

Prelude

Gathering Hymns

Once in Royal David's City – ELW 269 (vs. 1 & 4)

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.

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice - ELW 288

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!

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!

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!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

Angels We Have Heard on High – ELW 289

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, The Crown of Jesus Music, 1864

Welcome and Announcements

The Greeting

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of life,

C you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

P Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C Amen.

Prayer of The Day

P The Lord be with you, **C** and also with you. P Let us pray.

Lessons Galatians 4:4-7(NT p.181), Psalm 8 (OT p.497)

Response after the readings: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation He Came Down - ELW 253 (vs. 1 &4)

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

Gospel: Luke 2:15-21

Response after the announcements: Glory to you, O Lord

Response after the conclusion of the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Jon

Hymn of The Day All my Heart Rejoices – ELW 273

All my heart again rejoices as I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices; "Christ is born," their choirs are singing, till the air ev'rywhere now with joy is ringing.

Jesus' voice from lowly manger softly thus calls to us:
"You are safe from danger; come and see; from all that grieves you you are freed; all you need I will surely give you."

Come, then, let us hasten yonder; here let all, great and small, kneel in awe and wonder; love him who with love is yearning; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burning.

You, dear Lord, I'll ever cherish; though my breath fail in death,
I will never perish: by your side in light eternal
I shall be endlessly filled with joy supernal.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Apostles' Creed

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 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.

Prayers

P As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

After each portion of the prayers

P Lord in Your Mercy. C Hear Our Prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **C Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you. We invite you to share a sign of Gods peace with those around you. Please remain in your pews.

Offering Invitation

Praise the Lord! In offering these gifts, we are singing God's praises throughout his kingdom.

We invite you to share generously as you have first been blessed.

No gift is too small or too large.

Special music Gesu Bambino

The Great Thanksgiving

- P The Lord be with you!
- C And also with you!
- P Lift up your hearts!
- C We lift them up to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise!

The Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion

Distribution of Communion to help with distancing we ask you to come to communion down the side aisle and return to your seat up the center aisle.

Communion Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter – ELW 294

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign; in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894

Prayer after Communion

P 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.**

Blessing

P God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain – ELW 290

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.

Postlude

Serving Us Today

Pastor Jonathan Doolittle Renee Calvo, pianist Katy Lundeen: Hymn leader

Communion Assistants: Holly Boyle, Gary Lange

Reader: Susan Gierset

Welcome Team: Sandra Logan, Janet Wood Offering Couriers: Lorri Carlsen, Kathy Reed AV Team: Lewis John TenHulzen, Mike Wall

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

Remember in Prayer: Ernie Piper, Gaby Oregon, Myra Brandt, Julie Stivers, Elaine Erickson, Sandy McCauley, Bev Covey, Adrienne Lenhoff, Peggy Strandvold, Lauren Wolfe, Rebeca Hill, Barb Coolong, Stella Penyack, Betty Black, Gerald Flax, Deanna Belter, Mark Nickel, Emilie Lauchmen, Kitty Pfizenmeier, and the families of Cynthia Wendt and Donna Burckhead.

Next week's Lessons will be Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7,10-14, Ephesians3:1-12, and the Gospel of Mathew.

Christmas clean up January 7th: Come help take down the Christmas decorations at 9:30am.

Gospel readings study Mondays from 4 to 5:30 pm Bill Fredericks and Pastor Cyndi lead a study on the Gospel reading for the next Sunday on Zoom. Email pastor.cyndi@clairemontlc.org and she'll send you the Zoom link. We hope you can join us.

Confirmation Class at 10:45am Sunday 8th and 22nd.





SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. in English 11:30 a.m. en Español

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch LIVE during worship times on clairemontle.org or on YouTube.

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Watch past sermons or worship gatherings on our website any time by going to the Faith Opportunities tab. An archive is also available on our YouTube channel.

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GIVING

We appreciate support of our ministries. Did you know that you can also give online? Click on the Home tab on our website, then click on Give to the Church.

12-Step Meetings

We have several 12 step meetings hosted in Luther Hall weekly. This is an important part of being a neighborhood church. We are glad we are able to help.

Monday, 1pm - AA, 8pm- AA / Tues., 1pm - AA, 7pm Al-Anon

Thursday & Friday, 1pm – AA Friday, 6pm – Al-Anon

Saturday, 7am - SA



ON LINE & IN PERSON GATHERINGS

Sunday January 1

Happy New Year!

Monday January 2 Office Closed

5:00pm Glee Club, 6:00pm Esperanza youth Choir, and at 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir.

Tuesday January 3

11:00am Stephen Min.

Wednesday January 4

5:30pm Evangelism Team 6:30pm Stephen Min. supervision

Thursday January 5

10:00am MorningStar Food Distribution at 12:00pm

Friday January 6

11:00am Food distribution

Saturday January 7

9:30am Handbell rehearsal

9:30am Christmas decoration clean up

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