

St. Luke's Table

FIRST SUNDAY After CHRISTMAS

Let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ
dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3.15, 16



Peace, Justice, Unity, Public Art Squad

Welcome and Good Morning!

A Service of Morning Prayer, adapted from

*(A Liturgy for a New Year, by Thom Shuman,
Wild Goose Big Book of Liturgies, 2 and the
New Zealand Prayer Book)*

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:

Infant Holy
Infant Lowly



Presentation in the Temple, detail, Angelico, fra,
approximately 1400-1455

Call to Worship

We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

We are warmed by the sun;
the rain cleanses all creation:

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

We watch the moon light up the night;
we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

You call us to be your children;
you gift us to serve all people;
you send us to proclaim your good news to all:
glory to you, Creator of all that is new.

When you are lonely,
we have a chance to visit you;
when you are hungry,
we can share our food with you;
when you are naked,
we can give you the clothes off our back;
when you are sick,
we can nurse you back to health:
glory to you, Saviour of the world.

You whisper in our ears,
so we may praise you:
you fill our souls, so we may serve you;
you lead us into the kingdom,
so we may live with you:
glory to you, Spirit of gentleness.

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
you have shed upon us the new light
of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
shine forth in our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

ISAIAH 61:10-62:3



Meditation Garden -- First Presbyterian Church,
Saline, MI

ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

61:11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

62:2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

62:3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalms 148, (alternating verses)

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.

**He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind,
doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and wingèd birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel,
a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

**Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you open our eyes to see the wonders around us,
and our hearts and mouths to praise you.
Now give us strength for loving service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Second Reading
GALATIANS 4:47



Thankful -- Henry Ossawa Tanner

GALATIANS 4:47

4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

4:5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

4:6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

4:7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gradual Hymn:
See Amid
the Winter Snow



Entrance to the Village of Veteheuil in Winter,
Monet, Claude, 1840-1926

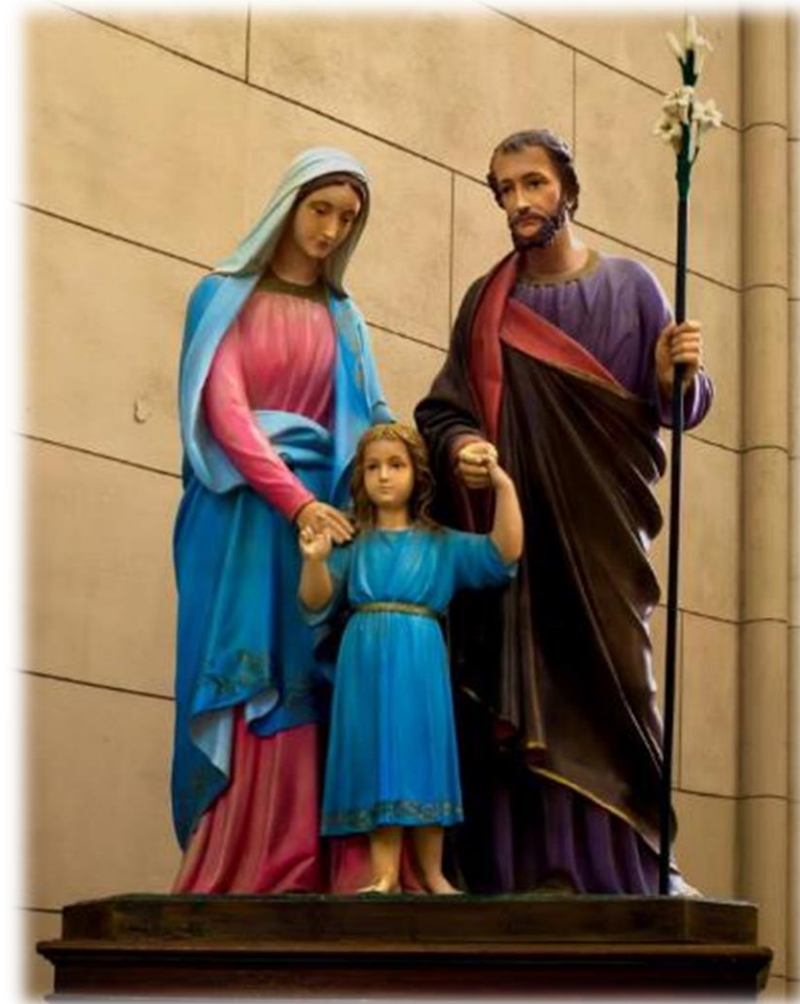
The Good News:

