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December 24, 2021 AD The Nativity of Our Lord • Christmas Eve 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 pm



Please stand and follow the cross processing into the Sanctuary.



C Amen.

Salutation and Collect for Christmas Eve

2 Timothy 4:22

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Let us pray.

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

- C Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge;
- L through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

- L The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
- C You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- L For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- C For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- L For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- C Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
- L The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Bell Choir & Mixed Chorus Christ Is Born Today!

7:00 & 10:00 pm

Arranged By Mark Shepperd

Come your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising; Loudly sing His love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.

Good Christian men rejoice, With heart and soul and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

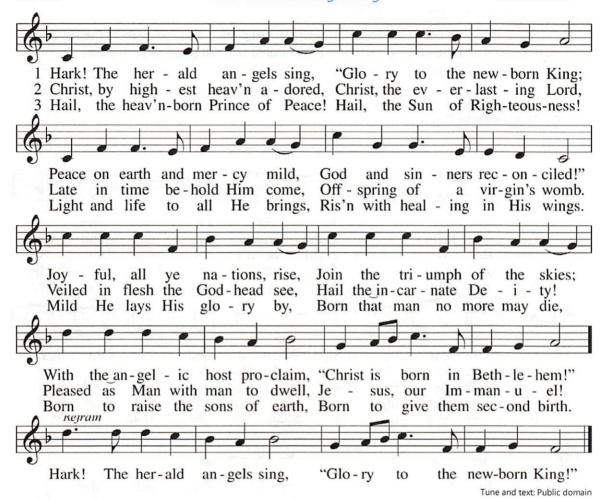
See how God, for us providing, Gave His Son and life abiding; He our weary steps is guiding From earth's woe to heavenly joy.

Sing to God, glad voices raise. Let the earth resound with praise. See, here in a manger lays A heavenly King, the Christ, the Son of Mary. Sing to God, glad voices raise. Let the earth resound with praise. Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men rejoice With heart and soul and voice; Born of Mary, King of Kings and Lord of all.

Christ from heaven to us descending, And in love our race befriending. In our need His help extending, Saved us from the wily Foe.

He has opened heaven's door And man is blessed evermore: Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!



Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Reading 1 John 4:7-16

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 96



¹Oh sing to the LORD a / new song;* sing to the LORD, / all the earth!

C ²Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;* tell of his salvation from | day to day.

³Declare his glory among the | nations,* his marvelous works among all the | peoples!

C ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised;* he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols,* but the LORD made the | heavens.

C ⁶Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;* strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,* ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength!

C *Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;* bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness;*
tremble before him, | all the earth!

C ¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!

Yes, the world is established; it shall nev- | er be moved;*
he will judge the peoples with | equity."

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;*

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹²let the field exult, and every- thing in it!

C Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

13 before the LORD, | for he comes,*

for he comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the world in | righteousness,* and the peoples in his | faithfulness.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.



Reading Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Worship Team 7:00 pm

O Come All Ye Faithful (Sing to the King)

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.
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation.
Sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above.
Glory to God,
All glory in the highest.
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ —

So come, let us sing a song,
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus.
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise,
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus.
Sing to the King.

Come, let us sing a song,
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus.
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise,
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus.
He is all we need.

So come, let us sing a song, A song declaring that we belong to Jesus. Sing to the King.

> O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia! Gloria! Magnificat! Nowell! Jubilate! Hodie natus Emmanuel!

Children, 'round the manger sing "Glory to the newborn King!" As the shepherds once adored, kneeling to creation's Lord. Sing the gentle lullaby for the Son of God most high.

> On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring, On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring, News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

From out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night, From out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore. Amen."

Alleluia! Gloria! Now sing we all Nowell! Oh, be joyful! On this day is born Emmanuel!

Reading Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading Luke 2:1-20

- R The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

4:00 pm

7:00 & 10:00 pm The Angel's Song (Glory to God) – Luke 2:14

Mixed Choir adapt. R. M. Ralph Manuel

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

And on earth peace, peace to all men,

Peace to all people on whom His favor rests.

Glory to God! Glory to God!

And on earth peace, peace to all men,

Peace to all people on whom His favor rests.

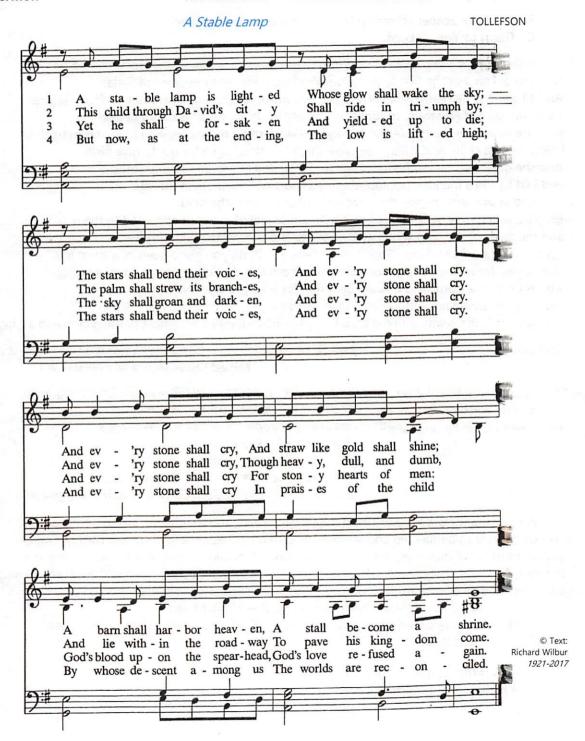
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

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." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



Offering - the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door. Please remember to fill out an attendance card and place in the offering box.

