



# Sighting the Sacred

## *Visions and Dreams*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas | January 1, 2023

“Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son’.”

Matthew 2:14-15



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*\*Please stand*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Trinity Chimes

**Prelude**      *Of The Father's Love Begotten*      Larry Visser

#### **\*Call to Worship:**

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

**All: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.**

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

**All: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.**

One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

**All: O Lord, remind us that You lead us, guide us as we look to and worship You. Amen.**

#### **\*Hymn of Praise 179** *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*    KINGSFOLD

1. O sing a song of Bethlehem,  
of shepherds watching there,  
and of the news that came to them  
from angels in the air.

The light that shone on Bethlehem  
fills all the world today;  
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth  
the angels sing al way.

2. O sing a song of Nazareth,  
of sunny days of joy;  
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,  
and of the sinless Boy.

For now the flowers of Nazareth

in every heart may grow;  
now spreads the fame of his dear name  
on all the winds that blow.

3. O sing a song of Galilee,  
of lake and woods and hill,  
of him who walked upon the sea  
and bade the waves be still.  
For though like waves on Galilee,  
dark seas of trouble roll,  
when faith has heard the Master's work,  
falls peace upon the soul.

4. O sing a song of Calvary,  
its glory and dismay,  
of him who hung upon the tree,  
and took our sins away.  
For he who died on Calvary  
is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,  
is mighty now to save.

**Scripture Reading**      Matthew 2:13-23

**Hymn of Preparation** 242 *Love Came Down at Christmas*

GARTAN

1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

## Sermon Visions and Dreams Part 2

### Sighting the Sacred

closing 2022 and opening 2023

### Hymn of Response 237 *Sing We Now of Christmas*

French Carol

1 Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!  
Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

#### **Refrain:**

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!  
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

2 Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,  
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest." **(Refrain)**

4 From the eastern country came the kings afar,  
bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star. **(Refrain)**

5 Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;  
there was never a stable so like paradise. **(Refrain)**

**Offertory** *Jesus my gladness (Jesu meine freude)* J.S.Bach

**\*Doxology #95** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**Prayer**

## **\*Holy Communion**

Pastor: The Lord is with us!

**All: Emmanuel has come to dwell.**

Pastor: He has raised up a mighty savior for us

**All: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace.**

Pastor: Eternal God, from your spark, your Divine Imagination, a Universe of Wonder, galaxies, stars, worlds, beings, all come into existence. You have placed each in this world to offer hope and share joy so that we might turn toward each other with compassion and generosity. When our love fails, your grace holds us tenaciously. Today we praise You for the wonders of your love and come to your table to feast with all creation on your sustaining Grace, and so we declare.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations, to give knowledge of salvation to all people and teach us forgiveness and grace. He was, and is Emmanuel, your presence with us.

On the night in which he gave 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; 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."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on this gift of food and drink. Let this be for us the grace and love of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Communion Hymn 621 *Be Present At Our Table, Lord***

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Be present at our table, Lord;  
be here and everywhere adored;  
thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in paradise with thee.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**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. Amen**

**\*Sending Hymn 606** *Come, Let Us Use The Grace Divine*

KINGSFOLD

1. Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,  
in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;  
Give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, his name to glorify;  
and promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.
2. The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;  
we will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.  
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;  
and if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.
3. Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,  
present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;  
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,  
and register our names on high and keep us to that day!

**\*Benediction**

**May the One who is the road on which we travel, the vision and  
dream which guides our way, and our journey's end keep us always,  
amen.**

**Postlude**

*Noel Suisse*

Louis Claude D'Aquin

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**Stephen Minister:** Michael Edwards

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“Love Came Down at Christmas”

“Words: Trad. Puerto Rican carol; trans by George K Evans

“Our Parent, by Whose Name”

Words: F. Bland Tucker, 1939

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674

“Be Present at Our Table, Lord”

Words: John Cennick, 1741

“Come, Let Us Use the Grace Device”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1762

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

Words: Trad. French Carol

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