

*CLOSING HYMN # 151

We Three Kings of Orient Are

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Auld Lang Syne; Scottish melody*

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Kurt Schuler
Ushers	Donna and Allison Schuler
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Kate Mauch

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

Portions of today’s liturgy *Portion of today’s liturgy are from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol.1, 2013, Westminster John Knox Press.*

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1st Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Coventry Carol; English melody*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this Christmas season of great joy, we praise the Lord;
for in mercy and abundant steadfast love,
God has become our Savior.

**Even in times of danger and threat,
we praise God, who has set us free from fear and death
through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation.
With all creation, in the midst of the congregation,
we praise and put our trust in God alone.**

*OPENING HYMN # 134

Joy to the World

CALL TO CONFESSION

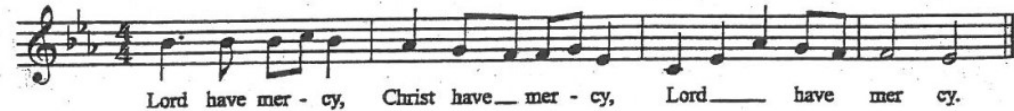
Brothers and sisters, Jesus became like us in every respect so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God. As we confess our sins, we come before One who was also tested by what he suffered, confident that he is able to help us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend. Complacent in the presence of injustice and violence, we fail to recognize our own complicity. Forgive us, especially when we fail to protect children so vulnerable and precious in your sight. Forgive our misuse of power against people, and against your creation. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace. Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, but strengthen us in our time of testing. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shared our flesh and blood. Amen.

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of God, it is clear that Jesus Christ came to help sinners. He is our Savior in all our distress, and it is his presence that saves us. Declare with me the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Oh Woman, You May Keep the Gold* by Gian Carlo Menotti
Kurt Schuler, soloist

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Children's Sermon*

(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, your Word comes to us: Jesus Christ, Immanuel. Holy Word, you cross every border meant to shut you out. Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the word read and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream your dreams and faithfully follow wherever you lead. In your triune name we pray. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: *Matthew 2:13-23*

SERMON

Rachel Weeps

Rev. Kate Mauch

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 123**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor thing to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All creation teems with the abundance of God's provision: mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, creeping things and flying birds! Our own lives bear witness to the abundance of God's love and mercy, for God has lifted us up and carried us in our need. In joyful praise, we offer to God a portion of all we have received.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* by Rowland Prichard

DOXOLOGY Hymn #609

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ's holy name we pray. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (verse 1)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)