



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

5:00 P.M.

Thought for Reflection

*"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world
in a conspiracy of love."*

Hamilton Wright Mabie

Prelude *Christmas Hymn Medley*

Carina & Evan Phillips - Saxophone & Euphonium

Welcome

Ringing of the Bell

Call To Worship

Leader: Hark! The Herald Angels sing!

People: Glory to the newborn King!

Leader: Peace on earth and mercy mild;

People: God and sinners reconciled.

Leader: The angelic host proclaim,

People: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Leader: Hark! The Herald Angels sing

People: Glory to the newborn King!

Opening Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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Prayer

All: O God of Love, you have brought us together tonight and blessed us with your very self. Open our eyes to the light of Christ which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in apathy, pain and loss; a world separated from you. Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation. Bring us into the wonder of your presence. Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

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Reader: Tonight the light has come to the world and we shout -

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Reader: The truth is borne and we declare -

People: The word is made flesh.

Reader: The people rejoice saying

People : God of Life and Light, thank you for coming to us. Shine your peace into every corner of the world. We pray that you will shine your peace into our hearts. Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Grace

Unison: Your grace, O God, has appeared for the salvation of all, calling us to renounce false gods and irresponsible love. In the midst of our sin, Christ has appeared as a sign of our hope, redeeming us and calling us to be a people eager to do your will. Make us zealous for good deeds in response to your wonderful deed in Jesus Christ. We confess the vain worship of ourselves and our neglect of your children. Forgive us and empower us to live upright and godly lives in this world.

Leader: Know this – that the assurance of our forgiveness has come. “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us....His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.”

(Silent time to examine our hearts)

A Word from the Prophet Isaiah

Scripture *Isaiah 9:2-7*

Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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Jesus' Birth

Scripture *Luke 2:1-14*

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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A Word from the Angels

Scripture *Luke 1:26-38*
Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* # 23

A Word from the Shepherds

Scripture *Luke 2:15-20*
Handbells *Away in a Manger*

A Word from the Magi

Scripture *Matthew 2:1-11*
Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* # 66

The Word Became Flesh

Scripture *John 1:1-4*

Meditation Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Candle Lighting

Handbells *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful and turned from your ways, you did not forsake us, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and sent prophets to call us back to your way. In the fullness of time you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. In him, your Word, dwelling with you from all eternity, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld your glory, Immanuel! Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People; Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Taking of the Bread and the Wine

Leader: Christ is the bread of life:

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory. Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ's presence in the world, even as Jesus was God-with-us. Give us courage to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to love with his love. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer

Closing Hymn *Joy to the World!* # 40

Benediction

Postlude

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We are pleased you could join us this evening as we celebrate the birth of Christ. We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!



Poinsettias have been given by:

Brad & Kathy Adams in memory of loved ones;
Bob & Sandi Blakey in memory of loved ones;
Joyce Bradstreet to the Glory of God and in memory
of Jack;
The Chippero Family in memory of their loved ones;
Irv & Shirley Crane to honor everyone together doing their part to keep
each other safe during this pandemic;
Marge Crumb in loving memory of Judy and Duane;
Don & Nikki George in memory of their parents, David & Louise
George and Ross & Alice Cuddeback;
Tony & Georgia Hubbard in celebration of Christ's birth;
Mark Pipal & Connie Rice to honor Jesus as we remember his birth on
earth;
Bob & Jeanne Rice in memory of Sallyann and Larry;
Bud & Carol Saylor in memory of their parents and friends;
Jody Clark, Lori Singleton and their Families in loving memory of Bob
& Joyce Clark and Hunter Dunlap;
Joyce Tompkins in memory of Joyce Petz;
John & Elaine Wilbert to the Glory of God.



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Hark! The Herald Angel Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heavenly 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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came a floweret bright amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

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.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
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;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plain,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains:
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 heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign. (Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I: Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising we are raising, worshiping God Most High.
(Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
(Refrain)

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.
(Refrain)

Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns! Let us our 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 sins and sorrows 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.

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