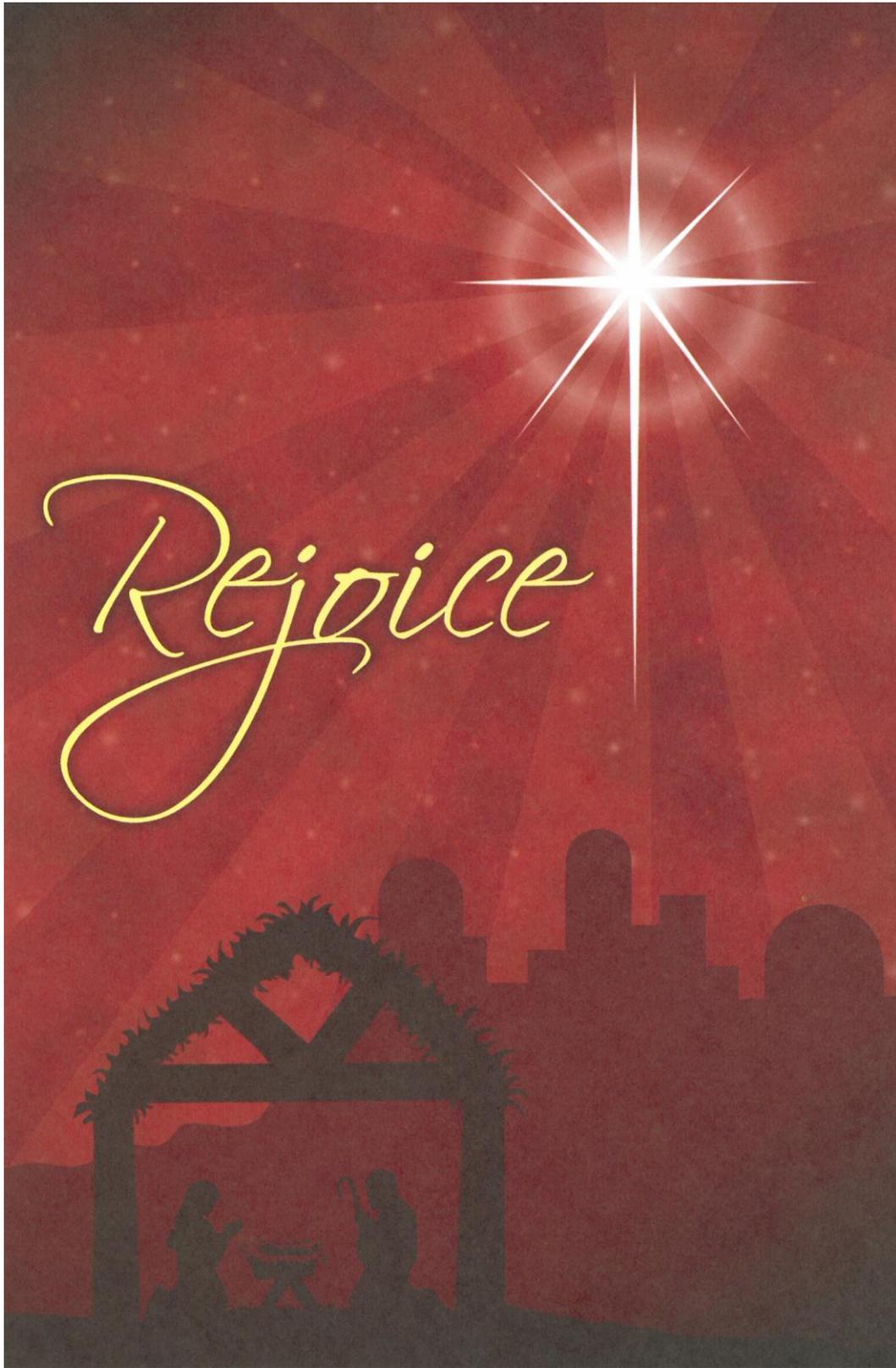


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## “REJOICE”

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP  
WITH HOLY COMMUNION

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Hymns are printed in bold italics*

(Congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.)

#### Prelude

#### THE GOSPEL CELEBRATION

# The Christ(mas) Story Luke 2 : 1 – 20

#### Song of Celebration

“Joy to the World“ (vs. 1-2) # 39

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*

*Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

#### Greeting & Sharing the Peace

Let our voices be lifted together in song and celebration!

**For the good news we celebrate this day!**

Let us join the angelic hosts in praising God, for Christ is born!

**Praise to God the almighty for hearing our prayers for salvation.**

Let our hearts be joined in praise as we lift our voices in song!

