



Service of Worship

First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 2010

9:30am



"Flight into Egypt" Fra Angelico, c. 1450

We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.

For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located under each chair.

◆ ***Prelude*** *Carol Choice*
Carol Choice

◆ ***Gathering Song*** *Carol Choice*

◆ ***Welcome and Announcements***

◆ ***Sharing of the Peace***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ ***Confession and Forgiveness***

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: God of glory, God of peace,

C: **we confess that we have shunned the light that reveals the truth about us. We cling to worldly things rather than sharing the gifts of this earth. We trust ourselves above all. Save your people, O God, and free us to live boldly in the light and truth of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

P: The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done, but according to God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy. **Amen.**

◆ ***Opening Song*** *Carol Choice*

◆ **Greeting**

P: The Savior is born!

C: He is born in a manger.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

◆ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

◆ **First Reading**

Isaiah 63:7-9

God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that God's people will not act falsely.

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸ For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹ in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

◆ **Song**

Carol Choice

◆ **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:13-23

Matthew relates the slaughter of babies in Bethlehem as one example of evil in the world. Jesus has been born into this world to manifest God's presence and save his people from their sins.

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared

in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

◆ *Song*

Carol Choice

◆ *Message* *"Who Brings Myrrh to a Baby Shower?"*

Evan Hansen

◆ *Song*

Carol Choice

◆ *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

◆ *Offering Response* *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* 286

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us all your grace accord; true faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.

◆ **Offertory Prayer**

P: Good and loving God,

C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ **Prayer Song**

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Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people, hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

◆ **Prayers of the Church**

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Barbara Lockwood, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Ardis Bogen **Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Deb Simensen, Karen Fredricks, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar, Scott Hyde, Ruth Lahti **Those Who Grieve:** The Ditlevson family on the death of Kevin's mother Delores Ditlevson **Military:** Joshua Lee, Matt Bartels*

◆ **Lord's Prayer**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

◆ **God's Blessing to Us**

P: The holy Three, holy One, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and grant you peace. Amen.

◆ **Song**

Carol Choice

◆ ***Sending***

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Usher:	Tom Tisthammer
Greeters:	TBD
Lector:	Anita Platt
Hosts:	Young and Horner/Nelson Families

JANUARY 2 – Second Sunday of Christmas

9:30 *Worship Service – Holy Communion and Carol Sing*

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