Worship Team

He Has Come (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

7:00 pm

- God rest ye merry gentlemen
 Let nothing you dismay
 Remember Christ our Savior
 Was born on Christmas day
 To save us all from Satan's pow'r
 When we were gone astray
 O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy
 O tidings of comfort and joy
- Chorus He has come for us this Jesus He's the hope for all mankind He has come for us the Messiah Born to give us life
 - 2. From God our heav'nly Father
 A blessed angel came
 And unto certain shepherds
 Brought tidings of the same
 How that in Bethlehem was born
 The Son of God by name
 O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy
 O tidings of comfort and joy

Chorus He has come for us this Jesus He's the hope for all mankind He has come for us the Messiah Born to give us life All the angels sing hallelujah Jesus Christ is born All the children sing hallelujah He is Christ the Lord

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Born to give us life
He is born to give us life

3. Angels sing hallelujah Jesus Christ is Lord All the children sing hallelujah He is Christ the Lord





Reading John 1:1-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Candle Lighting Please tilt unlit candle toward lit candle.



The Lord's Prayer

L Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

Collect for Christmas Midnight

- L O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light.
- C Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven;
- L through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Reading John 1:14-28

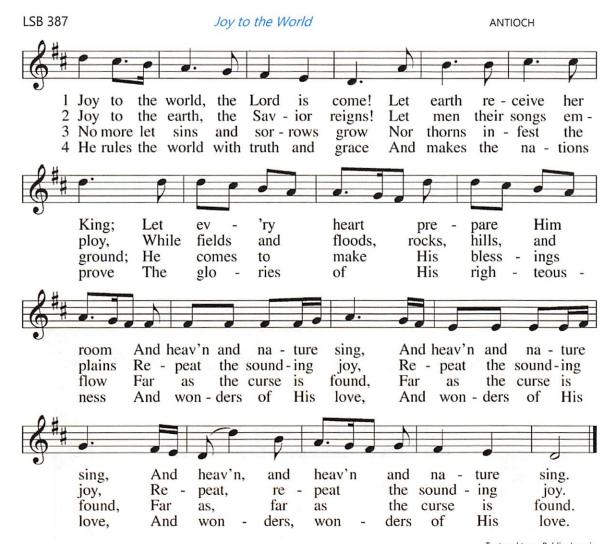
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction 2 Corinthians 13:14

- P The grace of our Lord 1 Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

7:00 & 10:00 pm



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Please extinguish candles.

Postlude

4:00 & 10:00pm 7:00pm

Variations on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Come to Us Janet Linker Greg & Mary Walton



Christmas Worship

- X The First Sunday after Christmas
- 9:30 am in the Sanctuary December 26th
- X The Second Sunday after Christmas
- 9:30 am in the Sanctuary January 2nd
- The Epiphany of Our Lord
 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary Thursday, January 6th

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Preludes

4PM

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach Olivia Connors

7PM

What Child Is This?

Traditional Levi Reedy, Olivia Connors

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lewis H. Redner Levi Reedy, Olivia Connors

Straw against the Chill

Bob Franke Robin Nakkula

Hush My Babe

Traditional Robin Nakkula

Little Drummer Boy

Douglas E. Wagner Bell Choir

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Robert MacGimsey, Stephen Freitag, Olivia Connors

Bernie Herms, Mark Hall

Almost There

Michael W. Smith Susan Jacoby, David Patch, Olivia Connors

Come to Us

Greg and Mary Walton Worship Team

Hymn of Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven, Worship Team Henry van Dyke, Chris Tomlin

Agnus Dei

Michael W. Smith Worship Team

10PM

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

John Carter Kurt Proegler

Lully, Lullay, Thou Tiny Child

Teresa Wilhelmi Kurt Proegler

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Phillip Keveren Kurt Proegler

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Jim Lucas Kurt Proegler

What Child Is This?

Traditional Levi Reedy, Olivia Connors

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lewis H. Render Levi Reedy, Olivia Connors

O Come, Little Children

Charles Maggs Bell Choir

Little Drummer Boy

Douglas E. Wagner Bell Choir

Still, Still, Still

Paul Manz Olivia Connors

As It Fell upon a Night

Katherine K. Davis Choir

Manger Songs

Lloyd Larson Choir

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach Olivia Connors



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