The Gospel of Christ
according to
LUKE 2:22-40



Presentation of Christ in the Temple -- Kelly Latimore,
Longview, TX

Reflection
Offered by
Jerry Cavanaugh



The Holy Family, Basilica of Notre Dame
Lujan, Philippines

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

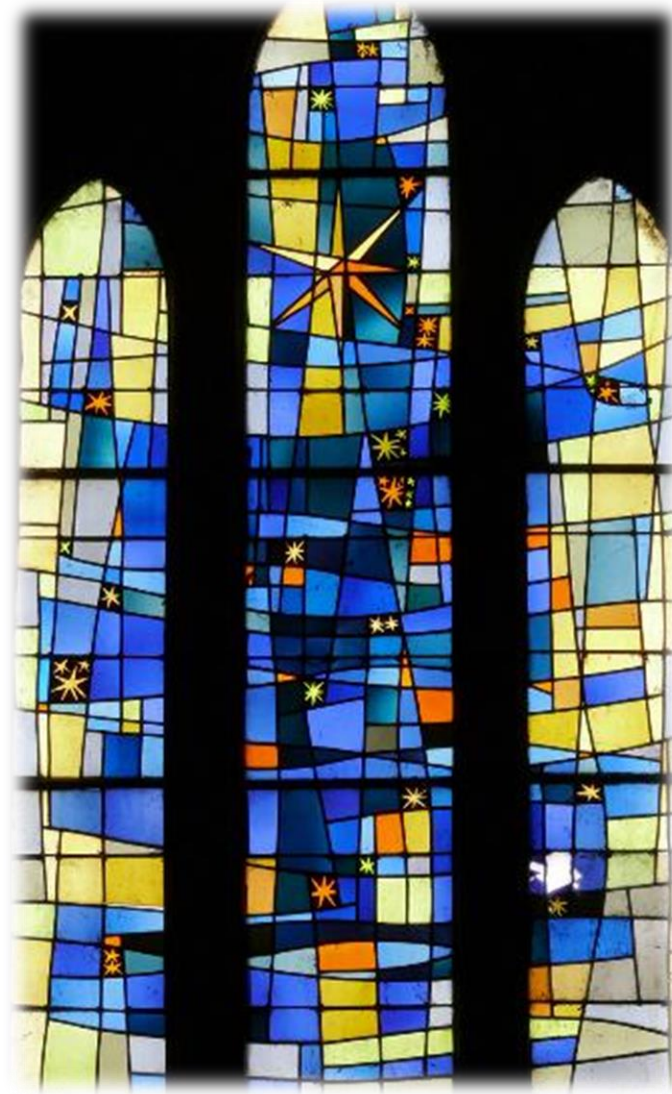
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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.**

Prayers of the People

Offered by
Lyda Miller



Heavenly window

Call to Reconciliation

Will this year be a time of new life,
new ways for us – or will we continue to live
the same old way?

Let us confess to God our failures,
as well as our hopes,
as we bring this new year.

Prayer for Forgiveness

**God of every moment,
we admit that we always find the time
to fill our stomachs, but not our souls.
We spend hours watching television,
but not the wonders of your creation.
We arrange meetings with our friends,
yet ignore your invitation to sit and talk.**

**We make resolutions to change every aspect of our lives, except for that which pertains to you.
Forgive us, God of glory, and make us new.
In the moments to come this year, remind us that if there is indeed “a time for everything”,
that we do have those moments to spend in grace, seeking hope, finding joy,
and for a relationship with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

(Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

It's over – last year is gone.
Our words, our thoughts,
our deeds are in the past.
Today we begin anew.
Today, and every day,
God offers us life and hope.

