



Welcome to our
CHRISTMAS
Eve service

Christmas Eve Worship ~ 7pm

PRELUDE

“Fanfare on ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’”

arr. Robert Hobby

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING CAROL “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

C: and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: Declare His glory among the nations,

C: His marvelous works among all the peoples!

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

P: Joined in worship on this sacred night, let us make confession to our heavenly Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Moment of Silent Confession

P: Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father:

C: Almighty Father, we confess that we are sinners by nature and by thought, word, and deed. We have not always given You the best of what we have and are, and have not fully made room for You in our lives. With repentant hearts, we turn to You for mercy, seeking Your grace. In Your loving kindness forgive, restore, and lead us so that we may be renewed and live to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the silence of this night, by the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and joy.

C: Amen.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

P: You have multiplied the nation;

C: You have increased its joy;

P: They rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest,

C: As they are glad when they divide the spoil.

P: For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor,

C: You have broken as on the day of Midian.

P: For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood

C: Will be burned as fuel for the fire.

P: For to us a child is born,

C: To us a son is given;

P: And the government shall be upon His shoulder,

C: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom,

C: To establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

ANTHEM

“The First Noel”

arr. Sandra Eithun

Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

RESPONSE “What Child is This”

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25 [ESV]

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

R: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

RESPONSE “The First Noel”

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“On Christmas Night”

arr. Bradley Anderson

Voices of Peace

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; by whose birth in the flesh as the Savior from sin You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Once He Came in Blessing”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Organ

“Silent Night”

arr. John Carter

Organ

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

THE LIGHTING of the CANDLES

CLOSING CAROL “Silent Night, Holy Night”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

Organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt



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