



Your Word comes with justice to rule the earth with fairness;
inspire the leaders of all nations and citizens of the world
to promote dignity and equality for all in your global household.

O God of Love,
draw us together in peace.

Mountains and rivers clap and sing as your Word makes all things new;
awaken us to the damage we do to your world and mend our ways,
that all creation might breathe again the liveliness of your blessing.

O God of Love,
draw us together in peace.

When shepherds met your newborn Christ they eagerly ran to tell the news;
make us joyful messengers of your good news
who freely share your love in the world.

O God of Love,
draw us together in peace.

In Jesus, your love takes on human form to seek us out and guide us home;
may Christ be born in us today
to lead us into the lives for which we were made.

O God of Love,
draw us together in peace.

From your majesty on high to the lowliness of the stable,
your Word has power to sustain all things,
and through him we become your precious children;
comfort those who are hungry, sick, or suffering,
and in all our afflictions anoint us with the oil of gladness
as you visit us with your salvation.

O God of Love,
draw us together in peace.

Unto us a child is born this day, to live and die and rise again;
bless all who are born today and all who will die,
that your will for them may be fulfilled
in the one who is the way, truth, and life.

O God of Love,
draw us together in peace.

And hear us now as we lift up to you our prayers
of concern and joy, longing and hope,
aloud or in silence.

O God, receive our prayers through Christ who is our glorious light.
May we, like him, shine forth like the sun
in bodies, breath, and beating hearts
to sing your praise forevermore,
and as holy partners in a heavenly calling.

And hear us now as we repeat these eternal words,

**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.**

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENEROUS GIVING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM A Manger Carol words & music by Dale Wood

Softly the lantern sheds its beams across the manger where You lie.
Here You are safe no harm is nigh.
Sweet be Your sleep and sweet Your dreams
While friendly beasts their vigil keep watching over You while You sleep.
Sleep now in peace.
The blessed mother rests and the father keeps you from all harm
as angels watch your bed.
Softly the lantern beams over the manger where You lie.
Here You are safe no harm is nigh. Sweet be Your dreams

Tom Ashley, baritone

***DOXOLOGY #40 “Joy to the World” (verse 1)**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

On this glad new day for all the earth we are grateful for giving hearts made joyful in the gift of your Son. For you, O God, are generosity itself. Bless these gifts we offer to the benefit of those in need. Bless our lives in service of sharing your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

CAROL #48

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Christ is host of this table.

Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive the Sacrament.

We will come forward to receive communion by intinction, taking a piece of bread and dipping it into the cup. You may eat as you are served.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Prelude on O Jesu Christ, dwin Kripplein Rudolf Moser
(translation: O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is)

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*CAROL #44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

L: Let all God's people say, P: Alleluia, Amen!

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

CAROL #29 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Noël Angevin

César Franck

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Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God. We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

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