

A classical painting of the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus. Mary is shown in profile, wearing a blue robe and a white veil, looking down at the baby. The baby is wrapped in a white cloth and looks up at Mary. The background is dark and indistinct.

# MARY

TREASURED UP ALL THESE THINGS  
AND P ONDERED THEM IN HER  
HEART.



Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

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**Christmas 1 / New Year's Eve December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

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*Grace ~ "I am not ashamed of the gospel..."*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

*Grace ~ "These are written that you may believe..."*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God's Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

*Grace ~ "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God's grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Pt. 3:18**

## ✠ Matins – Morning Prayer ✠

### The Opening Hymn:

CW21 Blue #778: “Father, We Praise You”

*Father, we praise you, now the night is over.  
Active and watchful, standing now before you,  
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation;  
Thus we adore you.*

*Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.  
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
Joy without ending.*

*All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
Through all creation.*

*Please stand*

Cantor



O Lord, o - pen my lips,

Congregation



and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

Cantor



Has - ten to save me, O God;

Congregation



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

Cantor



(Christmas) Unto us the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ is born: let us wor-ship him.

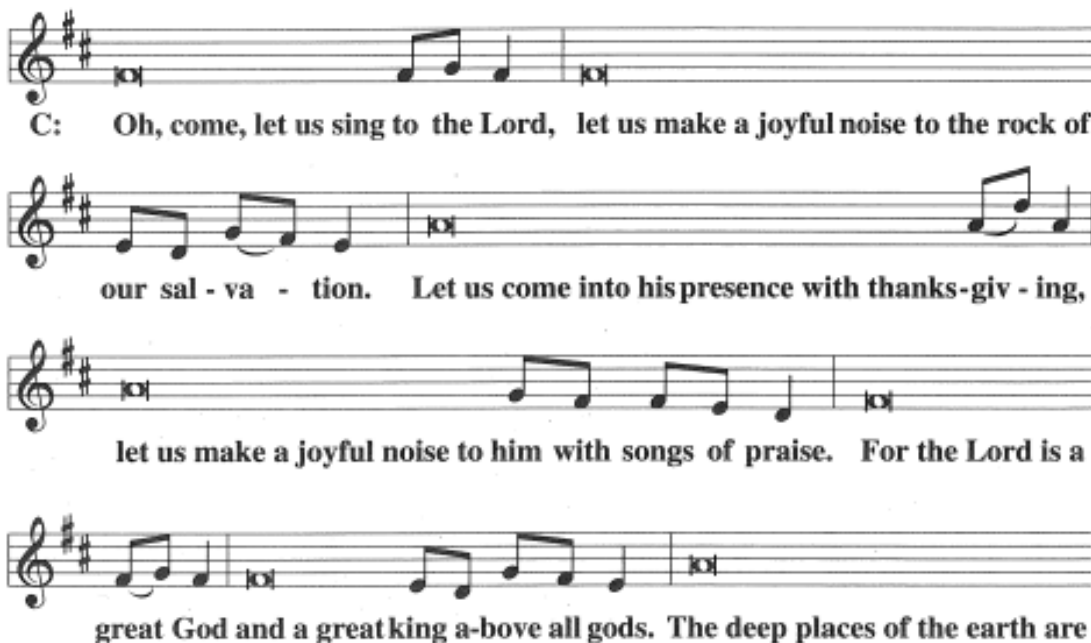
### Confession

- M:** Beloved in the Lord; let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C:** O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

### Absolution

- M:** Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- C:** Yes, I believe!
- M:** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

### The Venite - Come Oh, Come Let Us Sing To the Lord



**C:** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Please be seated*

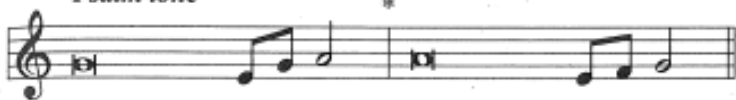
### The Psalm

#### *Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

#### *Psalm tone*



O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!\*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,\*

the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,\*  
the Son of Man that you care for him?

*Refrain*

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;\*  
you put everything under his feet.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

✠ The Word ✠

The Lesson

**Lamentations 3:19-26**

<sup>19</sup> I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. <sup>20</sup> I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. <sup>21</sup> Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup> Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him." <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; <sup>26</sup> it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

*Following the lesson, the Seasonal Response may be sung or said by the congregation:*

**C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

The Hymn

**CW Red #56: "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"**

*Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place --Can he be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found his favor.*

*Angels sang about his birth; Wise men sought and found him.  
 Heaven's star shone brightly forth, Glory all around them.  
 Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing.  
 All the plains were lit that night; All the hills were ringing.*

*Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
 He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger.  
 Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story;  
 Praise his name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory!*

