

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, may become beacons of your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN# 133 (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

...And so we join our voices with the great cloud of witnesses to your love and sing...

***Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you,
my heart knows how to say to you, Holy are you God.***

***Santo, Santo, Santo, mi corazon te adora, mi
corazon te sabe decir, Santo Eres Dios.***

STORY OF THE MEAL

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PASSING THE LIGHT HYMN#132 Joy to the World

CLOSING HYMN #135 (vs. 1,3 & 4) **O Come, All You Faithful**



Please join us on Sunday Morning for worship at 11 am.

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 2009



PRELUDE

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness.

Many: Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN#125 Angels We Have Heard on High

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Prayer:

Holy One, we rejoice in your presence among us in the light of Christ that shines for all of us. May we go forth this night bringing good news of great joy for all people. Our hope, peace, joy, love, and light is in you, our God-with-us. Amen.

HYMN #116 (vs. 1 & 6) **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

SACRED READINGS

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for God has brought comfort and redemption to the people. God is born before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.



HYMN #134 Silent night

+Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)



In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of God stood before them, and the glory of God shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which God has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

One: you have brought us the light
All: May we illumine our world with it!

HOMILY

And the Word Became Flesh

Rev. Jane Acuff

SPECIAL MUSIC

PAT GRANT & CAROLYN MARSHALL

Duet - Pat & Carolyn

Solo - Carolyn