

Olivet New Church

Online Service; December 13, 2020

Welcome, and thank you for joining us today!

The numbers in this order of service refer to pages in our liturgy. If you don't have a liturgy, please note that lyrics for the songs will be displayed during the service.

Prelude—Olivet School Children's Choir

“Peace I Leave with You”

~Based on a canon by W.A. Mozart~

Hymn: “The First Noël”.....Liturgy #959

Opening of the Word

PRIEST: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

All Kneel

PRIEST: Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,

PEOPLE: For He has visited and redeemed His people,

PRIEST: And has raised up a horn of salvation for us

PEOPLE: In the house of His servant David.

The Priest will offer a prayer.

ALL: Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRIEST: O Lord, forgive us our trespasses,

PEOPLE: As we forgive those who trespass against us.

All Rise

Recitation: Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

Reading: Luke 2:8-20
Children’s Talk: “The Heavenly Host”

Hymn: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”.....Liturgy #949

Interlude—Olivet School Children’s Choir
“Christmas Canon”
~*Words & music by Paul O’Neill - arr. by Andy Beck*~

Readings: 1 Samuel 17:33-37; John 10:11-16; Arcana Coelestia §343
(see below)

Hymn: “Once in Royal David’s City”.....Liturgy #947

Sermon: “Keeping Watch”
Rev. Jared Buss

Hymn: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”.....Liturgy #971

Closing Prayer

Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard on High”.....Liturgy #978

Postlude—Olivet School Children’s Choir
“Go, Make A Difference”
~*Words & music by Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek*~

Thanks to our musicians!
Justine Buss—Vocals | Anika Nater—Organ

Special thanks to Sharon Burlacoff, the Olivet School music teacher & director of the Children’s Choir.

The reading from the Heavenly Doctrines of the New Church:

Arcana Coelestia §343

“A shepherd of the flock” means someone who practices the good of charity. Anyone can know this, for it is a recurrent feature of the Old Testament and of the New. He who leads and teaches is called a shepherd, those who are led and taught are called the flock. One who does not lead to the good of charity, and does not teach that good, is not a true shepherd; and one who is not being led to good and learning it is not the flock.