

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: #191 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Closing Prayer

Pastor Stretch Dean

Postlude

Awake My Heart With Gladness – Flor Peeters

Lambert Brandes



The Gathering

Prelude *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came Down - Hal Hobson*

Lambert Brandes

Please stand

Gathering Hymn: #169 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Vern Wesley

Call to Worship: An Advent Reading from Isaiah 11

The Doane's

READER #1: The Royal Line of David will be cut off, but from the stump will grow a Shoot...yes a new Branch from the old root.

READER #2: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, wise counsel and might; the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

PEOPLE: His delight will be obedience to the Lord! He will not judge by appearance, false evidence or hearsay, but he will defend the poor and the exploited.

READER #1: He will rule against the wicked who oppress them. For he will be clothed with fairness and truth.

READER #2: In that day the wolf and the lamb will lie down together, and the leopard and goats will be at peace. Calves and fat cattle will be safe among lions and a Child shall lead them all.

PEOPLE: Babies will crawl among poisonous snakes, and a little child who puts his hand in a nest of deadly vipers will pull it out unharmed.

READER #1: Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so shall the earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

The Collect of Purity

Pastor Jennie Doane

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: : Malachi 3:1-4

Christine Moriarty

The Lord's Messenger

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Reading: *Philippians 1:3 – 11*

Brought to Completion in Christ

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand

Gospel Hymn: #182 Good Christian Men Rejoice!

Gospel Reading: *Luke 3:1-6*

Jan Weisen

Prepare the Way

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: God of all mercy, You gave us life, but we took it for granted; You gave us hope, but we chose our own way; You gave us compassion, but we chose to be self-absorbed; You gave us Your truth, but we chose not to heed it. So You offer us again the message of the prophets, that you will love us despite our wandering; that you call us to repentance and refuse to abandon us, and that You will prepare a way for us, to know Your Glory in the coming of Your Son. 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

Pastor Jennie Doane

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

Vern Wesley

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."