

# The Holy Eucharist



## The Church of the Ascension *Munich*

### The Holy Name

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# The Holy Eucharist

## The Holy Name

### ORDER OF SERVICE

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*A warm welcome to all!*

***Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom  
for the duration of this service.***

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***While masks are no longer mandatory,  
we encourage you to continue to wear them while in church.***

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The Ringing of the Bells

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*All are invited to stand*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

*All are invited to stand*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

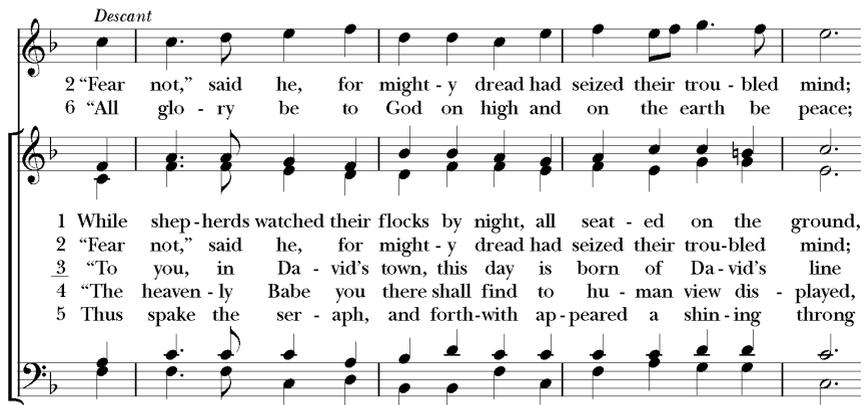
*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant and People together*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

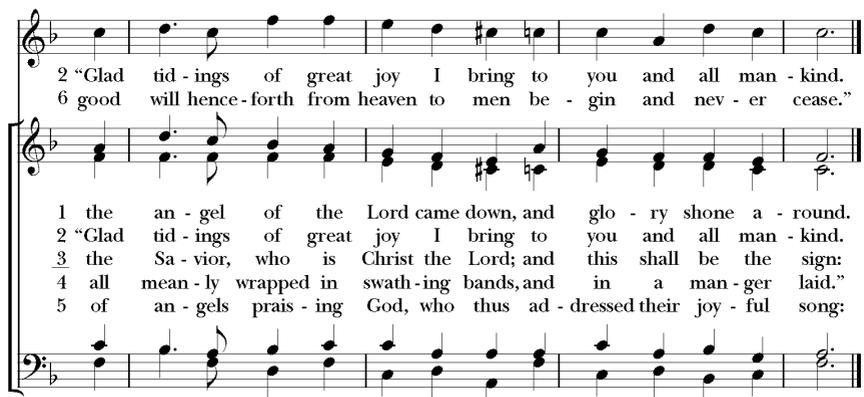
**Song of Praise** "While shepherds watched their flocks by night" Hymn 94

*Descant*



2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
6 "All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace;

1 While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the ground,  
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled mind;  
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's line,  
4 "The heav - en - ly Babe you there shall find to hu - man view dis - played,  
5 Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with ap - peared a shin - ing throug



2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.  
6 good will hence - forth from heaven to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

1 the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.  
2 "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind.  
3 the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:  
4 all mean - ly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid."  
5 of an - gels prais - ing God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high  
and on the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease."

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

*People* Amen

*All are invited to be seated*

## The Lessons

**The First Reading** | Numbers 6:22-27 *Read in German by Michael Beer*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 8

*Led by Sue Morris*

- 1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?  
6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;  
7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
10 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**The Second Reading** | Philippians 2:5-11

*Read by Sue Morris*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **The Gospel | Luke 2:15-21**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

*The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow*

*Silence may be kept.*

*All are invited to stand*

### **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
    With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
    He 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.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Led by Janet Day-Strehlow*

Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.  
Christ, born in a stable,  
give courage to all who are homeless.  
Jesus, Saviour,  
**hear our prayer.**  
Christ, for whom the angels sang,  
give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.  
Jesus, Saviour,  
**hear our prayer.**  
Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,  
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.  
Jesus, Saviour,

**hear our prayer.**

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,  
give humility and wisdom to all who govern.  
Jesus, Saviour,

**hear our prayer.**

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,  
give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.  
Jesus, Saviour,

**hear our prayer.**

**Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary,  
you know us and love us,  
you share our lives  
and hear our prayer.  
Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ  
first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to  
find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence*

**General Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant and People together*

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the  
sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may  
delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.*

## Announcements

*The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow*

## The Offertory

Offertory Sentence: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. —Ephesians 5:2

## Thanks be to God.

## Offertory Music

Doxology | “From all that dwell below the skies”

Hymnal 380

\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

The first line of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with a three-measure rest followed by the lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

The second line of musical notation continues the vocal line and accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The third line of musical notation concludes the doxology with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also 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 God thanks and praise.

*The celebrant continues*

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus | Holy, holy, holy Lord (from “Deutsche Messe”) Hymnal S130

*Those who are on Zoom, please feel free to sing along with sound muted.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People (muted)*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

*The celebrant continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

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,  
    for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant*

This is the banquet of Christ. In His kingdom there are no outcasts. Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online

*Celebrant and People*

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

## Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion

- *Please remain in your seat until an usher invites you come forward.*
- *For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask the priest as communion is offered to you.*
- *For those who wish, the chalice will be offered on either side of the altar. Following convocation guidelines, intinction will not be allowed at this time. Please know that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may simply return to your seat, stop and bow to the chalice or simply touch the chalice as a sign of reverence.*

## Communion Music

Communion Hymn "The first Nowell the angel did say"

Hymn 109

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

*All are invited to stand*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.**

## The Blessing

*Celebrant*

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you forever.

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that

Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly

watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
 trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
 man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

*Repeat Refrain*

hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
 God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*    *Alleluia, Alleluia.* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God. *Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## ORGAN POSTLUDE



There will no coffee hour today

