

New Years Eve  
December 31, 2017



**SERVICE  
OUTLINE**

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(Stand)
- ❖ Prayer of the Church  
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*C: Hear our prayer.*
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Hymn 606
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- ❖ Concluding Collect
- ❖ Benediction  
(Sit)
- ❖ Hymn 733

Psalm 31:19-24

Oh, how abundant is your goodness,  
**which you have stored up for those who fear you**  
and worked for those who take refuge in you,  
**in the sight of the children of mankind!**

In the cover of your presence you hide them  
**from the plots of men; you store them in your  
shelter from the strife of tongues.**

Blessed be the Lord,  
**for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to  
me when I was in a besieged city.**

I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your  
sight."

**But you heard the voice of my pleas for mercy  
when I cried to you for help.**

Love the Lord, all you his saints! The Lord  
preserves the faithful  
**but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.**

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
**all you who wait for the Lord!**

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### **The Old Testament**

Isaiah 60:19-21

The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. [20] Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. [21] Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified.

### **The Epistle**

Hebrews 4:8-16

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. [9] So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, [10] for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

[11] Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. [12] For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. [13] And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

[14] Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. [16] Let us then with

confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **The Gospel**

Luke 2:8-21

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. [10] And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, [14] "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" [15] When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." [16] And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. [17] And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. [18] And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. [19] But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [20] And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

[21] And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.