

Christmas Eve

Prelude: Rich Beyond All Splendor arr. David Giardiniere

French Carol (19th Century)

Call To Worship: Responsive Reading Luke 1:68-75 (NIV)

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,

because he has come and has redeemed his people.

*He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant
David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),*

salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us--

*to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath
he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our
enemies,*

**and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and
righteousness before him all our days.**

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

***Hymn: Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come No. 200**

**Indicates standing for those who are able*

***Confession of Faith New City Catechism**

*The New City Catechism is a modern-day resource aimed at helping children and
adults learn the core doctrines of the Christian faith.*

**Question 19: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back
into God's favor?**

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles
us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for
sin, by a Redeemer.

Question 20: Who is the Redeemer?

The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God,
in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

***Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing No. 214**

Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Pastor Yurik

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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: Thou Dost Reign on High Timothy R. Matthews

Arr. Christopher Kraus

***Hymn: Angels, from the Realms of Glory No. 203**

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ 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. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Sermon: Born to You Rev. Kevin Koslowsky

Prayers of Commitment

Prayer for Those Seeking God: God, I long to know you in a personal relationship. I desire faith to trust that you are real and that you are found by all who seek you. Please honor my longings by having your Spirit work in me to draw me to you.

Prayer for Those Receiving Christ: Father, I have offended you by my words, actions and thoughts. There is nothing I can do to reconcile myself to you. I believe the words of Jesus Christ that no one can come to you except through him. I now accept the crucified and risen Christ as the only acceptable payment that could ever be made for my sin. I desire to follow and obey him.

***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 Suisse Louis-Claude Daquin**
Arr. Donald Rotermund

Special thanks to our guest musicians:

Barbara Prugh, trumpet

Lisa Dunham, horn

Euan Edmonds, trombone

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

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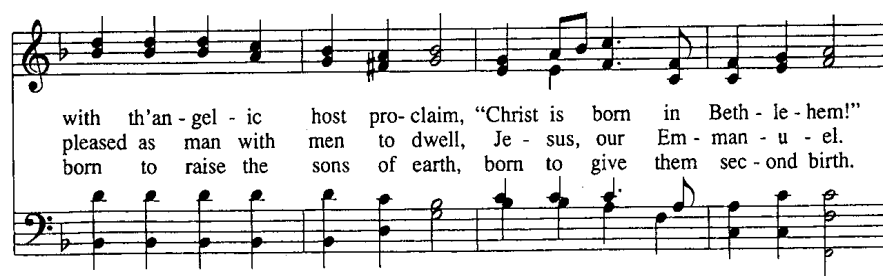
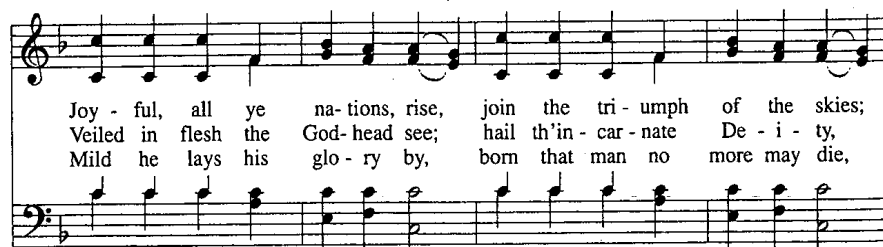
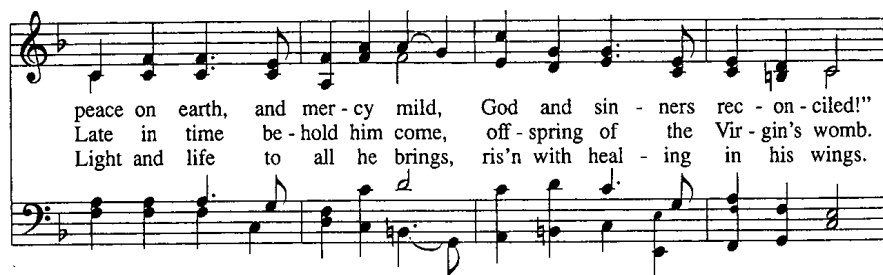
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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

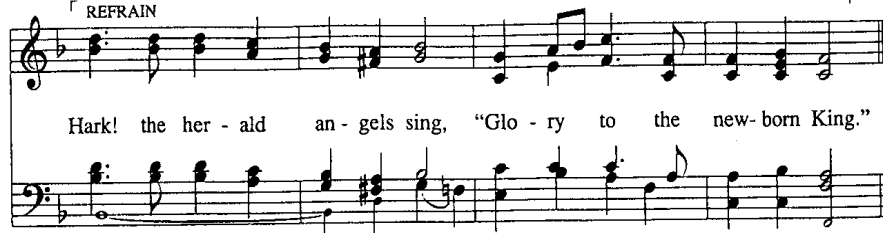
A great company of the heavenly host [was] praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13, 14



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-teous-ness!



