



**Psalm 96** \_\_\_\_\_ Unison

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord; bless God's name;  
tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among the peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it. Let the field exult and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord.

For the Lord is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 4** Creator of the Stars of Night Conditor Alme Siderum

The congregation sits.

**Epistle** Titus 2:11-14

**Meditation** O, Holy Night Adolphe Adam, 1847; arr. Gary Burch  
Rickie Cooke, baritone horn; Susan Steppe, piano

**Gospel** Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

**Sermon** Surprised by Joy Mike Krech

“And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” Luke 2:9-10 (KJV)

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 28** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice In Dulci Jubilo

**Nicene Creed** Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

**Gloria in Excelsis** Refrain of Hymn 23 Gloria

The congregation sits.

## Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory

Pastoral Symphony (from Messiah) G.F. Handel, 1742

arr. Virgil Fox

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Words of Institution**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord's Prayer** (debtors/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to one of the tables.

Carefully take a piece of bread, and/or a small cup.

Eat and drink while at the table and place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor offers a prayer of spiritual Communion for those not receiving.

**Hymns during Communion**

25 Away in a Manger

Mueller

45 O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby

A La Ru

**After the Passing of the Light**

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

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

Heavenly host sing alleluia. Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, Radiant beams from thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing

Alleluias to our King: Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction**

Worshipers may carefully depart the partially darkened sanctuary, or remain for prayer. In the interest of safety and health, talking with others should be avoided.