

New Year's Eve Service

December 31, 2021

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Divine Setting Five

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

#375

INVOCATION +CONFESSION +ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord!....our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for confession)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession.....and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE *(tune of Hark the Glad Sound)*

Have mercy on your people, Lord.

Have mercy, Christ our King

Renew us by your mercy, Lord;

Accept the prayers we bring.

GLORIA *(tune of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)*

- 1. “Glory be to God on high!” This is now our joyful cry.
Peace to all who live on earth, Grace and favor for new birth.
You we praise and glorify. Worship you, O Lord most high.
Gracious Father, heav’nly King To your name alone we sing;
Praise the glory of your name, Now and evermore the same!*
- 2. Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, sole-begotten, holy one,
Born on earth From realms on high, Born true man for us to die.
Lamb of God, You take away This world’s sin; Grant peace we pray.
With the Spirit You alone Are most high, O God the Son,
And the father God above, Praise we now Your glorious love.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... **C: Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 30:15-17 (ESV)

The LORD offers us a quietness and strength far greater than we can achieve for ourselves.

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." But you were unwilling, and you said, "No! We will flee upon horses"; therefore you shall flee away; and, "We will ride upon swift steeds"; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE INTROIT

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

L: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

C: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

L: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

C: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

L: For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

C: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

L: For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

C: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

L: Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

C: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

All: Glory be to the Father and the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE**Romans 8:31b-39 (ESV)**

Nothing in this life can ever separate us from God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL**Luke 12:35-40 (ESV)**

Jesus warns his disciples to be ready because his return may come at any time.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *(tune of O Come, Little Children)*

1. *The Father has showered His gifts from on high.
Most precious of gifts in the manger doth lie.
Our God and Creator has now sent His Son*

That we with our God might forever be one.

2. *The Savior, Christ Jesus, is our Holy King.
Of Him our glad praises this day do we sing
The cross in His future Brief sorrow would bring.
In His death and rising the Grave lost its sting.*

3. *The Spirit we treasure; Our hope can't grow dim.*

For He is the star that hath brought us to Him.

*Let Heaven rejoice as with Him we proclaim
That we are believers in God's Holy name.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

#390

SERMON

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

#956

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

SANCTUS (tune: *Holy, Holy, Holy*)

1. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise
Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons! Blessed Trinity!*
2. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns
of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise you, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity!*

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

AGNUS DEI (tune: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*)

*Oh, Lamb of God we pray
Take all our sins away
Our faith increase
Have mercy on us all
Strengthen us when we fall
Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- #388 *“Go Tell it on the Mountain”*
- #386 *“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”*
- #389 *“Let All Together Praise Our God”*

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

#919

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