

EVENING WORSHIP
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are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. And we forever live on and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.

The Call to Worship

The Hymn

The First Noel

The Hymn No. 200

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

The first Noel the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winters night that was so deep.

The Invocation

The Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism #75-76

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Leader: How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Leader and People: In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup in remembrance of him. With this command come these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of him who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.

Refrain.

Then let us all with one accord, sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain.*

17th Century English Carol

The Scripture Reading

Exodus 31

The Hymn No. 193

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The children are dismissed to their choirs.

Leader: What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink his poured-out blood?

The Evening Prayer

The Sermon

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

Leader and People: It means to accept with a believing heart the entire suffering and death of Christ and in this way to receive forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But it means more. Through the Holy Spirit who lives both in Christ and in us, we are united more and more to Christ's blessed body. And so, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we

Psalm 110

David's Son is David's King, Priest, and Victorious Lord

The Psalm

Psalm 110

The Lord unto my Lord has said, “Sit here at my right hand until I make your enemies submit to your command. A scepter prospered by the Lord your mighty hand shall wield; from Zion you shall rule the world, and all your foes shall yield.

“Your people will be gladly yours when you arise in might, like dawning day, like hopeful youth, with holy beauty bright. The priesthood of Melchizedek the Lord has given you; it shall remain forevermore; God’s word is always true.

“You shall subdue the kings of earth, with God at your right hand; the nations you shall rule in might and judge in every land.” The Lord, refreshed by living streams, shall neither faint nor fall, and he shall be the glorious head, exalted over all.

The Benediction