



CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD
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PRELUDE

CHRISTUM WIR SOLLEN LOBEN SCHON – BWV 611

J.S. Bach

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

Stand

INVOCATION

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES & EXHORTATION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel. If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Sit

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

ANTHEM

“Annunciation”

A holy messenger of God appeared to Mary betrothed to Joseph, a righteous man. Startled, the virgin heard her visitor say, “Fear not. For you’ve been chosen to birth God’s only begotten Son.”

In stillness and silence, she further heard Gabriel, God’s Angelus.

His holy messenger tells her of the Son’s lineage: Mary and God’s Spirit making the Son both human and divine, fully human, yet fully divine.

Interrupting her silent meditation as she pondered this holy visitation, Gabriel again implored, “Fear not.”

And for a third time the angel’s refrain echoed, “Fear not. You will bear God’s Son.”

Though not fully understanding (for no one could), Mary thus responded, “Here I am, Lord, a servant of the Lord Most High. Amen.”

Elizabeth Lewis

Stand

KYRIE

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, as we have known the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of the angel to the Virgin Mary, so by the message of His cross and passion bring us to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10–14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 45:6–7b

- P** Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
C you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26–38

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st Chapter. **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

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SERMON

Stand

APOSTOLIC CREED

- C** 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

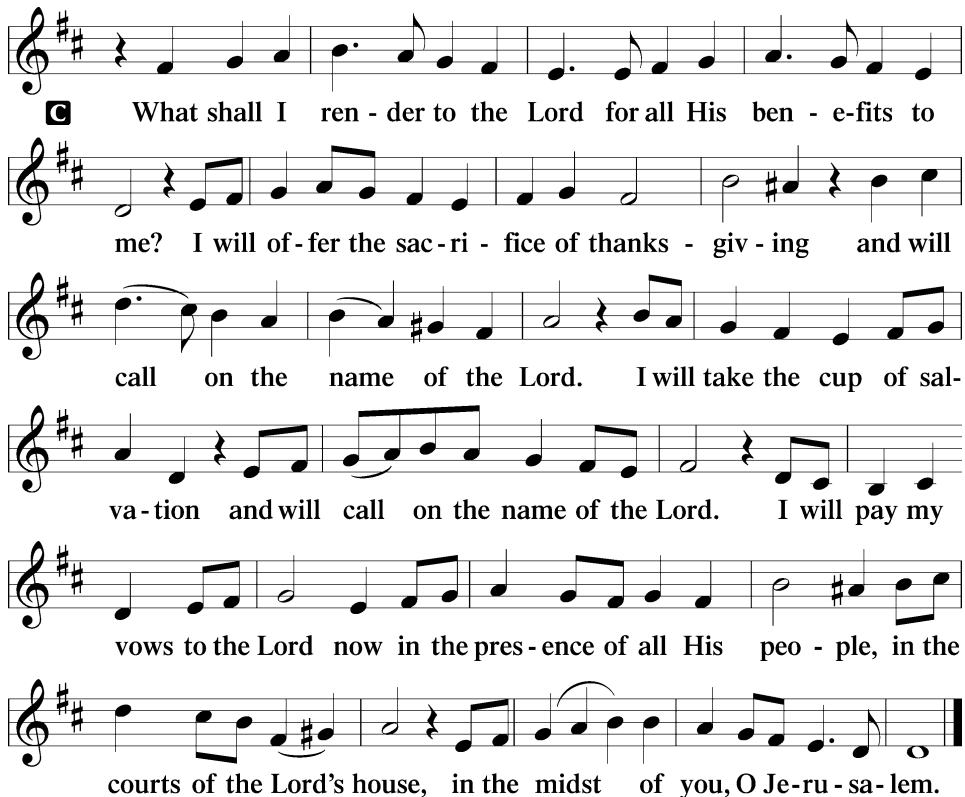
P ...let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Worshippers may leave offerings in the plates near the sanctuary doors.

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** 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.

THE WORDS OF THE LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "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."

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Follow the ushers' instructions to approach the communion rail. Individuals who are not communing may receive a blessing; please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord
Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

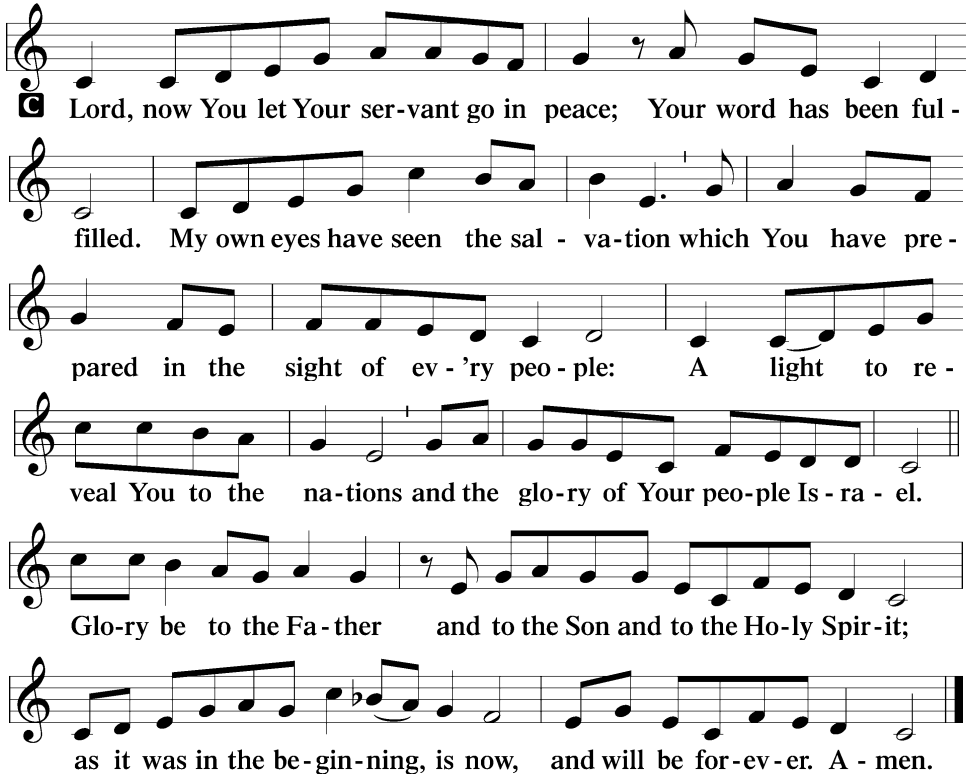
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Stand after the Presiding Minister has placed the sacramental vessels in order.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re-veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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POSTLUDE

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND – BWV 599

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