

After supper He took the cup of wine; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to His command, O Father,

ALL: We remember His death, We proclaim His resurrection, We await His coming in glory.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer (All)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

MINISTER: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

MINISTER: Let us pray.

ALL: We come to Your table, Lord, in meekness of heart and humility of spirit, knowing that we cannot approach You in our own righteousness, but because of Your great goodness. Your nature is always to show mercy to those who justly deserve Your wrath and punishment. As we receive the elements, we eat and drink in remembrance of Him Who died for us and rose again, knowing that He has become to us both meat and drink. Help us to live in newness of life and to walk worthily before You all the days of our lives. Amen

MINISTER: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The congregation is invited to receive communion at the altar. Please come forward by way of the outside aisles and kneel at the altar as space is available. There receive together both the bread and the cup. If you are unable to kneel, please take a seat on the front row and you will be served. When you have finished, please return to your seat so others may kneel.

The Church of the Nazarene recognizes an "open communion." You do not need to be a member of this church to partake. Those who claim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome. If Christ invites you, then come!

Post Communion Charge

MINISTER: Let us go from here, leaving some things behind. Let's leave our consuming, gathering instincts here; and let's pick up the Generous, Grace-filled, Servant – Life of Christ and *let's share that gift with the world. Amen.*

The Dismissal

Please stand

The Closing Hymn: #174 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Closing Prayer

Pastor Stretch Dean

Postlude

Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying – Johann Gottfried Walther

Lambert Brandes



The Gathering

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Hal Hobson Lambert Brandes*
Please stand

Gathering Hymn: #99 He Leadeth Me *Susan Watkins*

Call to Worship: An Advent Reading from Isaiah 9 *Vern & Ribka Wesley*

READER #1: The People walking in darkness have seen a great light,

READER #2: On those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned

PEOPLE: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,

READER #1: And the government will be on his shoulders,

READER #2: And he will be called...

PEOPLE: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

READER #1: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

READER #2: He will reign on David's throne and over his Kingdom, with Justice and Righteousness, forever.

ALL: The passion and love of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this! Amen.

The Collect of Purity

LEADER: Almighty God, unto you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

LEADER: Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

Healey Willan



The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

The Service of the Word

First Reading: : Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16

Sheryl Weisen

The Messiah is Coming!

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Reading: 1st Thessalonians 3: 9 – 13

Preparing for Paul's Visit

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

Gospel Hymn: #163 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25 – 36

Pastor Jennie Doane

The Return of Jesus the King

READER: The Gospel of our Lord

PEOPLE: *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

Please be seated

Sermon:

Pastor Stretch Dean

The Prayers of the People

Pastor Stretch Dean

Confession of Sin

ALL: We give you thanks, Holy Father. By your son, You offer the hope of new life. By your Spirit, You offer the hope of your presence in our lives every day. Forgive us when we doubt your ability to bring change to our lives. Forgive us when we are slow to play our part in the work of showing & sharing your love. Fill us anew with your hope and with the confidence that we have a God for whom nothing is impossible. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

MINISTER: Sisters and brothers, scripture declares that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God!*

The Peace

MINISTER: The peace of the Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

Greet one another in the name of the Lord

Announcements

Vern Wesley

The Service of the Table

LEADER: Gracious God, you shower us with riches — the Scriptures, Christian community, the presence of your Holy Spirit, the gift of redemption. Please accept our tithes and offerings as they are intended, to nurture your Kingdom on earth, so that others may know and accept your riches. In Jesus name, Amen.

The Offertory

John & Amy Nielson

Please stand

The Presentation Hymn: #7 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

MINISTER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

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

MINISTER: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth. You made us in your image; you breathed into us the breath of life. But our response was to turn away from you and please ourselves. While we rebelled, you extended grace and mercy. We didn't listen to your Prophets or Teachers. We've been content to repeat the same mistakes again & again. While we ignored you, you showed us love and undeserved favor! While we pulled away from you, you pursued us with passion.

Therefore, we rejoice together with all of creation in this song of praise...

Sanctus

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please be seated

MINISTER: On the night in which Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, He took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."