

December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve
Service of Lessons & Carols
5 p.m.



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Gathering

Prelude

*Welcome

Carol O Come, All Ye Faithful

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:

(refrain)

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

(refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God all glory in the highest:

(refrain)

Christmas Dialogue

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

He is the Light no darkness can overcome.

At darkest night we gather to celebrate the great light of our salvation.

With the heavenly host we sing “Glory to God in the highest heaven.”

In Christ, God’s Word is made flesh and lives among us.

With the shepherds, we will tell of the wonders we have seen and heard.

Carol Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

(refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

(refrain)

*Greeting and Prayer

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last

day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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!"

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)

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

Carol 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 wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth!

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descent 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;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Third Reading Luke 2:1-7

Carol Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The 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.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Fourth Reading Luke 2:8-20

Carol Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

(refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

(refrain)

Sermon Pastor Scott Nellis

Carol What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthem 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!

Special Music *Mary's Lullaby* – Mary Nellis, piano, voice

Nellis

The Prayers

God of hope, come and be present among us, not how we expect you to be, but how you need to be. Help us to see and to trust your work in our lives and also in the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Saving God, through the birth of your son, you have redeemed us from everything that might separate us from you. When we feel unworthy, and unable to be forgiven, allow our souls to feel their worth. Give us comfort and peace when we most need it. God of peace,
hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, uphold all who feel the burden of sorrow tonight. Bless all who are in need of your divine goodness and healing. We remember all who have died and who now rest in your peaceful light. God of love,
hear our prayer.

Good and holy God, allow us to see your light even in the darkest moments of life. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who taught us to pray:

**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.**

Holy Communion

Blessing

May the Lord God, who has called you out of darkness to be servants of light, grant you the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child. In the name of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

Carol **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing (3x).

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy (3x).

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 (3x).

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love (3x).

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Come Worship with Us

Sunday, December 26

10 a.m., Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary