

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Hark! The herald angels sing,

People: "Glory to the newborn King."

Leader: Joyful all ye nations rise;

People: Join the triumph of the skies.

Leader: With angelic host proclaim,

People: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Leader: Hark! The herald angels sing,

People: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* # 31

Lighting the Advent Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, and the Christ Candle

Reader 1: This night, this night is a night to remember. A night when home broke in on us. A night when we were not forgotten or alone or abandoned. This night. This night is the night when here and there became one, when past and future combined in a breathless present. This is a night when we are home, in ourselves, in this family, in the God who loved us enough to walk beside us.

Reader 2: We gather in the night to proclaim the light. We shrug off despair and embrace hope. We set aside conflict and choose peace. We push away despair by claiming joy. We overcome hate by rising into love. Because this night we know, even in the shadows of our doubts, we know that we are loved. That is what it means to be home.

Reader 1: We light these candles, hoping to become the light, hoping to radiate light by how we live. We light these candles to create a space called home in this place, in our place, in inner places. We light these candles to declare that unto us a Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord. Welcomed home by angels singing and shepherds kneeling. Welcomed home by those like us who have worshiped for thousands of years. Welcomed home again tonight, right here, right now, in us.

Special Music

O Holy Night
Sally Turner - flute

Anthem

Night of Wonder arr. Tracey McKibben
Chancel Choir

Night of wonder, night of joy, kneeling by the baby boy.

Night of worship, dawn of hope, heart of heaven on earth below.

Night of questions, night of truth; kneel before Him born anew!

Come receive the gift He brings. Come and worship heaven's King.

One dark evening, one holy birth; One small infant to save the earth.

Through the shadows of winter night shines God's brightest, purest light!

Night of wonder, night of prayer, angel praises fill the air.

Through the tears sweet Jesus cries; love restores our paradise.

Night of wonder, angels sing, come and worship heaven's King.

Night of wonder. Come and worship heaven's King.

Special Music

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Carina Phillips – saxophone; Evan Phillips - baritone

Anthem

Angel Songs arr. Lloyd Larson
Alleluia Bells

Hymn

Away in a Manger # 25, verses 1 & 3

Song

Jingle Bells Revisited

Refrain: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, born this very day;
Sent by God to save the world and wash our sins away.
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, our savior and our friend;
He's the reason that we're here – Merry Christmas and Amen!

Born in a manger bare beneath a shining star
Adored by shepherds poor and wise men from afar,
This little tiny babe, He was the King of kings,
And that's why every Christmas now we gather and we sing. Refrain

Lesson

The Foretelling - Luke 1:26-38

Hymn

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came # 16

Lesson

The Birth – Luke 2:1-20

Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain # 29

Lesson

The Magi – Matthew 2:1-9

Hymns

We Three Kings # 66

In the Bleak Mid-Winter # 36, verse 4

Liturgical Dance

A Christmas to Believe In! Matthew West
Sienna Petrino

Homily

Celebration: A Birthday Party for Jesus
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Service of Holy Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right, and a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity and made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

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.

Invitation to the Table

Minister: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

Minister: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say,

People: Amen, Amen, and Amen!

Hymn & Candle Lighting

Silent Night

60

Benediction

Postlude

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 ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Chris is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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 sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

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

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother you shall be,
All generations praise continually;
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: (sung after each verse)
Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere;
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.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

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

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: (sung after each verse)
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.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising we are raising, worshiping God Most High.

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

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

In the Bleak Midwinter

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

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Silent 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, heavenly 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 Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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With the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King;
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We are pleased you could join us today as we celebrate
the birth of Christ. We wish you and your family a
blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Christmas Flowers have been given by:

Brad & Kathy Adams in memory of loved ones;
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