

Christ

THE WORD...

THE LIGHT OF MEN...

SHINETH

IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:1-5



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Christmas Day *December 25th, 2023*

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The Congregation stands



WE WELCOME TO HOLY COMMUNION

all who believe in Jesus Christ as personal Savior and who believe that at the Lord's table we receive His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. If you will not be communing but desire a blessing, please indicate the same to those serving Holy Communion. Grape juice is also available upon request.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father

Confession

Our most gracious Father in heaven, We bow before You to confess our sin and seek Your forgiveness. We have not esteemed others better than ourselves and have fallen into sin because of our own weakness. We know that sin leads us to death but Your gift to us is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Strengthen our hearts against sin and forgive us when we fail. Grant to us the promise of eternal life with You in heaven and Your grace to live here on this earth. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become sons of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And is seated on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Isaiah 52:7-10 (ESV)

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of
happiness,
who publishes salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their
voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
⁹Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
¹⁰The 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.

Psalms 2 (ESV)

2:1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
²The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed,
saying,
³"Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶"As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."
⁷I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
¹²Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

John 1:1-18 (KJV)

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the
Word was with God, and the Word was God.
²The same was in the beginning with God.
³All things were made by him; and without him
was not any thing made that was made.
⁴In him was life; and the life was the light of
men.
⁵And the light shineth in darkness; and the
darkness comprehended it not.
⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name
was John.
⁷The same came for a witness, to bear witness
of the Light, that all men through him might
believe.
⁸He was not that Light, but was sent to bear
witness of that Light.
⁹That was the true Light, which lighteth every
man that cometh into the world.
¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made
by him, and the world knew him not.
¹¹He came unto his own, and his own received
him not.
¹²But as many as received him, to them gave he
power to become the sons of God, even to
them that believe on his name:
¹³Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will
of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
¹⁴And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt
among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as
of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace
and truth.
¹⁵John bare witness of him, and cried, saying,
This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh
after me is preferred before me: for he was
before me.
¹⁶And of his fulness have all we received, and
grace for grace.
¹⁷For the law was given by Moses, but grace
and truth came by Jesus Christ.
¹⁸No man hath seen God at any time, the only
begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the
Father, he hath declared him.