

We begin worship with the musical prelude and lighting of the candles, reminding us of Christ's presence with us. Please use this time to make the transition from getting here to being here.

THE GATHERING

THE WORD

WORDS OF GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-4 (OT p. 638)

VOLUNTARY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Diane Bish

PSALM READING

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (OT p. 503)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Holy God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Let us sing a song of joy to the One who saves us.

ANTHEM

Christmas Joy

Mark Schweizer

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky has withdrawn,

When the kings see their prophesy rightly fulfilled, When the princes and shepherds have gone;

[CHORALE begins: (*How bright appears the morning star*)]

Then the true work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost, to heal the broken hearts, To feed the hungry, To free the pris'ner,
To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among all peoples, To make music in the heart.

CHORALE

How bright appears the morning star, with mercy beaming from afar; the host of heav'n rejoices;

O righteous Branch, O Jesse's rod! Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We too, will lift our voices:

Jesus...! Alleluia...! Praise be given evermore, by earth and heaven. [CHORALE ends:]

When the song of the angels is stilled, Then the true work of Christmas begins.

*HYMN PH #430

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, your face, turned toward us, is our light and our salvation. Do not hide your face from us! Do not turn away from us in anger! We confess how often we have turned away from you- distracted by chores and obligations, embroiled in quarrels and contests, reluctant to follow your lead and live lives marked by obedience and sacrifice. O God, arouse us to repentance. Help us to heed our hearts, for they tell us to seek your face.....(time for silent confession) Amen.

PASSING of the PEACE

KYRIE

arr. Healey Willan, 1930



Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34 (OT p. 191)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Erica Durham

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

...this is the truth that sets us free!

...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated. We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.



Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

*HYMN PH #444

"We Gather Here to Bid Farewell"

WINCHESTER NEW

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Joys and Concerns
In your great mercy, **Lord, hear our prayers.**

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

Cash and coins go to the Offering for the Poor

OFFERTORY

Communion

Colin Mawby

DOXOLOGY

DOXOLOGY (Old Hundredth)

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ, all people
 here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir-it ev - er - more; Praise
 Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (see laminated sheet in pew rack)

THE SENDING

*HYMN SNC #267

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

...let all God's people say: Alleluia! Amen!

VOLUNTARY

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Timothy Albrecht



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