

THE LORD'S DAY
December 24, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:55 AM)

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalm* 107:1-3

*INVOCATION

*HYMN: **Trinity 208** - *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CORPORATE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful God, in Your gracious presence we confess our sin. Although Christ has come to dwell among us as our peace, at times we still live in enmity with each other and with You. We pursue the ways and values of a world that has rejected You as the true King. And at times we also act as disobedient and rebellious subjects. Forgive us, we pray of all our sins. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Draw us close to You and heal us of sin and its effects upon us. And come again quickly, Lord Jesus, to make us and all creation fully right with You, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: *Matthew* 1:21

GLORIA PATRI* - **Trinity 735

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, 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 Spirit 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 at 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 we 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 we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the

remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SCRIPTURE READING: *Ezekiel* 37:21-28 (**Insert**)

ANTHEM: *O Holy Night*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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 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.

*HYMN: **Bible Songs 18 [Back]** - *Free My Heart From Sin* (*Psa.* 51)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON TEXT: *Revelation* 11:1-14 (p. 1034, LP p. 1225)

SERMON: "A Bitter-Sweet Prophecy"

*HYMN: **Trinity 213** - *What Child Is This* (Stanzas 1-2)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (**Bread** is gluten free; **Wine** is on the outer ring)

*HYMN: **Trinity 213** - *What Child Is This* (Stanza 3)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY* - **Trinity 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ, the risen Son, And the fellowship of God the Spirit, keep our hearts and minds within his love. And to him be praise for his glorious reign from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n, We declare the name of the Lamb once slain, Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

POSTLUDE

**Please stand, if able*

If you are visiting with us, please complete a Visitor's Card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

If you need prayer, an elder is available following the service by the door to the anteroom.