

December 24, 2021

7:30 PM



Welcome, and a blessed Christmas to all on this holy day.

If you are a visitor or one returning after an absence, know that you are welcome and we are delighted to share with you the celebration of Christmas.

Please fill out a CONNECT card found in the pew rack if you are visiting us today, if you wish to receive our emails or newsletter, or if you wish the pastor to contact you. PRAY cards may be used for prayer requests. Place cards in the offering plate as you leave.

When entering the Sanctuary, please observe a time of silence for meditation and prayer. Silencing your cell phone is a good gift you can give to your fellow worshipers.

Though childcare is not yet available, children are always welcome in worship! There are “Quiet Bags” with books and soft toys, or “Doodle Bags” with paper and markers for children to use in the pews as needed. The narthex area is available for you if your child needs a break from the service. Audio from worship can be heard in the narthex.

Hearing Assisted Radio Transmitters are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

This service is being audio-recorded, and will be posted online for those who wish to listen at home.

Our celebration of Christmas continues on Christmas morning at 11:00 AM.

The Christmas season includes two Sundays, with one worship service offered at 10:30 AM on Sunday, December 26, and in the new year on Sunday, January 2.

Our regular schedule with services at 8:00 and 10:30 AM returns on Sunday, January 9.

Again, welcome!

In the order of service, the following symbols are used:

↑ = **Stand** **P** = *Presiding Minister* **A** = *Assisting Minister* **C** = **Congregation**

The words to this evening's carols are printed in this bulletin. The Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW) numbers are listed for those who wish to sing the carols in harmony.

Please note the selected stanzas. Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews.



Prelude

Noël Suisse (Swiss Noel)

Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694–1772)

Welcome

↑ **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

**☩: we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P: In the mercy of the One who is,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,
and for his sake God forgives you all your sins.
To those who believe in Jesus Christ
he gives the power to become the children of God
and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

☩: Amen.

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2 The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest:

Refrain

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

↑ Christmas Greeting

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

C: **praise God in the heights.**

P: Praise the LORD, all you angels;

C: **sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

P: The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,

C: **the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Hymn of Praise

Angels, We Have Heard on High
ELW Hymn 289

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria
in excelsis Deo;
gloria
in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*



↑Prayer of the Day

P: Ever-present God,
you made this holy night shine with the brightness of your Light.
Grant that we may walk in the light of Jesus' way
and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

G: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Everlasting Light
Nancy Raabe (b. 1954)

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

↑ Gospel Acclamation

Sts. 1 & 2

Angels from the Realms of Glory
ELW Hymn 275

- 1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.
- 2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

↑ **The Holy Gospel**

Luke 2:1-14

ℙ: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

☩: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Following the reading

ℙ: The Gospel of the Lord.

☩: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

What Can We Salvage from this Wreckage?

Rethinking Paul's Letter to Titus

Pastor Dan

Hymn of Praise

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

ELW Hymn 282

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| <p>1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending
near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth,
good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.</p> <p>2 Still through the cloven skies
they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly
music floats
o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.</p> | <p>3 And you, beneath
life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now,
for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!</p> <p>4 For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace
shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world
give back the song
which now the angels sing.</p> |
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↑ The Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith
in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,

and was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come.
 Amen.

↑ Prayers of the Church

A: ... Lord, in your mercy,
G: hear our prayer.

Anthem



Before the Marvel of this Night
 Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

↑ The Great Thanksgiving

ELW page 144

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right . . . join their unending hymn:

↑ **Sanctus**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of life and God of light



heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!



Bless - ed be the com - ing Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

↑ **Words of Institution**

↑ **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, help us work toward your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Holy Communion – All baptized Christians who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacraments.

We confess and believe that Christ in his risen form is truly present in the Sacrament of bread and wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's resurrection.

The ministration of the Sacrament will take place in the pews with individual elements. These are available as you enter; if you missed picking one up and need one, please signal an usher now with a raised hand.

When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

↑ Invitation to the Table

P: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see how God is made known to you.

Agnus Dei



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.

Prayer after Communion

- P:** We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
- C:** Amen.

Announcements

↑ Benediction

- P:** The God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.
- C:** Amen.

↑ Sending Hymn

Silent Night
ELW Hymn 281

- 1 Silent night, holy night!**
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night, holy night!**
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

**3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

↑ Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

G: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated until the ushers dismiss you from your pew, in order to maintain social distancing as we exit. On your way out, put your bulletin and hymns back in the baskets on the table if you do not want to take them with you. Offerings may be put in the offering plate as you exit. Pastor Dan will greet you. You may remain in fellowship with one another as long as you like; please respect others' need for social distancing.

Postlude

*Chorale prelude on IN DULCI JUBILO
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

About today's music

Tonight's brief organ postlude is a traditional piece for Christmas Eve. It's often heard at the close of Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, England. Bach is bold (even audacious) as he decorates this medieval German Christmas carol with runs and arpeggios – almost as if to musically paint a picture of the angels breaking into our dimension from the heavens.

