

often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
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.

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 forever.

Amen

(The Lighting of the Christ Candle)

Christ Our Light

The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Ushers: Robert Burlingham, Andrea Burlingham, Alberta Mitchell, and Sandra Marshall

Communion Music: Mary, Did You Know?, Arranged by Carol Tornquist

Passing the Light

(Light your candle off of the Christ Candle)

Hymn of Illumination: Silent Night

No. 239

(1st verse sang by Natalie and Caitlyn Shell, Congregation joins on 2nd)

Postlude: A Christmas Medley by Rebecca Belliston

Matthew 2: 10-11

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

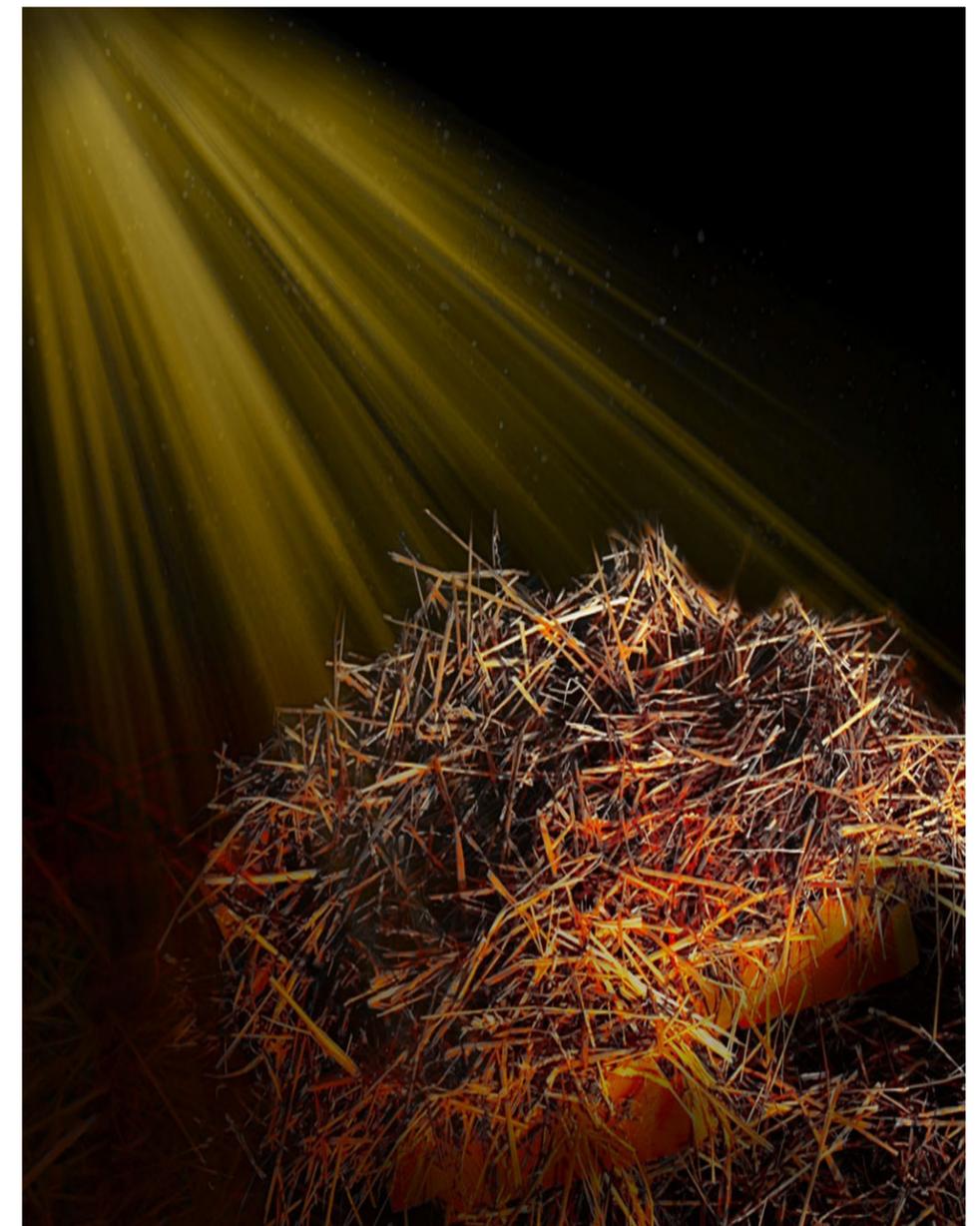
Promise Fulfilled in 42 Generations

Abraham	Solomon	Jechonias
Isaac	Roboam	Salathiel
Jacob	Abia	Zorobabel
Judas	Asia	Abiud
Pharas	Josaphat	Eliakim
Esrom	Joram	Azor
Aram	Ozias	Sadoc
Aminadab	Joatham	Achim
Naason	Achaz	Eliud
Salmon	Ezekias	Eleazar
Booz	Manasses	Matthan
Obed	Amon	Jacob
Jesse	Josias	Joseph
David	Jechonias	Jesus

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.

