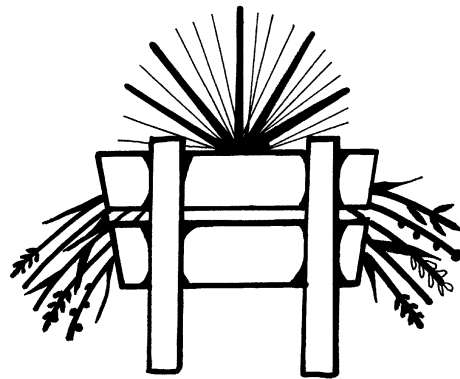


December 25, 2021

11:00 AM



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.

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: Il est un petit l'ange (He's a little angel)
Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)

↑ **Dialogue And Doxology**

P: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: **Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,
who gives us life, salvation, and resurrection.
Alleluia.**

↑ **Psalmody**

This morning two psalms are sung responsively, led by Pastor Dan.

Psalm 63: 1-8 is one of the traditional psalms for Morning Prayer;

Psalm 97 is the psalm appointed for Christmas Day.

A traditional Christmastide invitatory (invitation to worship) for Morning Prayer is spoken responsively to begin and to conclude the psalmody.

P: I bring you good news of a great joy:
to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**



Psalm 63: 1-8

¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and
weary land where there | is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.**

After a brief pause, the psalmody continues:

Psalm 97

- ¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
- ²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**
- ³Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.
- ⁴**Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**
- ⁵The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.
- ⁶**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,
and all the peoples | see your glory.**
- ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images
and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.
- ⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**
- ⁹For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
- ¹⁰**You who love the | LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them
from the hand | of the wicked.**
- ¹¹Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.
- ¹²**Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

📖: I bring you good news of a great joy:
to you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

🗣️: **Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**

For Daily Prayer services, such as Morning Prayer, the emphasis is devotion rather than proclamation. The assembly is seated for the readings, including when readings are from the gospels. There will be a brief pause after each reading for reflection.

First Reading

Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

G: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is given for reflection.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:8-20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with

haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: Word of God, Word of life.

G: **Thanks be to God.**

Following the readings:

P: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors
in many and various ways by the prophets,

G: **but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.**

Silence is given for reflection.

↑ **Gospel Canticle**

Blest Be the God of Israel
ELW 250

- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**
- 2 With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**
- 3 My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

Choral Anthem

The Holly and the Ivy
arr. Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

↑ Prayers

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

P: Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn,
bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

P: Especially we thank you —
for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .
for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .
for the gifts of relationship with others . . .
for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Other thanksgivings may be added.

P: Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all
your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the
living Lord.
Especially we pray —
for those who govern nations of the world . . .
for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .
for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .
for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .
for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Other intercessions may be added.

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G: **Amen.**

P: Holy God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G: **Amen.**

↑ **Lord's Prayer**

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

G: **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.
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.**

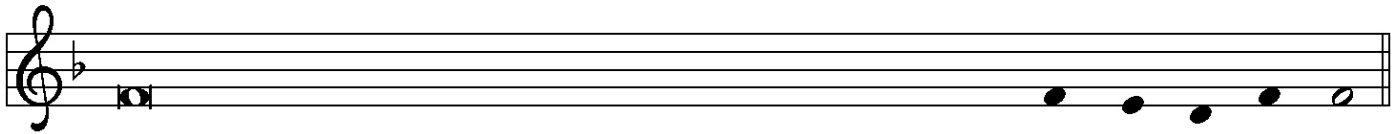
↑ **Benediction**



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



Eternal God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve you.



A - men.

↑ **Sending Carol**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
ELW, Hymn 270

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. *Refrain*



Please 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

*Grand Choeur (Sortie pour Noël)
Full Organ (Postlude on a Christmas melody)
César Franck (1822–1890)*

About today's music

For today's organ prelude, the melody of a Swiss Noël serves as the basis for a theme and variations by Baroque composer Claude Balbastre (1724–1799). Balbastre settled in Paris and became one of the leading musicians of his day; his positions included Notre Dame. Today's organ postlude was composed by another Parisian, Romantic composer César Franck (1822–1890), who used the same Christmas melody as a secondary theme for a grand and festive piece.

– Cantor Kyle

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



Donor:

Carol and Paul Abodeely

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Jean McLauchlan

Georganne & Harold Robertson

Heidi Steiner

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In Honor of:

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Poinsettia plants were delivered with love to 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 25

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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

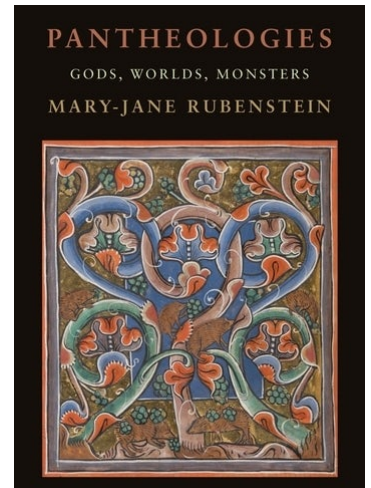
Meet the Author: **Mary-Jane Rubenstein**

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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