

# Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Holy Eucharist Rite II • The Ninth Day of Christmas • January 2, 2008

## Preparation for Worship

*“Lord Let Your Glory Fall”*

Greetings from the President of the Institute for Worship Studies, Dr. James R. Hart

## The Word of the Lord

### Processional Hymn

*“Once in Royal David’s City”*

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.;  
 st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
 Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929) 87. 87. 77

The People standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant and People pray together

Almighty God, to 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.

### Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

*Leader*  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

*All*  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

*Leader*  
 To God be glo - ry for - ev - er!

*All*  
 To God be glo - ry for - ev - er!

*Leader*  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Group 1* *Group 1, 2*  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Leader*  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Group 1, 2, 3*  
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

WORDS: Traditional  
 MUSIC: Lima, Peru, 1982  
 This song should be sung as a call and response, with the congregation repeating each line after the leader.

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## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

*And also with you.*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

**The Lessons** *The People sit as the appointed lessons are read.*

### First Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 7-14

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

*1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \**

*My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.*

*2 The sparrow has found her a house*

*and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \**

*by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*

*3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \**

*they will always be praising you.*

*4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \**

*whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.*

*5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.*

*6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.*

*7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.*

*8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

*9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

*10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory.*

*11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.*

*12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!*

*(Bowing)*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\**

*(Rising)*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

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**Second Lesson**

Ephesians 4: 1-8, 11-16

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
 People Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel Hymn****Celtic Alleluia**

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel**

Matthew 2: 1-12

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Celtic Alleluia****The Sermon****“On Not Limiting God with Words”**

Mr. Greg Wilde  
 IWS Professor

All standing

**The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

After each petition a period of silence is kept. Thereafter, the Leader and People pray responsively using the following form:

Celebrant: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Let us pray for the church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal you glory in the world.

Silence

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all the saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

#### INVITATION

*Leader:* Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and  
seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*All pray in silence*

*Leader to people:*

Hear the good news;  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*People to leader:*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

*Leader and people:*

*Glory to God. Amen.*

## The Peace

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

*And also with you.*

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

*Tonight's offering will benefit the ongoing ministry of the Institute for Worship Studies.  
Checks should be made payable to the Institute for Worship Studies*

### Anthem

*"Poor Little Jesus"*

*Choir*

*American Spiritual  
arr. Alan Raines*

### The Doxology

*The People stand.*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

### The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

**Celebrant: Dr. Lester Ruth**

*People* The Lord be with you.  
*Celebrant* And also with you.  
*People* Lift up your hearts.  
*Celebrant* We lift them to the Lord.  
*People* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*Celebrant* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth.  
You made us in your image: and though we all have sinned and fallen short of your glory,  
you loved the world so much you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

Therefore, with the angels who sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven, we join in the song of unending praise, singing:

## **Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of pow’r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of pow’r and might,  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna, in the Highest  
Hosanna! Hosanna, in the Highest!**

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Truly holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room,  
so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected.  
As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born,  
so from suffering and death you raised him to bring us life.

As your Word became flesh, born of woman, on that night long ago,  
so on the night he offered himself up for us  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Take eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
“Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we offer in union with Christ’s sacrifice for us, as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith...

## **The Acclamation**

*Celebrant and People together:*

*Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,  
that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine  
we may know the presence of the living Christ;  
be one body in him, cleansed by his blood;  
faithfully serve him in the world;  
and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

*Music by Peter Scholtes*

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray

Eric Wyse

### The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven,  
hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your  
will be done on earth as in heav'n.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins  
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of  
trial, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are  
yours, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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### The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Because there is one loaf, we who are many, are one body,  
for we all partake of the one loaf.  
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The celebrant lifts the cup in silence, or while saying:

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### Fraction Anthem

### Agnus Dei

Words: traditional  
Music: Jim Hart

O LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: HAVE  
MERCY ON US.

O LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: HAVE  
MERCY ON US.

O LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD: GRANT US  
PEACE. GRANT US PEACE.

### The Communion of the People

Visitors who have been baptized, who know Christ to be their Savior, and who would be welcome to receive Communion in their home church, are welcome at the Lord's Table in this church. **Children** whose parents do not want them to receive Communion, or others who do not wish to do so, are encouraged to come forward, cross their arms across their chests, and receive a prayer of blessing.

### Communion Music

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

"Kindness"

"Jesus Paid It All"

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

### The Prayer of Discipleship

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful

witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Blessing**  
**Processional Hymn**

*The Priest blesses the People.*

*"What Star Is This with Beams So Bright"*

*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.  
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.  
Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);  
harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902

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*The people are dismissed with this charge*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**



*We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to  
The Rev'd Dr. Tim Roberts, Pastor, Orange Park Presbyterian Church  
and the people of Orange Park Presbyterian Church for their assistance with this service,  
The Rev'd Canon Kurt Dunkle, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church, for graciously hosting IWS  
The Rev'd Mark Becker, Pastor, Orange Park United Methodist Church  
The Rev'd Dr. Jon Shuler, Rector, New Grace Church  
and the people and choir of New Grace Church for their assistance in this service.*

*We would also like to thank all of our host families for welcoming our students  
into their homes during this week. Your hospitality blesses us immeasurably.*

*You are invited to a reception  
in honor of the IWS Faculty, Staff, Board and Students  
in Benedict Hall, Grace Episcopal Church  
immediately following the service.*