**Here, now, forever –
we are forgiven and healed.
Let this year be the year
we will live as such people.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

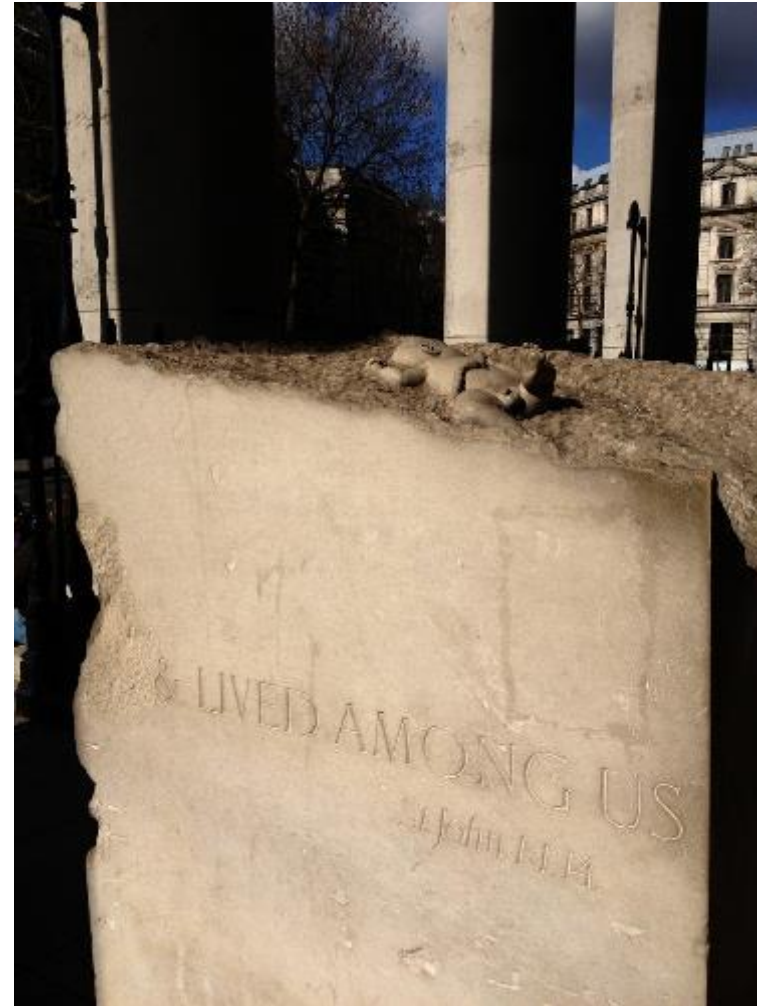
Prayer of Dedication

May we not keep our blessings,
but give them away:
so that others might learn new dance steps,
so children might be fed,
so bridges might be built
and so grace may flow to all in your world.
In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord
be always with you

And also with you

Offertory Hymn:
Born in the Night



Christ Child Just Born -- John 1:1-14

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of light,
in the birth of your Son
we see your glory.**

**May we who share in this mystery
grow daily in your love.**

**This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

Parish Discernment:

Prayer for Mission in our Neighbourhood

Loving God, we pray ...

for guidance as we seek to rediscover the people who
live, work, study, visit and play in our community

Guide Us, Lord

for new insight about the life and needs
of our neighbours,

Guide Us, Lord

for understanding about the ways we might build
relationships with new people

Guide Us, Lord

to learn how to lovingly serve the community
around us

Guide Us, Lord

to find ways to join with your Holy Spirit
already present in our neighbourhood
so that we may have the opportunity
to share the Good News about Christ

Guide Us, Lord

that we would grow more and more
to have a heart like Christ, as we seek
to answer this missional call to our community

Guide Us, Lord

and give thanks that you are a hugely generous God
who has blessed us with more than enough gifts
in which to do this work for your Kingdom. **Amen.**

Musical Reflection

Angels from
the Realms of Glory

Good King Wenceslas



Christ is Born

The Lord's Prayer

Glory to you, God in Community, Holy and One.

Hear us as we pray as Jesus teaches us:

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Morning Collect

**God our creator, yours is the morning
and yours is the evening.**

**Let Christ the sun of righteousness
shine forever in our hearts
and draw us to that light
where you live in radiant glory.**

**We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Redeemer. Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,

**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

Let us go from this time of silence and song
to be God's voice:

**To speak out for the oppressed
of our communities
and the world.**

Let us go from this time of community
to be Jesus' faithful:

**To feed the hungry, to visit the sick,
to be a friend to prisoners.**

Let us go from this sacred space
to share the peace of the Spirit:

**To work for reconciliation in our neighbourhoods
to put an end to violence and death.**

Closing Hymn:
Sing We Now
of Christmas



The Christmas Party, Wilkie, Robert David

Credits:

Scripture:

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