

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
December 26, 2021

## Prelude

*But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.*  
Habakkuk 2:20

## Welcome

### God Calls Us to Worship Him

## Choral Introit (11:00)

*Come, gracious Lord, our hearts renew, our foes repel, our wrongs redress, man's rooted enmity subdue, and crown Thy Gospel with success. Teach us in watchfulness and prayer to wait for the appointed hour, and fit us by Thy grace to share the triumphs of Thy conquering power.*

## † Call to Worship Psalm 30:11-12

Pastor: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,  
**People: that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 211 *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

## † Salutation and Responsive Scriptures

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People: Amen!**

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

**People: Who made heaven and earth!**

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

**People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

## † Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

## † The Lord's Prayer Together as God's 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## † Affirmation of Faith The Rev. Nathan E. Currey

The Apostles' Creed (p. 845, together as God's people)

## Δ† Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

## God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

## § We Confess Our Sin

*Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before you that which is the truth, namely, that if you decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to heaven and bring our prayers before you. For our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us. We also know that you are a righteous Judge, who punishes the sins of those who transgress your commandments. But, O Lord, since you commanded us to call upon you in every affliction, and promised in your unspeakable mercy to hear our prayers, not for the sake of our merits- of which there are none- but for the sake of the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have set forth as our Mediator and Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our refuge in your mercy alone. Amen.*

## § Individual Silent Confession of Sin

## § God Forgives Us in Christ Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

## Interlude for Meditation

## Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

# 221 *Low, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

(11:00) Children ages 3 to Kdg. to Children's Church (look for the flag bearer)

## † The Passing of the Peace

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**People: And also with you!**

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you.")

## § Morning Prayer Elder Steve Baker

## We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory

## † Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## God Instructs Us With His Word

## Scripture Reading Rev. Currey

Ecclesiastes 12

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

Ecclesiastes: Living with Purpose

**"Remember"**

## † Hymn of Response (as the Elders prepare the Table)

# 201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (1-2)

## God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

## Invitation and the Words of Institution

The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Felich

## Prayer of Consecration

## Distribution of the Elements The Elders

(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center rings. Please note the bread is gluten free.)

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

## † Hymn of Dedication

# 201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (3-4)

## † Benediction Rev. Currey

## † Hymn of Dismissal

# 162 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (5)

*Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost to thee, hymn and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!*

## Postlude

The Order of Divine Worship concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing

§ Indicates the congregation kneeling (if able)

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers