCHARIST**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

#### **EUCHARIST PRAYER**

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

#### **EUCHARIST PRAYER**

- P: With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:
- C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

#### **EUCHARIST PRAYER**

P: Nourish us through your body and blood, and help us to live and work to your praise and glory.

P: May we grow together in unity and love until at the last, we enter into our heritage in the company of the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

#### EUCHARIST PRAYER

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

C: Amen



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: In the language of your heart, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

C: Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

#### **PADRE NUESTRO**

A: En el idioma de tu corazón, r ezamos la oración que Jesús nos enseñó:

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre; Venga a nos tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo;

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

#### PADRE NUESTRO

El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy; y perdónanos nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; y no nos dejes caer en la tentación; mas líbranos del mal.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PADRE NUESTRO

C: Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!



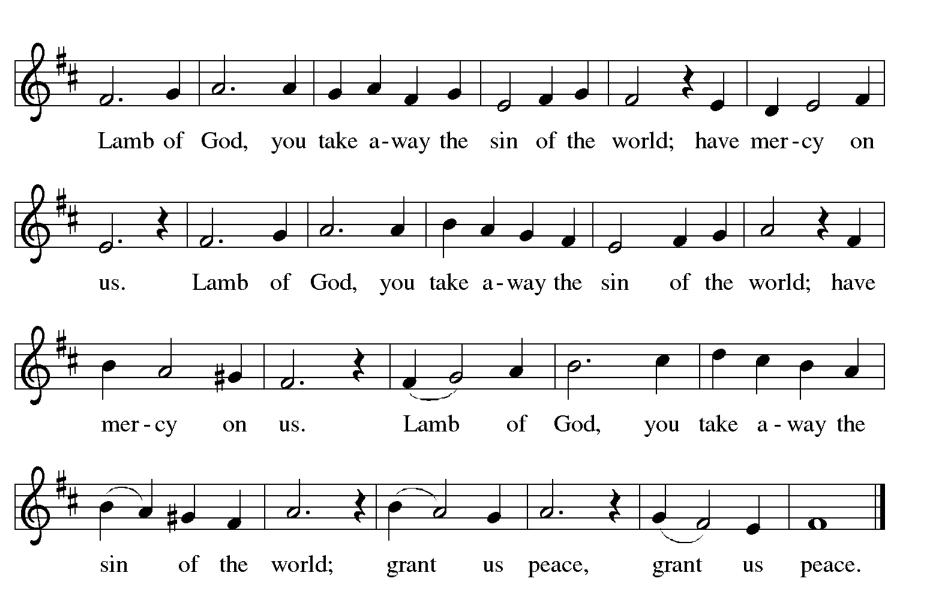
#### THE MEAL



#### (For online viewers)

P: For those of you who have tuned in online:
Please take the bread you have prepared.
This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
Take and eat. And now the wine or juice.
This is the blood of Christ shed for you.
Take and drink.

#### LAMB OF GOD



#### THE MEAL



#### PRAYER OF BLESSING

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his Grace.

#### C: Amen.



#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**



God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

#### **BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

P: Depart now in peace, for your eyes have seen the salvation which God has prepared for all people. Grow in strength and wisdom and bring forth a harvest of righteousness and praise.

P: And may God smile upon you and make you strong and wise; May Christ Jesus share his inheritance with you freely; And may the Holy Spirit open your eyes to the presence of God's Messiah.

# **SENDING SONG** Red Book # 288 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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!

# **SENDING SONG** Red Book # 288 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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!

#### **SENDING SONG** Red Book # 288

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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!

#### **DISMISSAL**

A: Christ the Savior is born. Go in peace, share this good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

