

January 3, 2021

11:15a Service



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (TLB)

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## PRE-SERVICE HYMN SING

- #261 Lord of the Dance
- #251 Go Tell It On The Mountain
- #569 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE

## HISTORY MOMENT & VIDEO

HYMN "We Three King of Orient Are"

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## OPENING PRAYER

It's always been about the light with you, hasn't it, Jesus? Magi, braving distance and desert to find you, and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel's invitation, allowed light to be their guide, And it is still the light that calls us to you; the light of beauty that whispers its truth in surprising ways and places;

the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet;

the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and suffering;

the light that seeks to shine within us, and through us into the dark corners of our world.

It's always been about the light with you, Jesus; and it's always about the light for us. Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your marvelous light. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE John 1:1-5 (NRSV)

## HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn- "Be Present at Our Table Lord"

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### Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness. Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

### Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of 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!**

### Prayer of Consecration

Lift up your hearts and give thanks to the Lord our God. Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, you made us in your image, to love and be loved. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. By the suffering, death, and resurrection of your only Son Jesus Christ you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

### Blessing

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is  
in heaven. 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.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.**

### Serving and Receiving

#### Prayer

Most bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created, for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ, whose holy life, suffering and death, and glorious resurrection have delivered us from slavery to sin and death.

We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We are your children, and yours is the glory, now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

#### Blessing

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

SERMON  
SCRIPTURE  
GIVING MUSIC

“Wise Men”  
Matthew 2:1-12

Dr. Jon Tschanz

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN “Joy to The World”

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BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE