



Joy to the World

December 25, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

1833 Regent Street,
Madison, WI 53726

Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Prelude | Voluntary on *Quem pastores* Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)
Voluntary on *Divinum mysterium* Wilbur Held (1914-2015)
Voluntary on *Vom Himmel hoch* Wilbur Held

Hymn | O come, all ye faithful (Adeste fideles) *hymnal 83, stanzas 1, 3 and 6*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

**People: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

Collect for Purity

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise | The Gloria *S277 in front of the hymnal*

Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading | *Isaiah 52:7-10*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 *The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print.*

Howard Hughes, SM



- 1 Sing a new song to God, *
who has done marvelous things.
- 2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm *
you have won for yourself the victory.
- 3 **You have made known your victory; ***
your righteousness have you openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, ***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to God with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn ***
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before God, ~ who will come to judge the earth.
- 10 **God shall judge the world in righteousness ***
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading |

Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

And,

"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;
they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like clothing;
like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end."]

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

hymnal, number 87

The Holy Gospel |

John 1:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his

name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Andy Jones

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: May The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Welcome, Celebrations and Invitations

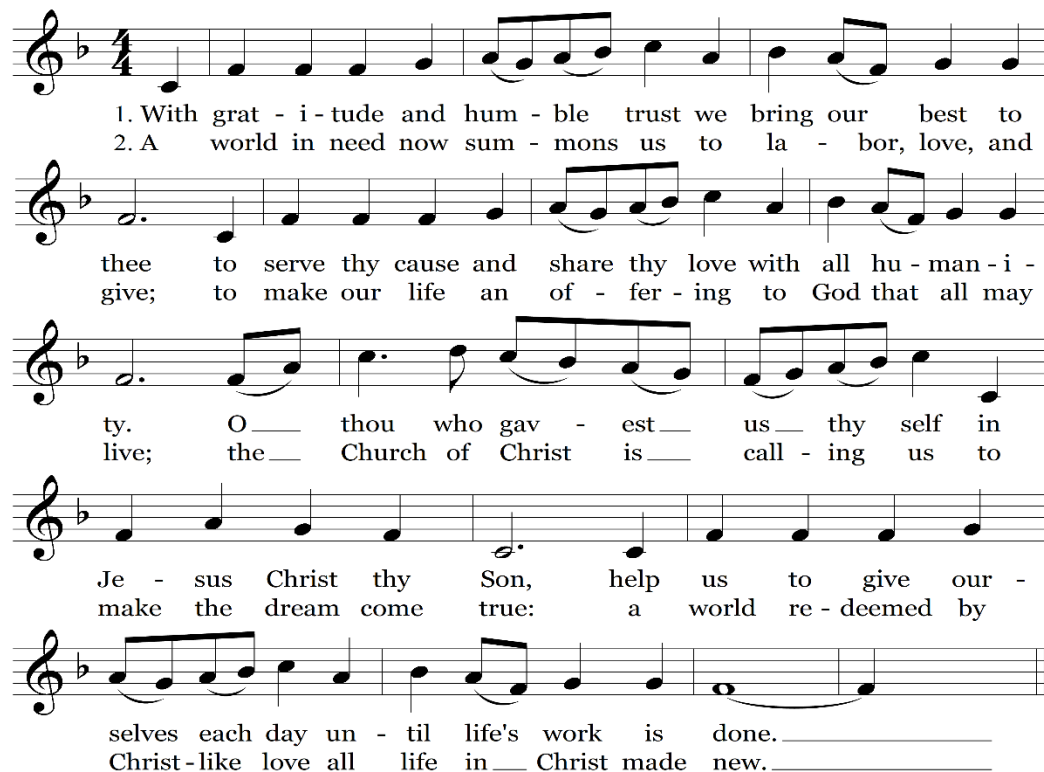
Holy Communion

The Offering

Voluntary | What child is this (Greensleeves)

