

Traditional Worship Service

January 5, 2025 - Follow the Light

Length
in mins

5:00 **Prelude**

1:30 **Live Stream Startup**

5:00 **Welcome & Announcements**

1:00 **Call To Worship**

Liturgist: Dan O'Neill

Leader: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.

Leader: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: "Arise, shine; for your light has come."

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Leader: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

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Leader: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

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3:00 **Opening Song**

The First Noel, #245, vs. 1-3

1:00 **Unison Prayer**

ALL: Dear God, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Shine your light on the pages of our lives. In the places where we share the dark, everyone looks bright, and everything looks right. We are not anxious to move out of our darkness where we are fooled. In the darkness, our motives are not clear, our ideas are not voiced, and our relationships are not questioned. But when your light shines, everything is like an open window. We see clearly. Help us to move on with you, Light of lights. We praise you and pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

3:30 **Special Music**

"Ancient Peoples Searched The Sky," Chorale

5:00 **A Time for Children**

Noelle Allison, Director of Children and Families

Indicate special props, placement and movement if known.

1:00 **Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 60:1-6

5:00 **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

1:00 **Offering Our Gifts to The Lord - Breakthrough Prayer**

O God, we offer ourselves to you. We are your people and this is your church. Use our gifts and breakthrough in new ways as we seek to love our neighbors and be a beacon of Christ-centered hope to our community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

4:00 **Offertory**

"What Child Is This?," Paul Ijames, Piano

1:00 **Doxology**

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15:00 Message

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Cody - preaching
Matthew 2:1-12

2:00 Song Before Communion

The First Noel, #245, vs. 4-5

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8:00 Communion

Great Thanksgiving:

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth,
Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God.
You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets.
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.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation.
You sent a star to guide wise men to where the Christ was born;
and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world,
you have led your people from far places to his light.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church, 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 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 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,
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 God, now and forever. Amen.

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3:00 Closing Song
We Three Kings, #254, vs. 1-5

1:00 Benediction

2:00 Postlude

59:30
