

Christmas Day December 25, 2020

Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... In the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh, welcome to worship this Christmas Day.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the italicized texts silently in your heart as your own words.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #283

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh,
the Power of the Most High, ✝ one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Gathered in the name of Jesus,
let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C *in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness.*

We confess our failure to welcome this light.

Forgive us and renew our hope,

so that we may live in the light of your grace,

and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

P I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:
To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.
Your sins are forgiven in ✝ Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

GREETING AND PRAYER

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God
sent from heaven above, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

C All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS: Luke 2:1-7

HYMN "Away in a Manger" (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #277

Who Are These Angels Who Come to Earth?

READING: Luke 2:8-14

P Glory to God in the highest heaven,

C *who has sent us His Son.*

HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #289

Who Are These Shepherds Who Run to See?

READING: Luke 2:15-20

P Glory to God in the highest heaven,

C *who has sent us His Son.*

HYMN "The First Noel" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #300

Who Is This King, a Manger His Throne?

Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

P Glory to God in the highest heaven,

C *who has sent us His Son.*

HYMN "Joy to the World" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #267

Who Is This God, Who Sends a Son?

READING: John 1:1-14

P Glory to God in the highest heaven,

C *who has sent us His Son.*

SPECIAL MUSIC "Silent Night" **by Elizabeth Hanson**

MESSAGE

HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" (vs. 1, 3 & 4) ELW #269

APOSTLES' CREED

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C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Gracious God, you come from heaven above into the midst of our world.

C *Fill our hearts with the joy of the angels at your birth.*

P You come from heaven above to the lowliest of human conditions.

C *Watch over those in need, the sick, the hungry, the grieving.*

P You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.

C *Guide us to follow your path of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.*

P You come from heaven above to become flesh and live among us.

C *May we see your glory, full of grace and truth. Amen.*

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P God with us:

C *You came as a baby to a manger.*

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.

You come again in bread and wine.

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.

*And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others
in the strength of your holy name. Amen.*

DIALOGUE

P Oh, may the good Lord be with you.

C *And may the Lord be with you too.*

P Lift your hearts to Him in praise.

C *To the Lord our hearts we raise.*

P Let us offer praises true.

C *It is fitting so to do: Gratefully we sing to the Lord, our King!*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HOLY COMMUNION

We invite all those who are baptized to share this special meal of forgiveness and renewal. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P May Christ, who by his incarnation
Has filled us with grace and truth,
Give you peace this Christmas and always.
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
Bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #270

DISMISSAL

P Glory to God in the highest!

C *Peace to God's people on earth!*

P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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