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WATCH NIGHT VESPERS

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A TIME TO WORSHIP OUR LORD GOD AT THE TURN OF THE YEAR!

2018 TO 2019

Welcome Visitors! To all who enter the doors of this church, we extend a special greeting. It is our sincere desire that you will find warmth and fellowship here. Please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex, giving your address (including apartment number) and zip code. Please come and worship with us again!



A Note About the Lord's Supper: The LORD's Supper will be offered at our service this evening. If you have any doubts or questions about your ability and worthiness to receive His Body and Blood in the LORD's Supper (Holy Communion), speak with Pastor before the service. Please Note: Should anyone be unable to partake of the wine, we will have a small amount of cups filled with grape juice available in the center of each communion tray for your use. Also, please note that gluten-free wafers are available in a small bowl on the wafer plate for anyone with a gluten allergy.

TONIGHT'S ORDER OF SERVICE

+ WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN WORSHIP +

Pre-service Music and Prayer Time

+ A TIME TO GATHER +

+ WE GREET ONE ANOTHER AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST +

Entrance of the Light: A flame is carried in. The Advent Wreath will be lit first, followed by the Christ Candle.

Jesus is the Light of the world,

The light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

And the day is almost over.

Let Your light scatter the darkness

And illumine Your Church.

Entrance Hymn: #44BoB "Emmanuel"

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

(Please sing through 3 times)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten the darkness of night, the darkness of our world by the light of Christ Jesus our Lord.

May His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation, and we Your creation, glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm 121: A song for pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem.

I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!

He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber.

Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.

The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night.

The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life.

**The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go,
both now and forever. Praise the Lord! Amen!**

Readings from Holy Scripture:

Reading One: Jeremiah 24:1-7 "Good and Bad Figs"

¹After King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon exiled Jehoiachin, son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, to Babylon along with the officials of Judah and all the craftsmen and artisans, the Lord gave me this vision. I saw two baskets of figs placed in front of the Lord's Temple in Jerusalem. ² One basket was filled with fresh, ripe figs, while the other was filled with bad figs that were too rotten to eat.

³ Then the Lord said to me, "What do you see, Jeremiah?"

I replied, "Figs, some very good and some very bad, too rotten to eat."

⁴ Then the Lord gave me this message: ⁵ "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: The good figs represent the exiles I sent from Judah to the land of the Babylonians. ⁶ I will watch over and care for them, and I will bring them back here again. I will build them up and not tear them down. I will plant them and not uproot them. ⁷ I will give them hearts that recognize me as the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me wholeheartedly.

Hymn Verse: #809LSB "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Verse One

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

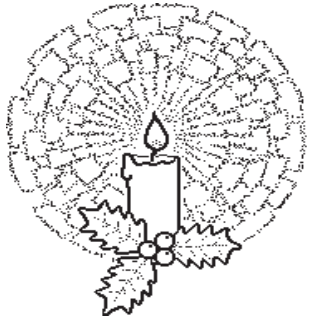
Refrain: *Great is Thy faithfulness!*

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!



*God's Blessings
to You in the
New Year!*

*May the Lord watch over you
and guide you always
in the coming year.*

*And may you overflow
with His love!*

From your Family at All Saints!



Reading Two: I Peter 1: 22-25 "New Life Forever in Christ!"

²²You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart.

²³For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. ²⁴As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. ²⁵But the word of the Lord remains forever." And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

Hymn Verse: #809LSB "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Verse Two

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Reading Three: Matthew 24:29-31, 36-44

²⁹Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

³⁶But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving into marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Hymn Verse: #809LSB "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Verse three

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

A Time to Praise the LORD Abundantly, led by Mohan Das

1.Our God

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you
None like you
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There`s No one like you None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

Into the darkness you shine
Out of the ashes we Rise
No one like you None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God - 2

And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
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And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?
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Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
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Our God, Our God, Our God

2.1 Will Follow.

Where you go, I'll go
Where you stay, I'll stay
When you move, I'll move
I will follow
Who you love, I'll love
How you serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah
I will follow you, yeah

All your ways are good
All your ways are sure
I will trust in you alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in you alone (... in you alone)

Where you go, I'll go..

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for you alone
You're the one I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in you alone, in you alone

Where you go, I'll go...

In you there's life everlasting
In you there's freedom for my soul
In you there's joy, unending joy
And I will follow

Where you go, I'll go...

I will follow you, yeah
I will follow you, yeah, yeah

3.Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Chorus:

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home - **Chorus**

Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ - **Chorus**

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart. - **Chorus**

We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

A Message for the Old Year and the New Year!

We Give Offerings Unto the Lord!

Canticle: Litany

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy

For Christian Church Leaders throughout the world and for all pastors, missionaries and spiritual evangelists in Christ, for all servants of the Lord, for all the people in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy

For our nations' leaders and governors, for our government and for those who protect us, may they be upheld and strengthened in every good work, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, need and oppression of evil, let us pray unto the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For... *(additional prayer petitions may be added here)*...let us pray unto the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

Alleluia! Amen!

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

To You, O Lord.

Collect for Peace

O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, the peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commands and Your Word, that we, being defended from the fear of all our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, in Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises we are bold to pray:

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 and ever. Amen.

Hymn: #733LSB "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.*

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!*

The Order of Holy Communion

Prepare to Receive the LORD's Supper/Holy Communion

When we come to the altar during the LORD's Supper/Holy Communion:

Our congregation requests the potential communion recipient be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

We invite you to read and understand 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Matthew 28:16-20 and Mark 14:23-25 for your understanding of the Holy Communion.

We receive Christ's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins, united in the fellowship of faith and faithful in Christ, Christ's presence and peace.

Here our LORD gives to us His Body and Blood, His sacrifice for us, for the forgiveness of all our sins.

The Eucharist

We declare ourselves to be people of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection!

We have come to share what the Lord has prepared for us.

For our Savior took the bad news of sin and guilt and transformed them to good news through His dying and rising for us.

We are here to celebrate the good news and the presence of Christ with us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took the bread, blessed it, and broke it. He said to His disciples-

"Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you.

This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying,

Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

The Sharing of Christ's Body and Blood

Hymn verses as we commune: #550LSB "Lamb of God"

*Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.*

Refrain:

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

Refrain:

*I was so lost, I should have died,
but you have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.*

Refrain:

Praise Hymn following communion: #241BoB "White As Snow"

*White as snow, white as snow,
Though my sins were as scarlet,
Lord, I know, Lord, I know
That I'm clean and forgiven.
Through the power of Your blood,
Through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know that I can be
white as snow.*

Post-Communion Collect:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's Body and Blood. Keep us firm in faith throughout our days of this pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
now unto eternity.

Amen.

Closing Hymn: #744LSB "Amazing Grace"

*Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!*

*The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.*

*Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.*

The Sending

We go in peace to serve our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

May You All Have a Bless-ed by God New Year!

And also you, Alleluia!~Amen.

The Postlude (This ends the service)

