



## 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 1, 2023 (Worship: 8:30am, 10:00am)

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Guests, please sign in at the "Welcome Table" and receive a gift. For young children, a nursery is available - sign in your child and grab a pager. We also love children in worship and Sunday school (8:30am and 10am).

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We give thanks for the past year and pray for God's guidance in 2023. We're also finishing our series on the Christmas canticles or songs in the Gospel of Luke. Today, it's the "Nunc Dimitis" - Simeon sings that he can now go in peace because he has seen the Savior. May we be granted such peace as well.

PRELUDE: *Still, Still, Still* by James Mansfield

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Ecclesiastes 3)

For everything there is a season:

**And a time for every matter under heaven:**

A time to be born and a time to die.

**A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

**A time to weep and a time to laugh.**

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

**A time to be silent and a time to speak.**

A time to love and a time to hate.

**A time for war and a time for peace.**

God has made everything suitable for its time.

**God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.**

God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

**Whatever God does endures forever.**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

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!"

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!"

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!”**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:  
God of new beginnings, you wipe away our tears and call us to care for one another. Give us eyes to see your gifts, hearts to embrace all creation, and hands to serve you every day of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God’s gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.  
(Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (Please stand.)    *Angels We Have Heard on High*    #289 vv.1,3  
**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.**

**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.**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:25-35

**Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”**  
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Michelle Lum, Minister of Arts and Outreach

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO - A YEAR OF MINISTRY

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*** #282 vv. 1-3  
**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all gracious king.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav’n-ly music floats o’er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,  
and ev-er o’er its babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**And you, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow:  
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;**

oh, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!

THE MESSAGE:"He/She Travels Outside of Karma" Pastor David R. Mattson

THE OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC:

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Away in a Manger #277 vv. 1, 3  
Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER  
Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our  
faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in Your mercy. Hear our Prayer.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER, INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (All who believe Christ is present in this Sacrament are  
welcome to receive. Non-communing children and others who wish to receive only a blessing may  
come forward also. For those who prefer, white juice is located in the center of each tray.)

HOLY COMMUNION MUSIC:  
Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Page 191

Of the Father's Love Begotten #295  
Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see, ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Oh, that birth for-ev-er blessed, When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost con-ceiv-ing, Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's redeemer, First revealed his sacred face,

Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

This is he whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word;  
Now he shines, the long expected; Let creation praise its Lord  
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,vev-'ry voice in concert ring  
ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,vand, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:  
honor, glory, and dominion,vand eternal victory  
ev-er-more and ev-er-more. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

THE BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: Go Tell It on the Mountain #290  
Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev-'ry-where;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Gigue on "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" by J. Perks Fred Johnson,  
Organist/Pianist

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5pm Worship Leader Micaela Lum

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are provided by

**THANKS** to all of our musicians and volunteers for making the Christmas Season so beautiful and inspiring.

**"CAELESTIS"** - hanging from the high slats in the Sanctuary. For more details on it, see the informational signs. Thanks to Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum for her leadership and creativity and to all the volunteers in the art ministry for their work.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - Thank you to all the church members & friends who donated poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. You may pick yours up after the 10am service today.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** resumes this Thursday, 7:30pm. You are welcome to join in! Questions, speak with Music Director Kathy Person ([music@mygloriadei.org](mailto:music@mygloriadei.org)).

**NEXT SUNDAY** the Season of Epiphany begins. This the season of revealing light. A new theme will be the emphasis, *"O Gracious Light"* and will look at the liturgy (what we do in worship) and how that brings light to us.

**MEN'S SPRING TRAINING RETREAT** to Arizona (March 3-5, 2023): Sign-up begins next Sunday. This is a first come, first served event. Carpool over Friday, watch spring training games, have great fellowship, worship together, and home on Sunday afternoon. Cost includes hotel/few meals/2 ball games. Questions/scholarships, speak with Pastor David ([pastordavid@mygloriadei.org](mailto:pastordavid@mygloriadei.org)).

