

Christ's body given for you. Take and eat, and feed upon him by faith in your hearts with thanksgiving.

The pouring and passing of the cup

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Lu. 14:20

Closing prayer of joyful thanks

Holy Father, though you are great and holy, in mercy you have looked in pity on your people and you did not spare our own Son, but gave him up for us all. Thank you for doing what we could not do ourselves: providing for our forgiveness through Christ's blood shed on the cross.

Thank you for making us alive when we were dead in our sins.

Thank you for bringing us out of the darkness of our evil ways into the light of your blessed kingdom.

Strengthen us now to serve you with undying determination and gladness of heart.

With thanksgiving we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Depart in Joyful Service

Hymn- Rejoice!

Benediction-

It is written, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people!" The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus the Messiah be with you. Amen.

Chorus- "You Shall Out with Joy"

Good Shepherd Community Church Worship Guide Third Sunday in Advent- 11 Dec-11

God's Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God our Father is with us.

Call to Worship

The Lord has done great things for us!

And we are filled with joy!

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship him in awe and gratefulness.

Hymn of Praise- H25 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Invocation

Psalm 146:5-10

Psalm hymn: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Call to Confession:

The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us confess our sins and acknowledge our debts asking God for his cleansing restoration.

[Silence]

Let us pray:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Christ our God, who will come to judge the world in the manhood you assumed: We earnestly ask you to sanctify us wholly, that in the day of your coming we may be raised in honor to glorify you forever in our glorified bodies. Amen.

The Word of Pardon: This is a true saying- Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners! Believe the good news and rejoice in Christ our Savior.

We Confess Our Faith -Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us humans and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. Amen.

We Sing Songs of Joyful News

Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Joy Has Dawned

Hymn 128-One Day St. 1

God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman St 1

Hymn 116- Good Christian Folk Rejoice St 1 alt

Immanuel (From the Squalor of a borrowed Stable)

One Day St. 5

We Read the Word of God

Let us hear the Word of God.

Old Testament – Isaiah 61:1-11

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

New Testament – Luke 1: 47-55

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn - P628 Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

We Present Our Prayers and Gifts to God

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil. 4:6

Concerns of the People/ Prayers of the People

Offering

All things come of Thee and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Prayer of Dedication

Song – “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

The Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Text: John 1:6-8

Sermon: “John the Witness” by Wayne Conrad

Hymn of Response- “A Man Called John”

The Lord’s Supper/ Advent Communion

Led by Jeff Gregory

We approach the table of the Lord:

Lift up your hearts to the Lord

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to God for His salvation

We thank you our God for our salvation in Christ Jesus

Let us confess our faith

Christ has come

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ is coming again

The Words of Institution

Luke 22:14-20

We Give thanks for the meal

Almighty God, In Jesus Christ you came to live among us and reconcile us to yourself. Thank you for the new life you give us through Jesus Christ who meets us at this table. With this loaf and cup we remember our Savior Jesus Christ. We praise you for bringing us into a new community of love through Jesus Christ who asks that we remember him with the loaf and cup. By your Word and Holy Spirit bless this meal and this congregation that we may receive Christ's own life given for us.

The breaking and passing of the bread

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” Lu. 14:19