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# Bethlehem

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The Holy Trinity



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# Order of Worship

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## Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Worship *(Please Stand)*

## Opening Hymn

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

LW #168

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
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## Invocation and Confession

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

C: **Amen.**

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.** Psalm 124:8

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** Psalm 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

C: Amen.

Gloria Patri  page 2

(Glory Be)

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie  page 2

(Kyrie Eleison: Lord have Mercy)

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis  page 3 - 5

(Glory in the Highest)

L: Glory be to God on high:

C: **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect  page 5

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Holy Triune God, all that is, all that was, and all that ever will be, belongs to You alone. You have spoken to us through Your Word made flesh. Now guide us in the truth by the gift of Your Holy Spirit, so that we may glorify You as the One true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

*(Please Sit)*

***Genesis 1:1-2:4a***

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## Second Reading

## *Acts 2:14a, 22-36*

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his

tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Alleluia**  page 6

C: **Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**  page 6

*(Please Stand)*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for \*us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(\* “us men” means “all people”)

**Children’s Message**

*(Please Sit)*

Eric Oswald, DCE

**Hymn of the Day**

***Glory Be to God the Father***

**LW #173**

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain.

Glory to the King of angels, glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory, to the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

## Sermon

Joel Prusi, Elder

## Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

*Bringing tithes and financial gifts to the Lord is an act of worship. These offerings help to accomplish ministry both here at Bethlehem and around the world. May God bless your response of faith.*

Please join our members in signing the Red Friendship Register in your pew.

## Prayers of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

*(Please Stand)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## Blessing of Our Graduates

**C: May Almighty God bless you in all you do. May He fill you with the love of the Father, the peace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, so that you may be a blessing to others. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

*(Peace of the LORD)*

**L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: And also with you.**

### Agnus Dei page 10-11

*(Lamb of God)*

**C: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*(Please Sit)*

*(see information on inside cover page)*

## Distribution Hymns

### *Beautiful Savior*

**LW #507**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forevermore be Thine!

### ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name***

**LW #171**

Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You.  
All on earth Your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore You.  
Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train join Your sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun through the Church the song goes on.

You are King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death, You have opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name You,  
Though in essence only one; undivided God we claim You  
And, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

### **Communion Blessing**

*(Please Stand)*

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith  
unto life everlasting.

C: Amen.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

L: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore  
You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love  
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Benediction** page 15

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord  
lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

### **Closing Hymn**

### ***Come, O Almighty King***

**LW #169**

Come, O Almighty King, help us Your name to sing;  
Help us to praise; Father all glorious, in all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, O incarnate Word, gird on Your mighty sword; our prayer attend.  
Come and Your people bless, and give Your Word success,  
And let Your righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, Your sacred witness bear in this glad hour!  
Your sev'nfold gifts impart; rule now in ev'ry heart;  
Never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To the great One in Three eternal praises be hence evermore!  
Your sov'reign majesty may we in glory see  
And to eternity love and adore.

## Sending

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.  
Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-76  
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### **Glory Be to God the Father**

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-99  
Tune: Walter G. Whinfield, 1865-1919  
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### **Come, O Almighty King**

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.  
Tune: Felice de Giadini, 1716-96  
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### **Beautiful Savior**

Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
Tune: Silesian folk tune, 1842  
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### **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt.  
Tune: Maria Theresa, Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774  
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