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Our Sanctuary is equipped with a **T-Loop**
for the aid of hearing device users.

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1st Sunday of each month: **Communion service**
(gluten-free option)

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Christ Church's Vision Statement
"Growing in Jesus' Name."



JANUARY 2, 2022

COMMUNION SERVICE

10:00 a.m.

6400 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, FL 34228

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: (v.3) - "Love Came Down at Christmas" Alexa Lowrey

Call to Worship: *(responsively)* (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night.

Pastor: You, O Lord, are exalted for ever.

People: It is good to praise your Name, O Lord Most High!

***Hymn:** 308 - "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" Congregation

Prayer of Confession: *(in unison, the congregation seated)*

Creator God, you have formed us body and soul, material and
spiritual beings: forgive us that we are too caught up in the
material and careless of the spiritual.

We live too much in time with little thought for eternity.

We surround ourselves with noise and bustle,
with little time for prayer and meditation.

We devote our energies to things that pass away,
with little to spare for the realm that is eternal.

Forgive us, gracious God:

Deepen our faith and develop our living in the way of Jesus.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: We rejoice in God's gift of new life, and full
forgiveness. Thanks be to God.

***Response:** Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Congregation
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Dedication of Offerings

Scriptures: Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18

Special Music: Alexa Lowrey, Soloist; Jeremy Silverman, piano
"Manger Medley" arr. Mark Hayes

Sermon: "Pledge, Gift and Sign" Dr. Norman M. Pritchard

Prayer

***Hymn:** "God and Father We Adore Thee" Congregation
Stuttgart (hymn tune #1)

***Affirmation of Faith --The Apostles' Creed** Congregation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Sharing of bread and wine

Prayer after Communion: *(in unison)*

Loving, steadfast God, we praise and bless you for the love in
which you created us and in Christ called us to your new
creation. Thank you for your good purposes, which are wiser
than our own. Thank you for the future which is your gift to
us in this new year.

Help us to live in hope, not fear, in love, not cynicism, in
resolution, not despair, for Jesus Christ our Savior's Sake.
Amen.

***Hymn:** Congregation
(vv. 3 and 4) - "God and Father, We Adore Thee"

Prayer for Departing: *(in unison)* Congregation

Eternal God, the love that flows from Bethlehem was revealed
in the power of humility and the fulfillment of self-giving: grant
that it may grow in our hearts and spread throughout your
world, so that we, having begun this year in confidence
through worship, may live each day in faith and faithfulness;
through Jesus Christ, the Baby of Bethlehem and the Lord of
All. Amen.

Benediction: Alexa Lowrey and Robert Romanski
"Gloria, in Excelsis Deo"

Postlude