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **REJOICE WITH GOD IN THE HIGHEST**

*The miracle happens in the dawn. "Glory to God in the highest!" the angels sing. We echo their song in our hymn of praise. The light that springs upon us at God's arrival invites us to greet this new day with joy. Christ the Savior is born - and in baptism, we too are born into eternal life.*

### **Song & Litany**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

# 60

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day.

**Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, the glory of his name.

**Glory to God in the highest!**

May God be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

Not to us, O Lord, not to us –

**But to your name give glory,**

For the sake of your steadfast love and faithfulness

**Glory to God in the highest!**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

**And all flesh shall see it together,**

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!*

*Hail the sun of righteousness*

*Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings,*

*Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,*

*Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **WE BAPTIZE**

**Vivienne Marjorie Thorson**

**Charles James Thorson**

## **Prestation and Promises**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Vivienne Marjorie* baptized into Christ?

*Parents/Sponsors: We do.*

*Charles James*, do you desire to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

*Charles: I do*

In Christian love you have presented yourself and this child for Holy Baptism. There are some responsibilities that go with this gift of baptism -: you are to live among God's faithful people, come to hear the word of God and participate in the holy supper, learn and teach the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, read the Holy Scriptures, and be nurtured in faith and prayer, so that the two of you may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you commit to this and promise to help your daughter grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents: We do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Vivienne in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Sponsors: We do.*

People of God, do you promise to support *Charles James and Vivienne Marjorie* and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **\*Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

## **\*Baptismal (Apostles') Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*Charles James*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Vivienne Marjorie*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Charles James* and *Vivienne Marjorie* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Charles James*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*Vivienne Marjorie*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

### **\*Congregational Welcome**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Specail Music** “*Sweet Little Jesus Boy*” Vicki Thompson

### **THE WORD IS MADE FLESH**

*On this Christmas morning the people of God gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord. Luke recounts the familiar story of shepherds and angels; John's gospel tells of the Word that dwells among us, full of grace and truth. The meaning of Christmas is made clear: the light shines in the darkness. It is in the liturgy that we encounter the Word made flesh—in the people of God gathered together as the body of Christ, and in the meal around the holy table. We go forth to be bearers of light as we proclaim this good news to all the ends of the earth.*

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **Isaiah 62:6-12**

The prophet invites the people to give God no rest until God reestablishes Jerusalem. In turn, they will receive names full of promise: Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, a City Not Forsaken.

### **Scripture Reading**

#### **John 1:1-5, 10-14**

*The prologue to the Gospel of John describes Jesus as the Word of God made flesh, the one who reveals God to be “full of grace and truth.”*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Song**

*“Angels We Have Heard on High” # 71*

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.*

## **Christmas Message**    *“Rejoice – The Promise Is Fulfilled”*

**Special Music**    *“Go Tell It On the Mountain”*    Ruth Sheldon

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

God of love, the Psalmist was right in asking how long will you be angry with your people - because we, in our weakness, get caught up so easily in the ‘silliness’ of this season. Our sense of wonder over the depth of your love for us becomes dulled. Our preoccupation with choosing suitable gifts and preparing acceptable food can make us quite unloving as Christmas draws nearer.

**Forgive us, O God, when we have failed in word or deed to proclaim that the birth of Jesus is the wonderful and true reason for the Christmas season.**

Rekindle our sense of wonder, O God, at your choosing to share our humanity,

**by being born, as we all were, a vulnerable and helpless baby.**

Merciful God, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus, shape and reshape our priorities so that the gift we give which is most cherished will be our witness to your love in ways that are transforming, visible and lasting. In Jesus’ name we pray.

**Amen**

Through God’s love, we are restored and saved, for God entered our world in Jesus Christ, “not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” “Those who believe in him are not condemned.” (*John 3,17, 18*)

**Thanks be to God!**

### **THE GIFT OF GLORY - HOLY COMMUNION**

**Song**

*“Silent Night”*

(vs. 1, 3) # 65

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.*

*Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!*

*Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

### **Words of Institution and Lord’s Prayer**

#### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*All who gather here in worship and praise and believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ are invited to come to the table. Come, share in this meal that unites all who believe in Christ, and be forgiven by the grace of God.*

#### **Songs During Distribution**

*“Away in a Manger”*

# 67

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

# 41

## Communion Blessing

### Benediction

May Christ, born into time, bring endless peace, guide your days and years in righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

### Song of Rejoicing “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” # 55

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
on and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

### Dismissal

Filled with the joy of Christ's birth, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## ✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

*God invites us to respond to His grace*

### Offering

*Please place your gifts in box, send them to the parish office, or use [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) (electronic giving).*

Ring the Bells

Postlude



***May You Have a Blessed Christmas!***