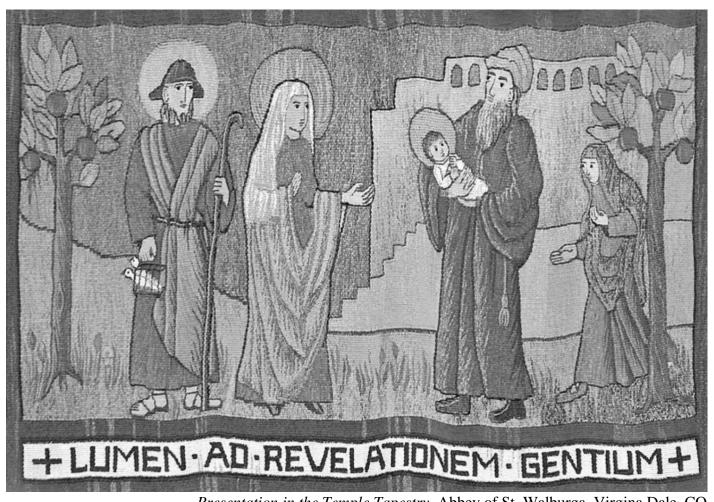


FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 27, 2020



Presentation in the Temple Tapestry, Abbey of St. Walburga, Virgina Dale, CO

C.J. Briggs, Music Director Julie Lehmann, Secretary Carol Tomasko, Liturgist Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

Faithful vigil ended, Watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant thy servant His discharge in peace.
-Timothy Dudley-Smith

GATHERING

Prelude

"Gesu Babino" arr. by Tom Roed

Pietro Yon

Litany of Light

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 89)*

Carol Tomasko

GTG #143

Praise the Lord!

Praise God from the heavens.

Young men and women alike,

old and young together!

Let us praise the name of the Lord,

whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.

In the light of Christ, come let us worship God.

Alleluia!

Hymn

"Angels From the Realm of Glory"
Words by James Montgomery; Music by Henry Smart

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

arr. C.J. Briggs

Assurance of Pardon

Know the good news of the gospel:

that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ and live as God's beloved.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Hebrew Bible Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (NRSV)

Gospel $Luke\ 2:22-40$ (NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Christmas Story

"Finding Christmas" pictures by Yee Von Chan

by Lezlie Evans

"To all who have fed the hungry, clothed the naked, or taken a stranger in" (Matthew 25:35-36)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of faith (from A Declaration of Faith)

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Alleluia. Amen.

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

Hymn

"Joy to the World"
Hymn by Isaac Watts
Music by Handel, arr. Lowell Mason

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Benediction

Postlude

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Lyrics by Charles Wesley and George Whitefield Music by Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by Tom Roed



Pieces of today's liturgy are from *Presbyterian Outlook*, Roger Gench; Feasting on the Word, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long GTG = Glory to God (PCUSA Hymnal)

*For all responsive liturgy, leader will read the parts in regular type, and the congregation may respond with the words in bold.