

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

Belmont, California

Christmas Season

Opening Hymn

Announced

Acclamation

Presider

The people who walked in darkness

People

have seen a great light.

Presider

For to us a child is born;

People

to us a son is given.

Presider

His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor,

People

Mighty God, the Prince of Peace.

Presider

Glory to God in the highest

People

and peace to all people on earth.

Hymn of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal 96

1 Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night.

And the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Glo - ria in excelsis Deo.

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2 See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above.
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love.

Glo - ria in excelsis Deo.

Glo - ria in excelsis Deo.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says the Collect of the Day, found on the insert. The People respond: Amen.

The Lessons

The People are seated for the Readings, found on the insert. After each Reading, the People respond:

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Instructions will be given for the recitation of the psalm or canticle following the First Reading.

Sequence

Announced

The Gospel

All standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying

Minister The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to _____.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the Gospel, the Minister says

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon *with Community Reflections*

Hymn of Praise

Announced

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
And was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Presider

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,
who brings us out of darkness
and into his own marvelous light.

Intercessor

Christ born for us, Son of God given for us:
Help us to know you, to worship and to serve you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Wonderful counsellor,
you order all things with your wisdom:
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love
and fill her with the Spirit of truth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God,
the government is on your shoulders:
guide the leaders of the nations
and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father,
you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prince of peace,
you bring reconciliation through the cross:
by your healing power give to all who suffer
your gift of wholeness and peace.
We remember before you everyone entrusted to our care and others whom we hold
close in our hearts and in our lives. We pray for healing for _____;
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Resurrection:
Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We remember especially those we name now (*pause*):
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit,
hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements + Birthday/Anniversary Blessings

The Holy Communion

Offertory and Offertory Hymn

Announced

*All gifts support the life and ministries of Good Shepherd;
contribute to the stewardship of the church and land where we gather;
and nurture our community relations.*

Doxology and Presentation of Gifts

Hymnal 380

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing;

Sanctus

WLP 859

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na ___ in the high - est.

** Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na ___ in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory and praise,
for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Presider and 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

WLP 874

The People sing the Principal Canon three times. The Cantor may sing the Secondary Canons.

Principal Canon

1 2 3
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

Secondary Canons

A 1 3 2
This is the true bread which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world.

B 1 3 2 3
Who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the
bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

Accompaniment

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Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

**God our Creator,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children. **Amen.**

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary
became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of the One
Life-giving, Liberating, Loving God
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Announced

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sources for the Christmas Liturgy

The Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Enriching Our Worship

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1982 Hymnal

Wonder, Love and Praise: A Supplement to The Hymnal 1982

Lift Every Voice and Sing II: An African American Hymnal

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