

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**January 3, 2021**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

*(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" – Wilbur Held

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**CONFESSION:**

**C. Almighty God, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have sinned by what I have done and what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive me. Renew me. Lead me. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us all and was raised from the dead, that first Easter. Amen.**

P. It is always my honor and privilege to announce that God has freely forgiven you and me. We stand here, trusting, by God's grace alone. We stand here as free men and women, boys and girls. May the wind of Pentecost move our hearts and our hands.

**C. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
 sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
 and the mountains in reply,  
 echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
 gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
 Why your joyous strains prolong?  
 What the gladsome tidings be  
 which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
 him whose birth the angels sing;  
 come, adore on bended knee  
 Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Lord of all creation, your creative hand has not rested. You continue to breathe life into the world. Help us to see your new creation within our hearts and in our hands. We pray in the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.**

**BIBLE READINGS**

**SERMON: “Victims of Time?”**

**Pastor Larry Isbell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Love Has Come”**

1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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**APOSTLES' CREED:**

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

**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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION:**

**P.** Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: “Earth and All Stars”**

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

*Refrain*

God has done marvelous things.  
 I too sing praises with a new song!

- 3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

- 4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

- 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

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**DISMISSAL:**

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
 C. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE: “All My Heart Again Rejoices” – J. G. Walther**

*(Please exit row by row, beginning with the back.  
 Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)*

**Today’s altar flowers are offered to the glory of God.**