Paul O. Manz

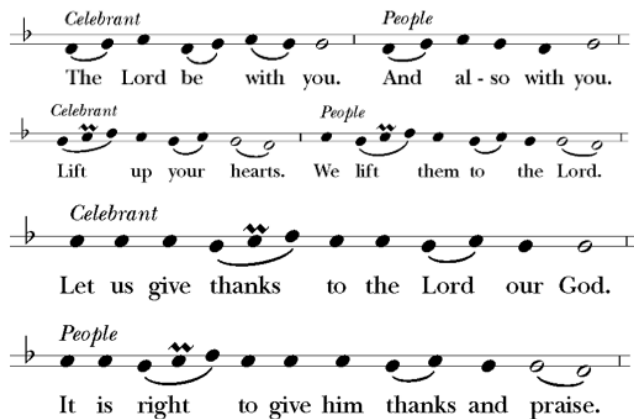
Offertory Response - With gratitude and humble trust (Forest Green)



1. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to
2. A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i -
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may
ty. O — thou who gav - est — us — thy self in
live; the — Church of Christ is — call - ing us to
Je - sus Christ thy Son, help us to give our -
make the dream come true: a world re - deemed by
selves each day un - til life's work is done. _____
Christ-like love all life in — Christ made new. _____

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language Version)

Sursum corda | *sung*



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus | Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

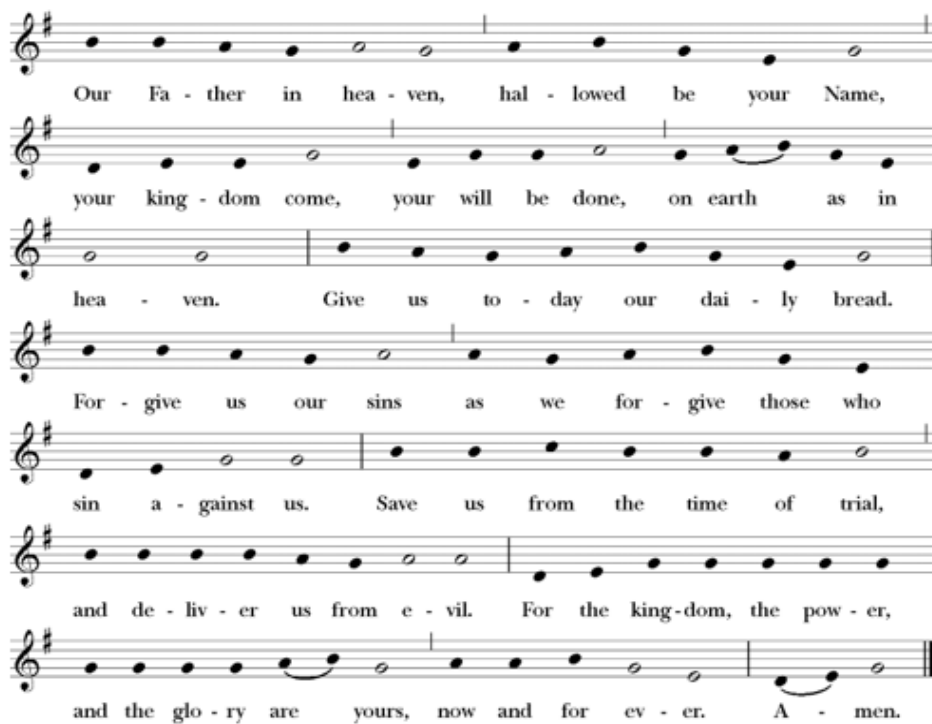
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

People and Celebrant

Lord's Prayer *sung*



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem *sung*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
All there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music at the Communion

Voluntary | What is this lovely fragrance?

Paul O. Man

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Carol: Joy to the World (Antioch)

hymnal, number 100; stanzas 1, 2 and 4

Dismissal

Celebrant: Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us.

So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude | Voluntary on *In dulci jubilo*

arranged by Wilbur Held

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