

# Christmas Eve

**Prelude: O Magnum Mysterium..... Thomas Luis Victoria**

*arr. Christopher M. Kraus*

O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord,  
lying in a manger!

Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

**Call To Worship ..... Luke 1:46-50 (NIV)**

*My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me-- holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.*

**Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

**\*Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus..... No. 196**

*\*Indicates standing for those who are able*

**\*Confession of Faith ..... Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

**Scripture Reading ..... Luke 1:26-33; 2:1-7 (NIV)**

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Dedication of Tithes & Offerings ..... Pastor Yurik**

*Giving: In-person offering box at the back of the sanctuary,*

*Online at [faithwilmington.com/giving](http://faithwilmington.com/giving) or Text dollar amount to 84321*

**Lord's Prayer ..... People**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

**Special Music: Coventry Carol ..... arr. David Giardiniere**

**\*Hymn: Once in Royal David's City ..... No. 225**

*Arr. Victor C. Johnson*

**Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 9:2-7 (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. <sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

**Sermon: The King is Born..... Rev. Kevin Koslowsky**

**\*Hymn: Silent Night! Holy Night! ..... No. 210**

**\*Benediction ..... From 1 Timothy 1:2, 15 (NIV)**

*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**\*Postlude: Noël Nouvelet ..... Drew R. Fennell**

*Special thanks to our guest musicians:*

*Barbara Prugh, trumpet*

*Lisa Dunham, horn*

*Diogo Fernandes, trombone*

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25*

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15*

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
 in the high - est;  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## Once in Royal David's City

*You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12*

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,  
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:  
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:  
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,  
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.



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