





<b>Hymn #245</b>	<b>The First Noel</b> Verses 1 & 2	<b>Pam McNeil</b>
<b>Lesson 7</b>	<b>Matthew 2:1-11</b>	<b>Rev. Lynnette Sills</b>
<b>Hymn #246</b>	<b>Joy to the World</b>	<b>Pam McNeil</b>
<b>Anthem</b>	<b>On Christmas Night</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b>

## **Christmas Eve Communion Service**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And, also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: How can we thank you, O God? For the sun and moon and stars, for breath and life and all things good, for your steadfast promise and your faithful love, for the day that is surely coming when all things will be made new.

With saints, with angels, and with the whole of creation, we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

People: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus, who came to be your living word, to baptize us with Spirit and fire, to feed the hungry, to humble the mighty, and to announce the good news of your coming realm. With thanksgiving, we remember how, when the hour had come, Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles.

### **The Offering of Bread and Cup**

Pastor: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over, he took the cup and gave thanks, saying, “Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us—Make us one in the Spirit, one in the church, and one with Christ our Lord.

### **Giving the Bread and Cup**

Pastor: Please take the elements you have received and know that they are blessed by our Holy Creator, and receive the now.

Pastor: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Life given to you. **Amen.**

Pastor: The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation given to you. **Amen.**

Pastor: Most Bountiful God, we give you thanks for the world you have created, for the gift of life, and for giving yourself to us in Jesus Christ,

People: **whose holy life, suffering and earth, and glorious resurrection have delivered us from slavery to sin and death.**

Pastor: We thank you that in the power of your Holy Spirit,

People: **you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. We pray these things in your name, and we pray now the prayer you taught your disciples to pray,**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**The Offering of Light**

**Rev. Lynnette Sills**

**Hymn #239**

**Silent Night**

**Pam McNeil**

**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the savior is born!**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Lynnette Sills**

**Postlude**

**Angels We Have Heard On High**

**Breanna Cochran, piano  
Pam McNeil, organ**