



A Service for Christmas Day – 9:00 AM

Crowned With Glory

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.” Philippians 2:10

Opening Hymn ... "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB 379

Invocation & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

(The center white candle and all four candles around the Advent wreath are lit.)

P: Jesus is our Lord Emmanuel, God With Us. He laid aside his heavenly glory and humbled himself to be born among us.

C: O come, let us adore him!

P: Jesus, the Son of God, humbled himself to the point of death on a cross. He humbled himself to die as the sacrifice for our sins.

C: O come, let us adore him!

P: God raised his Son from the dead and exalted him in glory. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus.

C: O come, let us adore him!

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, you sent your Son to be our Savior, yet we turn away from your love and seek to follow our own sinful desires. You have given us your Word, but instead we listen to the tempting voices of the world around us. We do not love others as we should, and we keep the Good News of salvation to ourselves. Have mercy on us, and forgive us for the sake of Jesus.

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to save us. Jesus took our sins onto himself and carried them to the cross and for his sake God forgives our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Jesus, we worship you and adore your holy name, the name above all names.

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord and Savior, you are the Word, the Word who was with God in

the beginning, the Word who is God. All things were created in and through you. You humbled yourself to be born among us as one of us. You humbled yourself to the point of death on a cross for the sake of our salvation. Raised from death, you are exalted to the highest place and given the name that is above all names—Jesus, the name that we love. As we celebrate your birth, lead us in the power of the Holy Spirit to follow in your footsteps, to love others as you love us and to be bold witnesses for you so that others will come to know and worship you as Lord. Amen.

Hymn ... “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” *LSB* 358; vrs. 1-2, 13, 15

Old Testament Reading ... *Psalms* 97:1-12

Epistle Reading ... *Philippians* 2:5-11

Gospel Reading ... *John* 1:14-18

Hymn of the Day... “Angels from the Realm of Glory” *LSB* 367

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Prayers

Each petition concludes with the following response:

P: Jesus, whose name is above all names,

C: Hear our prayers, and accept our joyful praise.

Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” *LSB* 361

“What Child Is This” *LSB* 370

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” *LSB* 366

Benediction

P: “Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

C: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

P: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

C: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn ... “Now Sing We, Now Rejoice” LSB 386

