

# The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day  
December 25, 2022

## 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)

*Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heaven our voice; he from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies; not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies. Thou my Savior art! Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heavenly ground? Where the angels singing with all his saints unite, sweetest praises bringing heavenly joy and light. Oh, that we were there!*

## † Call to Worship Psalm 72:18-19

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel! Who alone does wondrous things.

**People: Blessed be his glorious name forever!**

Pastor: May the whole earth be filled with his glory!

**People: Amen and Amen!**

## Δ† Hymn of Adoration

# 207 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

## † 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 Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A's 19-23 (page 870, responsively 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

***O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread. You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. 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 *Lo, 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 Joel Thomas

## 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

Selected Passages

## Prayer for Illumination

## Preaching of the Word

***“Jesus Brings the Gift of Peace”***

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

# 216 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (1)

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

# 216 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (2)

## † 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 ever-more!*

## 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