



Trinity Reformed Church

First Sunday of Christmastide

December 26, 2021

We are a community God gathers, transforms,
and sends to share Christ's expansive love with the world.

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GOD GATHERS

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Benjamin Van Zetten Bruins

Introit: Gloria, Gloria

(#83, red hymnal)

Glory to God, glory to God, in the highest heaven!

Peace be on earth, peace be on earth, alleluia, alleluia!

Latin:

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Remembering our Baptism

*Call to Worship

As a young boy, Jesus declared the Temple
to be his Father's house.
And that same Jesus gathers us
into this house of God today.

So come into this space

just as you are.

Come into this space

speaking your truth.

Come into this space

with your authentic self.

This is God's home.

This is our home.

*Gathering Song: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(#80, red hymnal)

1. *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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ, is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!*
2. *Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!*
3. *Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!*

*God's Greeting and the People's Amen

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the one who was and is and will come again.
And all God's people said: **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have chosen us in love,
and called us to be your people.
But so often, we do not choose
to live according to your ways.

We could offer welcome,
but we often choose judgment.

We could choose action,
but we often choose silence.

We could choose advocacy,
but we often choose comfort.

We could choose truth,
but we often choose ignorance.

We could choose God,
but we often choose ourselves.

(silence)

Forgive us, gracious God,
for the moments when we chose poorly.
**Open our hearts to choose you,
to choose community, to choose love.**
Gratefully we pray, amen.

Words of Assurance

Titus 3:5

Passing of God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

GOD TRANSFORMS

Prayer for Illumination

Be still and know that God is here. (3x)

Children's Message

Amanda McElroy

Song of Preparation: Open Our Eyes, Lord

(#80, green hymnal)

1. *Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.*
2. *Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

First Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Luke 2:41-52

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Sarah Van Zetten Bruins

Prayer for Blessing on the Word

*Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
 Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
 new life, new hope, new joy he brings.
 Listen to the angels sing.
 "Glory, glory, glory," to the new-born King!*

Sacrament of Communion: *The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*¹

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.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of the universe!...
 and so we thank you with the faithful of every time and place.



Gathering God,
 as grain is collected from the fields,
 in Christ, you draw us to yourself...
 Great is the mystery of faith.



God of justice,
 you have promised to make your home among us...
 Even so, come Lord Jesus.
Amen.

Bread of Life, be Light in our darkness.
Christ is the Light of the world.
 Cup of Salvation, be Strength for our journey.
Christ is the Hope of the world.
 The gifts of God
for the people of God.

Song During Communion: Feed Us Lord



1. Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord.
 2. Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord.
 3. Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord,
 4. Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord.



In the bro - ken bread, be re - vealed - a - gain.
 On this thirst - y ground, may your love flow down.
 with the bread and wine of the ris - en Christ.
 Nourished here by Christ; giv - en strength for life.



Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
 Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
 Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
 Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

GOD SENDS

Our Prayer of Gratitude and Intercession

*Song of Sending: Go Tell It on the Mountain

(#93, red hymnal)

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
 go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

1. *While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
 behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.*
2. *The Shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
 rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*
3. *Down in a lowly stable the humble Christ was born,
 and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

*Changing of the Light

*Benediction

1. Adapted from Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher, *Eucharistic Prayers*, ©2016, Eerdmans Publishing Co.

* Gendered language is important for the people of God to consider. Here at Trinity, we believe God is beyond gender and acknowledge that masculine language is incomplete. Though some of our songs, liturgy, or scripture may contain masculine God language, you are welcome to change any words you desire for your fullest participation in worship.