– Cantor Kyle

✠ Serving as leaders of worship today ✠

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Peterson

Cantor

Kyle Haugen

Worship Assistant

Cara Kavanaugh

Choir

OUR THANKS to the following people who donated poinsettia plants this Christmas:



Donor:

Carol and Paul Abodeely

Carol Ann Davis

Jean McLauchlan

Georganne & Harold Robertson

Heidi Steiner

Donor:

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In Honor of:

The birth of healthy baby
Grace Bodhi Abodeely
and all of the Abodeely grandies!

Michael & Jeanette Banobi

Hilde Glore

Ruth Ghormley

Our parents

Bernice & Alex Dudley

In Memory of:

Pastor Randall Bullo

Loved ones

Mathea Erickson & Margaret Glassman

Shawn & Dinah Bergstrom

Ralph and Arleen Mackprang

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Our daughter, Carolyn

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Loved ones

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and Frances Brook

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Janice and Art Stamey

Sophus and Hannah Knudsen

Clara Sponheim

Betty Morrison

Richard Svare

Poinsettia plants were delivered with love to 23 elderly, ill, bereaved, and/or especially isolated members of our community. Thanks to the following volunteers who delivered our gifts: Barb Bach, Barb Bash, Susan Evans, John & Will Feldmann, Liz Major, Candy Mathes, Rich Mathes, Peggy Morgan, Al Shabino, Connie Wurm, and Pastor Dan.

Note: We were given more than enough poinsettias. If you donated a plant, feel free to take one from the altar décor after Christmas morning services are finished.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 24

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YOUR OFFERINGS are appreciated in whatever form they take. If you'd like to set up **automatic donations** from a bank account, pick up a "Simply Giving" form from the narthex railing, or contact Ken Hockman for assistance.

Mailing us your donation? Please use our P.O. Box address. You can also **donate online** with a credit card or PayPal; go to our website's GIVE page.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Please notify Pastor Dan with new prayer requests or to remove a prayer from this list at pastor@queenannelutheran.org. For emergency pastoral care, call or text 253-230-9695.

Lee Mathis

Emmett Pritchard

Ondrejcek/Pahl family on the death of Lisa's father, John, and Darryl's mother, Fran

John Reese's son-in-law, Jim Garrison

Deb Rosenthal

The Hockman family on the death of Ken & Ellen's daughter, Carolyn

Mary Gallagher, for healing and support

Pastor Dan's mother, Olga

Jan Olson, in memory of Linda

Barb Gayotin

Carol S.

Jean McLauchlan

Ruth Ghormley

Denny Alfson

Ben Matter

Barbara Koziol

Shana, in need of work and support

Hilde Glore

Bob Bishop

Almaz's brother, Mulugeta, and mother, Awetash

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Saturday

Choir Rehearsal 10:15 AM

Christmas Day Worship 11:00 AM

AA Shanty Trudgers (upstairs) 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 26

Worship 10:30 AM

Ballard Sunday Dinner Program

@Ballard First Lutheran (Shifts 2:30–6:30 PM; youth especially invited to help)

Tuesday (office closed)

Wednesday

Social Action Committee

(Zoom) 5:30 PM

AA Counterbalance (FH) 8:00 PM

Friday (office closed)

Saturday

Alanon Women (upstairs) 10:30 AM

AA Shanty Trudgers (upstairs) 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 2

Worship 10:30 AM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE TWO JANUARY EVENTS:

A time to remember,
honor and pray
for those who have
died on the streets
or as a result
of being homeless.



“Healer of our ev’ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond
our fear, and hope
beyond our sorrow.”

(*Healer of Our Every Ill,
With One Voice* 738).

Service of Remembrance

Friday, January 7th at 4 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1215 Thomas St., Seattle

This event will also be livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ImmanuelLutheranChurchSeattle>

Contact Pr. Kristy Daniels at

PastorKristy@compasshousingalliance.org or (206) 474-1007

FORUM Sunday, January 9 @ 9 AM

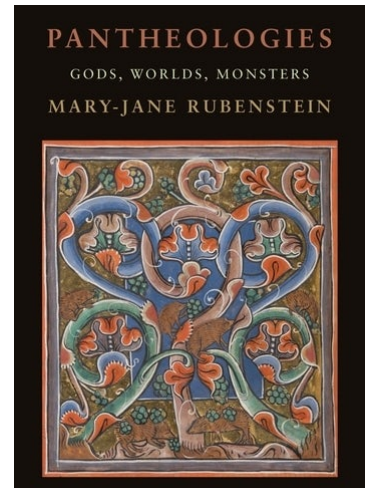
Meet the Author: **Mary-Jane Rubenstein**

Pantheologies: Gods, Worlds, Monsters

Mary-Jane Rubenstein is professor of religion; feminist, gender, and sexuality studies; and science in society at Wesleyan University.

Pantheism is the view that God and the world are identical; nothing of God exists apart from it. Throughout the ages, mystics, “pagans,” and “heretics” have flirted with this idea, the response to which has been their condemnation and sometimes execution by religious authorities.

Today, especially as people find justification for destroying the planet by locating God elsewhere (“up there” in heaven or “out there” in space), Dr. Rubenstein argues convincingly and passionately that pantheism deserves another hearing. What benefit might come from dissolving the distinction between God and world and seeing the two as one and the same? Join us for this provocative presentation and discussion based on Rubenstein’s book.





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