

Order of Worship for December 2, 2012

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Adapted from St. Hippolytus (Rome ca. 200)

The Peace:

Hymn: “*Of the Father's Love Begotten*”

*Of the Father's Love Begotten, Ere the world began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!*

*O ye heights of heaven, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be;
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.*

Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: *And with your Spirit.*

Leader: Bless the Lord

People: *With all our hearts we bless Him.*

Leader: Let us pray:

Unison: *As grain gathered from many fields so gather us, O Lord into your family;
As grapes brought from many hills, unite us with each other in your true
worship.*

*Fortify us with your word, empower us with your Spirit,
Calm us with your peace and bless us with your presence. Amen.*

Reception of Tithes and Offerings

Ministry of Music

“Comfort Ye”

Doug Sonderfan, Tenor

Unison Reading: Psalm 145 (selected verses)

The Lord is loving and merciful, slow to anger and full of constant love.

God is good to everyone and has compassion on all he made.

All your creatures, Lord, will praise you, and all people will give you thanks.

They will speak of the glory of your royal power and tell of your might,

So that everyone will know your mighty deeds and the glorious majesty of your kingdom.

Your rule is eternal and you are king forever.

The Lord is faithful to his promises, and everything he does is good.

He helps those who are in trouble; he lifts those who have fallen.

All living things look hopefully to you, and you give them food when they need it.

You give them enough and satisfy the needs of all.

The Lord is righteous in all he does, merciful in all his acts.

God is near to those who call to him, who call on him in sincerity.

He hears their cries and saves them. He protects everyone who loves him.

I will always praise the Lord: Let all his creatures praise his holy name forever. Amen.

Scripture

Jeremiah 33:10-22

Sermon

“We Are a People of Hope”

The Canon:

The Blessing of Cheese and Olives

Leader: Sanctify this solidified milk, solidifying us also into your love.

Grant also that this fruit of the olive depart not from your sweetness; this fruit which is a sign of your richness which you have caused to flow from the Tree for the life of those who hope in you.

People: *To you be glory; to the Father, and to the Son with the Holy Spirit in the holy church now and forever, world without end. Amen*

The Blessing of Milk and Honey

Leader: As this milk and honey are mingled together, so fulfill your promise made to the Fathers, wherein you said, “I will give you a land flowing with milk and honey,” which Christ

indeed has given us in his flesh, whereby we who believe are nourished like little children, making the bitterness of the human heart sweet by the sweetness of his Word.

People: *To you be glory; to the Father, and to the Son with the Holy Spirit in the holy church now and forever, world without end. Amen*

The Blessing of the Water

Leader: Bless, O Lord, this water also for an oblation for a sign of the laver, that our inner person which is spiritual may receive the same rites as our body.

People: *To you be glory; to the Father, and to the Son with the Holy Spirit in the holy church now and forever, world without end. Amen*

Reflections

“Meditation”

Hand Bell Choir

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

Ministry of Music

“In Remembrance of Me”

Chancel Choir

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

The Blessing of the Bread

Leader: This bread with which we give thanks to Almighty God by his grace now becomes for us the representation of the flesh of Christ.

The Blessing of the Cup

Leader: The cup filled with the fruit of the vine is for us the likeness of the blood which was shed for

All who believe in him.

Leader: And now let each one be zealous to perform good works and to please God, living righteously,

Devoting oneself to the Church, performing the things which have been learned, advancing in the service of God.

People: *In all things we will praise the Lord.*

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!*

*O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!*

The Benediction

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeters: Jackie, Norah & Isabelle Tomasouw

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel, Mike & Mandy Shafer

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Potluck Breakfast/Brunch

Next week's stewards (**December 9**):

Greeters: Aaron & Shawna Guikema

Ushers: Matt & Ruth DenDulk, Duane & Becky Woodward

Nursery: Renee & Natalie Sherwood

Fellowship: Eleanor Clark

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their December dinner outing this Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at Daniel's Italian Restaurant, 1430 Highway 55 in Apex. Bring a small gift (\$5 to \$10) if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Sat., Dec. 8th at 1:00 p.m. is our annual cookie exchange. This is always a fun event. Get out your recipes, bake some cookies, and join us for a great afternoon. Flyers are available in the narthex.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

This year we will be having two special services to celebrate the Christmas Season. The first will be on Sunday, December 23 during our regular worship service. We will be joined by the Iglesia Christiana de Cary and by the members of their new church plant in Durham. There will be lots of carols, special music, children's participation and a good time of celebrating the birth of our Savior. We will also be celebrating on Christmas Eve at 6:30 p.m. with a service of carols, scripture, and candle lighting.

BLANKETS AND CLOTHES FOR THE RALEIGH RESCUE MISSION

Kevin and Laurie Dilio are collecting lightly used blankets and clothes for the Raleigh Rescue Mission. A collection box is in the narthex.

THE RECORD WE WROTE: November 30, 2012

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Expense:	\$21,051	\$248,253

Income:	\$22,112	\$231,199
Capital Cam:	\$5,474	\$31,689