

LORD'S DAY | December 1, 2024

A Service of Covenant Renewal

PRELUDE

Habakkuk 2:20: But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. We encourage you to use the prelude as a time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 67

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.

Let us worship the Triune God.

OPENING HYMN: No. 219, "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord"

GREETING:

From where does our help come?

From the LORD, the creator of the heavens and the earth.

PRAYER/INVOCATION

THE LORD CLEANSES US IN HIS SON

CALL TO REPENTANCE: Psalm 31:1-5

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their sins. Restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

PROMISE OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS: Romans 8:31-39

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 230, "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

(page 845 in red Trinity Hymnal)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

THE GRACE OF GOD'S LAW: Exodus 20:1-17

GLORIA PATRI: No. 734

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

CONGREGATIONAL PETITIONS

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 9:2-7

NEW TESTAMENT: John 8:12

SERMON: The Peace of Christmas

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

MEANING AND FENCING OF THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

BREAD: No. 398, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

WINE: No. 233, "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"

*CLOSING HYMN: No. 162, "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US WITH HIS BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF ADVENT: No. 194, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1)

POSTLUDE