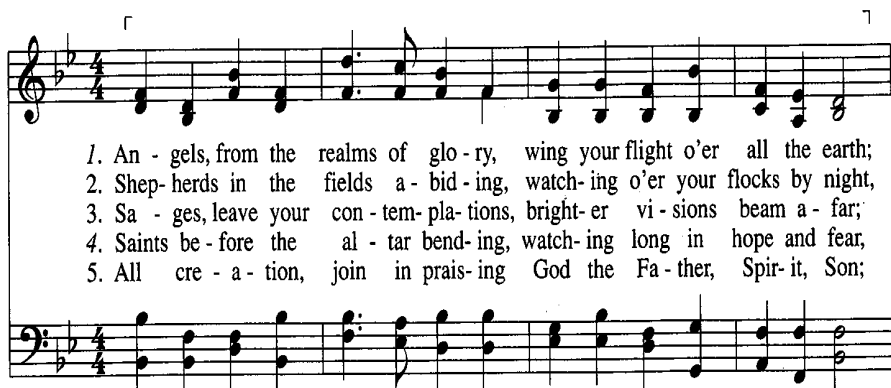
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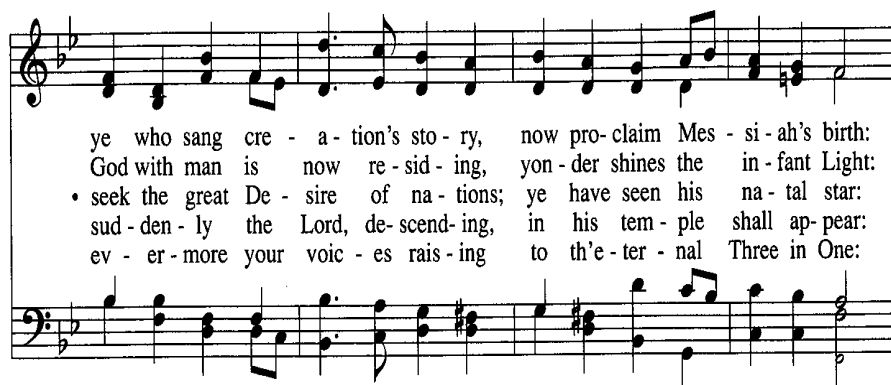
Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.
Matt. 2:11

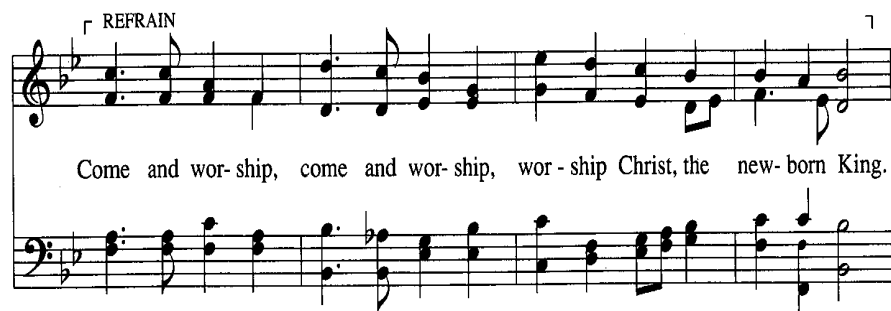


1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Luke 2:16

Capo 1: Γ $B\flat(A)$ Γ $F^7(E^7)$ $B\flat(A)$ $E\flat(D)$

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright round yon
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep- herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light; with the

$B\flat(A)$ $E\flat(D)$ $B\flat(A)$

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

$F^7(E^7)$ $B\flat(A)$ Γ $F^7(E^7)$ $B\flat(A)$ Γ

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

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