

We Believe...in God the Father

Prelude “Mary, Did You Know?”

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

“O Holy Night”

arr. Hayes
arr. S. Eithum
arr. Schultz
arr. Lopez

The Call to Worship

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

***Hymn of Praise** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

LUYH 80

***The Welcome**

***The Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

***The Song of Worship** “Only A Holy God”

We Believe... in God the Son

The Call to Repentance

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven..... Colossians 1:21-23

The Prayer for the Forgiveness of Sins

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Proclamation of Pardon

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:1–5

***The Song of Assurance** “The Lord is My Salvation”

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We Believe...in the Holy Spirit

The Advent Blessing

Liturgist 1: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

The Candles are Lit

Liturgist 2: "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1: 76 - 79

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Choral Anthem "Come, Messiah!"

L. Larson

The Scripture Reading "Luke 1:67-79"

p. 856

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon "The Mission of Jesus"

Prayer of Response

***The Hymn of Response** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

LUYH 78 v,1,2,4,5

We Believe...in one holy Church

***The Affirmation of Faith**

**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 Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary, and was made human.**

**He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.**

**The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living
and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen**

The Offering “World Renew, Love in Action, Grand Haven Christian, Western Michigan
Christian”

Offertory Anthem “Is He Worthy”

Peterson/Shriver

The Lighting of the Christmas Candles

Choral Intro “Peace, Peace”
“Silent Night”

arr. R. & S. Powell
LUYH 85 vs. 1 solo/ Congregation vs, 2-4

The Closing Prayer

***The Benediction**

***The Closing Hymn** “Joy to the World”

LUYH 92

Postlude “Joy to the World”

arr. M. Burkhardt

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