**HEALTH GUIDELINES** - With rising cases of Covid, flu, etc., you're always welcome to wear a mask (extras at the Welcome Table). If feeling sick, please watch the service online. Thankfully, our space is uniquely open.

**THANKS** to Jeff Contestabile for making the new offering boxes. They are located at the back of the sanctuary and are made using the louvers outside the Sanctuary windows.

**NURSERY** is available on Sunday mornings at 8:30am & 10am services. Nursery is for babies - pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated. They will be inside the preschool room, closest to the church.

**CHRIST IN OUR HOME** - Pick up your devotional book at the Welcome Table (January - March 2023).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Age 4 - 5th grade/8:30am & 10am service) - *Sunday school is on Christmas break & will resume next Sunday, January 8, 2023.* Kids leave worship with their teacher following the Children's Message and return at Communion. To register your child for Sunday school, speak with Susie Boland: [fellowship@mygloriadei.org](mailto:fellowship@mygloriadei.org). Thanks to all our leaders and teachers in this important ministry!

**CONFIRMATION (Middle School)** - resumes next Sunday, January 8, 11:15am with class & lunch.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** meets every Wednesday, 10am. They reconvene Wednesday, January 11. All women are invited. This study is led by Seminary Intern Dana Becker and Pastor David.

**GLORIA DEI YOUTH** - Bowling at Saddleback Lanes on January 13, 6pm. The group will meet at the bowling alley. Bring a friend! Contact Paige Gulck at [youthdirector@mygloriadei.org](mailto:youthdirector@mygloriadei.org) if you plan to attend.

**MEMBERSHIP AT GLORIA DEI** - If you are interested in officially becoming a member of the Gloria Dei family, more information and a sign-up is at the Welcome Table. New members will be received officially on Sunday morning, January 29, 2023 during worship.

**GLORIA DEI ART MINISTRY** — 2nd Friday monthly at 6:30pm in Bankson Hall - next gathering is Friday, February 10. For all artists and creatives at any experience level. Contact: Arts and Outreach Minister Michelle Lum ([michellelum@mygloriadei.org](mailto:michellelum@mygloriadei.org)).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** - Saturday, January 14, 8am, Bankson Hall. All men are invited to a Bible study, good conversation, and wonderful food. Call the office for more details.

**OFFERING** - Please place check/money in boxes in the sanctuary or at the Welcome Table, or give ELECTRONICALLY - Venmo app - @GloriaDei-DanaPoint. Or you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: [mygloriadei.org/donate](https://mygloriadei.org/donate). Thank you for supporting Gloria Dei Lutheran!

**UPCOMING** - Annual Meeting & Ministry Celebration (February 5, 11:15am); Ash Wednesday Services (February 22, 12pm & 7pm); Lenten Soup Suppers Begin (February 22, 6:00pm); Men's Spring Training Retreat in Arizona (March 3-5).

### THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY!

**8:30am:** Coffee Prep: Pam & Steve Weiss; Communion: Sandy Hall & Diane Kelly; Lector: Jennifer Dubow Smith; Usher: John Gustavson & NEED; Welcome Table: Sandy Hall

**10am:** Coffee Clean-up: Melody & Ron Bacon; Communion: Roger Grefsrud & Susan Warneke; Lector: Susan Warneke; Usher: Katherine Dickinson & Willie Knottnerus; Welcome Table: Peggy Johnson

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY 1 - 7, 2022**

**Today:** Worship (8:30am & 10am only); No nursery today; NA Meeting (6:30pm)

**Monday:** Al Anon (5:30pm)

**Tuesday:** AA Men (7am); Staff Meeting (1pm); Al Anon (7pm)

**Wednesday:** AA Men (7am); Mission Hospital Alumni AA (6pm); 12 Step Couples Group (7:30pm)

**Thursday:** AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); Al Anon Coed (5:30pm); Bell Choir (6:30pm); AA Men (7pm); Sanctuary Choir (7:30pm)

**Saturday:** AA Men's (7am); Prayer Shawl (9am); ACA (11:30am); Ukrainian School of Orange County (1:30pm); NA (7pm)