

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

*HYMN OF INVITATION

AWAY IN A MANGER

#217

WORDS: ANONYMOUS

MUSIC BY JAMES R. MURRAY

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1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

#237, v. 1 & 3

WORDS & MUSIC FROM A TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL

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1. Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.
- Refrain:** Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!
3. In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild, seated by the manger, watching the holy child. [Refrain]

POSTLUDE

MARY HAD A BOYCHILD.

WEST INDIAN



**“God’s Relationship
with His Son: What’s in a Name?”**

Luke 2:21 & Acts 4:12



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Worship Service with Communion
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
WE THREE KINGS
JOHN H. HOPKINS, JR.

WELCOME HOME! ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS
BRIAN WREN & CARLTON R. YOUNG

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Congregation: born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
#238
WORDS FROM A TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL
MUSIC BY A FRENCH CAROL MELODY
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1. 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!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

4. See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER
IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

#221, v. 1 & 3
WORDS BY CHRISTINA G. ROSSETTI
MUSIC BY GUSTAV HOLST
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1. 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.
3. Angels and archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but his mother only, in her maiden bliss, worshiped the beloved with a kiss.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
#94

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN OF FAITH
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
#251

WORDS BY JOHN W. WORK, JR.
MUSIC FROM AFRO-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
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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 the 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]

SCRIPTURE READINGS LUKE 2:21 & ACTS 4:12

SERMON

**"GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS SON:
WHAT'S IN A NAME?"**
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

ANTHEM
BETHLEHEM, OF NOBLEST CITIES
ENGLISH FOLK SONG
ARR. BY ALAN BULLARD