



to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus for
Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs

Gathering Before God

December 26, 2021
First Sunday After Christmas

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Leader: Oh taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!

People: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

Leader: The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, and his ears toward their cry.

People: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Leader: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

People: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

(from Psalm 34)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rejoice

Come and stand before your maker
Full of wonder full of fear
Come behold his power and glory
Yet with confidence draw near
For the one who holds the heavens
And commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us
With an unrelenting love

Rejoice

Come and lift your hands and raise your voice

He is worthy of all praise

Rejoice

Sing the mercies of your king

And with trembling rejoice

We are children of the promise
The beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness
Bought with sacrificial blood
Bringing reconciliation
To a world that longs to know
The affections of a father
Who will never let them go

All our sickness all our sorrows
Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us
He is walking with us still
Turning tragedy to triumph
Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle
So take heart and stand amazed

Rejoice

When you cry to him he hears your voice

He will wipe away your tears

Rejoice

In the midst of suffering

He will help you sing

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

"In [Christ]...you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross."

(Colossians 2:11-14)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 112

- 1** Praise the Lord!
Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!
- 2** His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3** Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- 4** Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- 5** It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.
- 6** For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.
- 7** He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.
- 8** His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.
- 9** He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.
- 10** The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Speaker: Jim Angehr

Title: "No Bad News"

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Leader: Let us say what we believe.

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

The Sending

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and forevermore, go in peace.

(2 Cor 13:14)

People: Amen.