Matthew 1: 1-17

(Will your patience hold for His promise to you to be fulfilled in His time?)



The Body of Christ Gathers

Prelude: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, Arranged by Greg Howlett

Lighting the Candles Natalie & Caitlyn Shell

Hymn of Adoration O Come All Ye Faithful No. 234

Lighting of the Christ Candle Mary Andrea & Robert Burlingham

Mary says, "My Soul magnifies the Lord."

Joseph responds, "Tell us Mary; tell us how to discover our souls and see the Lord!"

Mary says, "Let me see. O, I know how to explain it! My Spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Joseph responds, "Mary, I rejoice when my heart is filled with goodness. Are you describing the hunger and thirst of your heart?"

Mary answers, "Yes, I am talking about my heart's hunger and thirst. I mean, No; do you remember when you were going to put me away quietly?"

Joseph: "I thought we were past that."

Mary: "We are past that. I bring it up because at that time my poor spirit caused my suffering. My mind judged and condemned me. I was afraid of you. I was afraid of my neighbors. But, then, God spoke to me. I rejoice because I found Hope and Peace with God. I am at peace with you. Joseph, it's hard to explain, but I am at peace with myself!"

Joseph says, "What filled your poor spirit with such joy?"

Mary says, "Joseph, didn't the Angel of the Lord visit you in a dream?"

Joseph: "I told you all about that. The Angel told me not to be afraid to take you as my wife.

Mary: "See, you do understand. You have experienced God with you.

When you came to receive me as your wife, I experienced God working through you. Joseph, God is mindful of our humble state. I wonder if God is mindful of every person who suffers a poor spirit?

Joseph: "What makes you believe God is mindful of everyone?"

Mary: "God told me that from now on all Generations will call me Blessed. It takes a blessing to see a blessing!"

Joseph: "Tell us what it means to be blessed!"

Mary: "I have! God is mindful of you when you suffer. The Holy Spirit overshadows your heart, soul, and mind. You are overwhelmed with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. (light the 4 candles)

Joseph: "Well, and I thought I was crazy."

Mary says, "Joseph, you are not crazy. You are holy. Somehow God is making us Holy as God is Holy. Holy is His Name!"

Joseph: "Mary, all of this explains what the angel told me. Gabriel said, this child will be known as God with US."

Christ Our Hope

Christ, our Lord, invites to his table everyone who suffers from being poor in spirit. Come, you who are hungry and thirsty. Come, eat and drink. Come, experience God's Goodness.

Who among us invites friends to a feast? Who among us rolls out a cash register after dessert? God invites us! Come and see that the Lord is Good. Come, experience unmerited favor.

Christ our Peace

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, We who sat in darkness have seen the Light of Christ.

The Light of Christ offers us Hope. Hope opens the eyes of our hearts to see God with us when we suffer.

The Light of Christ offers us Peace. Peace opens the eyes of our minds to understand that nothing has the power to separate us from God.

The Light of Christ offers us Joy. Joy opens the eyes of our souls to see the Holy Spirit leading us out of temptation into God's Holy Presence.

The Light of Christ offers us Love. Love opens the eyes of our hearts, souls, and minds to bless those who curse us. God's Love sets us apart to love our neighbor as self.

Prayers of Petition and Intercession

(Silently pray for the sick, shut-in, our leaders, our nation, and the world.)

Pastoral Prayer

Hear the Good News: "For Christ's sake, we have suffered the loss of all things, and we regard them as rubbish, in order that we may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of our own that comes from the Law, but one that comes through Faith in Christ." (Philippians 3: 8b-9f)

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God. Amen

Christ Our Joy

Medley of Carols: (1st and last verse of each)

Angels We Have Heard on High No. 238

The First Noel No. 245

Joy To The World No. 246

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 46-56 Rick Galyean

Anthem: O Holy Night

Message: My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Christ Our Love

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts, souls, and minds.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Thank you, Father, for the Light of Christ who gives us Hope of Peace and Joy in Your Love.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.

God is with us.

We know Him as Immanuel.

On this Holy night hear the Good News of great Joy. You have found favor with God!

Sinner would be more like it! How can it be that I am Highly Favored?

Do you remember what Gabriel told Mary?

Gabriel said "Do not be afraid...The Holy Spirit will overshadow you and you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son."

When we accepted Christ, the Holy Spirit overshadowed us.

Here I am, Lord. Let it be with me according to your word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night in which he 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