## The Sermon

**Luke 2:15-19**

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

## The Te Deum Laudamus

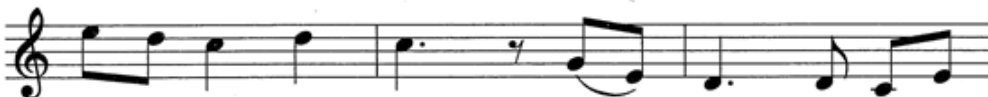
**"You, God, We Praise"**



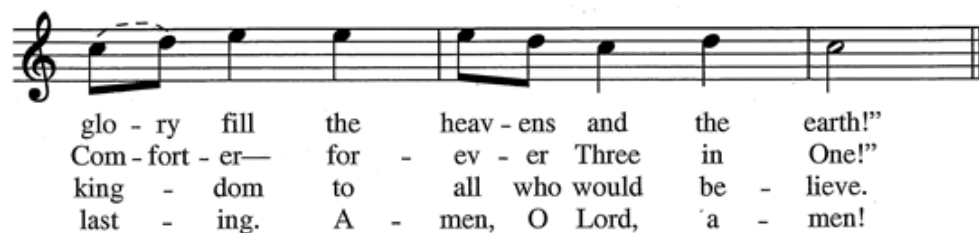
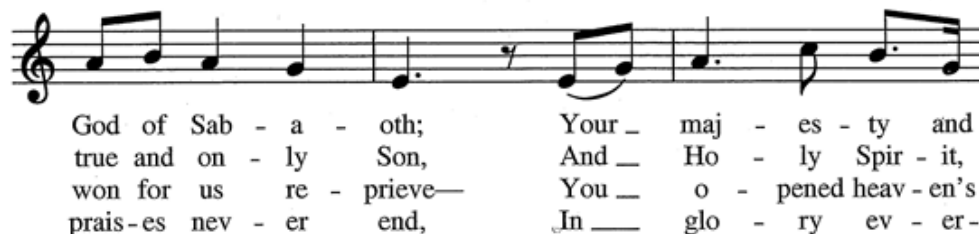
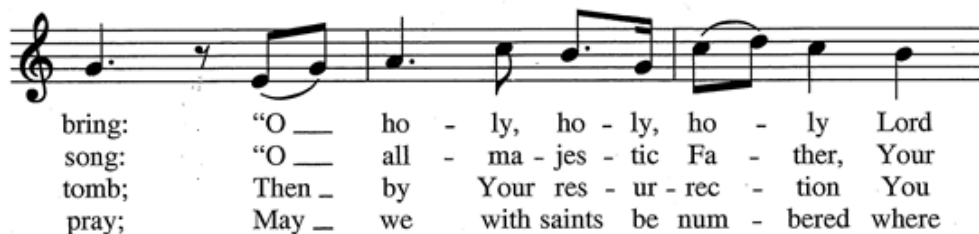
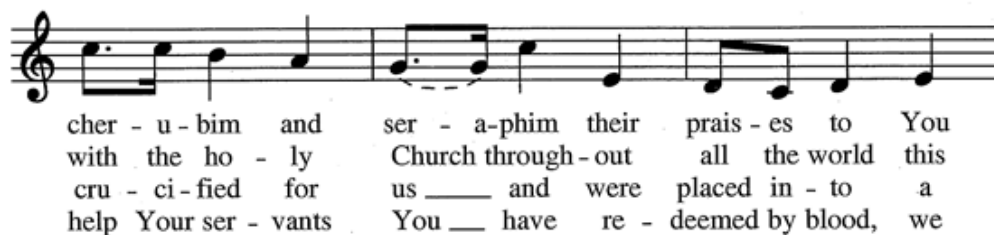
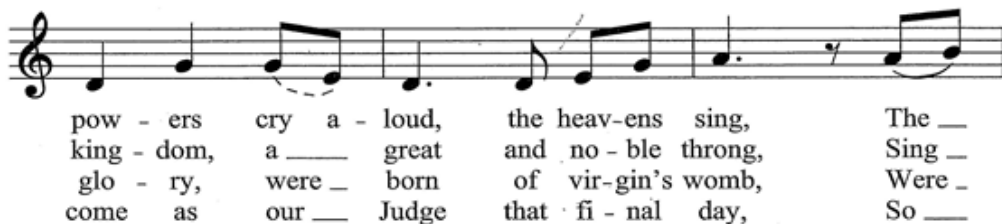
1 We \_\_ praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the  
 2 The \_\_ band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your  
 3 You, \_\_ Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing  
 4 You \_\_ sit in splen-did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right



Lord, The \_\_ Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by  
 praise; The \_\_ fel - low - ship of proph - ets their  
 Son, Yet \_\_ You, with bound-less love, \_\_ sought to  
 hand, Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by



all the earth a - dored. To \_\_ You all an - gel  
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## ✠ Thanksgiving ✠

### The Offering

An opportunity to give online can also be used at [Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://Paypal.me/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:



*Please stand*

### The Kyrie – Lord Have Mercy



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

### The Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

M: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

M: Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

**C: Your kingdom come.**

M: We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

**C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

M: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

**C: Give us today our daily bread.**

M: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

**C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

M: We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

M: We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

*Special Intercession Prayers*

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

M: And finally we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

M: All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will received it, and it will be yours."

### **The Prayer for Grace**

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Cantor:



Let us praise the Lord.

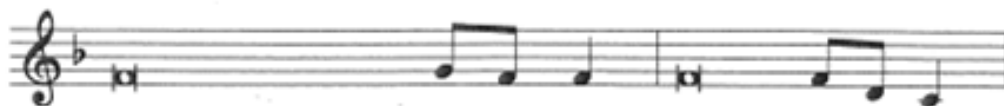
Congregation:



Thanks be to God.

## The Blessing

Cantor:



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

Congregation



A - men.

*You may be seated*

## The Hymn

## CW Red #45 Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly

*Oh, rejoice, all Christians, loudly,  
For our joys have now begun;  
Wondrous things our God has done.  
Tell abroad his goodness proudly,  
Who our race has honored so,  
That he lives with us below.  
Joy, oh, joy beyond all gladness,  
Christ has done away with sadness!  
Hence all sorrow and repining,  
For the Sun of grace is shining!*

*Jesus, guard and guide your members;  
Make us children of your grace;  
Hear our prayers in ev'ry place.  
Fan to life faith's glowing embers;  
Give all Christians far and near  
Holy peace, a glad new year.  
Joy, oh, joy beyond all gladness,  
Christ has done away with sadness!  
Hence all sorrow and repining,  
For the Sun of grace is shining!*