

# *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*December 24, 2020*

## Prelude

## Invocation

## Confession & Forgiveness

### \*Christmas Dialog

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**C: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.***

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**C: *We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.***

P: For unto us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**C: *In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.***

P: May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

**C: *And also with you.***

\*Hymn           *"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn           *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

Reading: Micah 5:2

Hymn           *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

Titus 3:4-7

Hymn           *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

\*Christmas Gospel: Luke 2: 1-7

\*Hymn           *"Away in the Manger"*

\*Christmas Gospel: Luke 2: 8-14

Hymn           *"The First Noel"*

Hymn           *"What Child is This"*

## Christmas Message

\*Hymn           *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

## Prayers

\*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Lighting of the Candles

*(The ushers light their candles from Pastor Eric's candle and then light the candles of the worshipers seated nearest the aisle. The light candle is never tilted, but it is always held upright when passing the light)*

**\*Hymn** "Silent Night, Holy Night"

**\*Prayer for Christmas:** Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence till that day when we join you in glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Hymn** "Joy to the World"

**Postlude**

\* The Congregation is invited to stand



*Special Thanks to:  
Pianist: Mark Kubo*

*Merry Christmas!*

**"O Come All Ye Faithful"**

O, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him. Born the king of angels;  
Oh, come let us adore him, Oh, come let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:  
Oh, come let us adore him, Oh, come let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

**"Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

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.	Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great desire of nations, You have seen his natal star. Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn king.
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**"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies, With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king!"	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. Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn king!"
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**"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

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."	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;
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The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Oh, rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing!

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

***“Away in the Manger”***

Away in the manger, no crib for his bed, T  
he little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

***“The First Noel”***

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full rev’rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

***“What Child is This”***

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies in in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own him.

***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”***

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

***“Silent Night, Holy Night”***

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.

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

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 Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

***“Joy to the World”***

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King:  
Let ev-ry heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of His love.