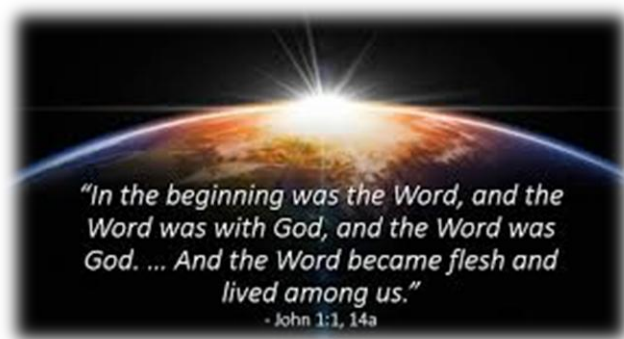




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The Cathedral Church of All Saints

The First Sunday after Christmas



Preparation Hymn CP 122

In the Bleak Midwinter

Tune: Cranham

Hymn During Communion CP 137

What Child is This?

Tune: Greensleeves

Closing Hymn CP 123

Once in Royal David's City

Tune: Irby

Postlude: *Poetic Tone Poem* by Edward Grieg.

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On The Mystery of the Incarnation

It's when we face for a moment
the worst our kind can do,
and shudder to know
the taint in our own selves,
that awe
cracks the mind's shell and enters the
heart:
not to a flower, not to a dolphin,
to no innocent form
but to this creature vainly sure
it and no other is god-like,
God
(out of compassion for our ugly
failure to evolve)
entrusts,
as guest,
as brother,
the Word.

+ Denise Levertov

*The Collected Poems of Denise
Levertov* (New York: New Directions,
2013)

Prelude Music: *Premiere Arabesque*
by Claude Debussy

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: CP 153

Good Christians All, Rejoice

Tune: In Dulci Jubilo

Children's Message



Collect

**Shine into our hearts
the light of your wisdom, O God,
and open our minds to the knowledge of your
word, so that in all things we may think and act
according to your good will
and may live continually in the light
of your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**
Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah [61:10-62:3]

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Lutheran Cl



/ Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord / from the heavens; *
 praise him / in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you an / gels of his; *
 praise him, / all his host.

3 Praise him, / sun and moon; *
 praise him, all you / shining stars.

4 Praise him, hea / ven of heavens, *
 and you waters a / bove the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name / of the Lord; *
 for he commanded, and they / were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ev / er and ever; *
 he gave them a law which shall / not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord / from the earth, *
 you sea-monsters / and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, / snow and fog, *
 tempestuous wind, do / ing his will;

9 Mountains / and all hills, *
 fruit trees / and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts / and all cattle, *
 creeping things and / wingèd birds;

11 Kings of the earth / and all peoples, *
 princes and all rulers / of the world;

12 Young / men and maidens, *
 old and / young together.

13 Let them praise the name / of the Lord, *
 for his name only is exalted,
 his splendour is over / earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his / loyal servants, *
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
 Hal / lelujah!

Gospel Prelude



The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John [1:1-18]

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.