



Christmas Eve | December 24, 2022
5PM Service

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2: 10-11



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**Please stand*

Gathering Music Played during Gathering

Fum, fum, fum ---Richard Lind
Lo how a rose 'er Blooming --- Johannes Brahms
Go tell it on the mountain --- David Lasky
Quem pastores --- Helmut Walcha
Once in royal David's city --- Robert Buckely Farlee

Welcome

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We sight the sacred in everything.

All: Light strings and evergreens, singing choirs, and quiet dreams.

Leader: We sight the sacred in everything.

All: Stories read by candle glow, God revealed for all to know.

Leader: For these sacred sightings now become

All: Our participation in God's love for Everyone!

***Opening Hymn #234** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
(Refrain)

5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
we would embrace thee with love and awe.
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
(Refrain)

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
(Refrain)

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reader 1: Advent is a season of waiting; we wait with friends, with family, we wait for news, we wait for Christmas, but most importantly we wait with God.

Reader 2: We wait with God as God speaks the world into creation, speaks light into being, we wait with God whose living word is Hope incarnate!

Reader 1: God's Hope speaks to us once more through wandering shepherds and visions of angels giving us a peace that surpasses understanding and teaching us to share that peace with all the world.

Reader 2: A peace which causes joy to burst forth from challenge, releasing us from all that holds us captive, and healing all that is broken.

Reader 1: A joy given to all the world for the Lord of Life has been born, Emmanuel comes among us God's love made human, to be held by us, nurtured, treasured, and raised by us.

Reader 2: What wondrous love is this? God's love, joy, peace, and hope made present to us all in Christ.

All: As we see again this sacred work of love, we too participate in this story of salvation. We come as the shepherds and wisemen, angels and onlookers – as adults and children, learners and wanderers, people seeking the sacred born among us tonight. Light our way, O God, Emmanuel.

Candle Lighting Hymn *O come, o come Emmanuel*

O come new dawn and break upon us here,
disperse the dark of night, the clouds of fear.

Our God has sent His Son to earth,
a reign of peace and love in this new birth.

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel has come to us O Israel!

First Reading: Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Sighting the Sacred First Reflection

Hymn #229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

1. Infant holy, infant lowly,
for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

Second Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Reader 1: In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and were terrified. But the angel said to them

Reader 2: “Do not be afraid: for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people. To you is born, this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Reader 1: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

Reader 2: “Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

Sighting the Sacred

Second Reflection

Hymn #238

Angels we have heard on high

1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing,
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

(Refrain)

Third Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Reader 1: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

Reader 2: "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

Reader 1: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child and all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds told them.

Reader 2: But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen as it had been told them.

Sighting the Sacred

Third Reflection

Hymn #245

The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

(Refrain)

Fourth Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Reader 1: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking,

Reader 2: “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

Reader 1: When King Herod heard this, he was frightened and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him,

Reader 2: “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘and you, Bethlehem in the Land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Reader 1: Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem saying:

Reader 2: “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

Reader 1: When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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Fourth Reflection

Hymn #254

We Three Kings

1. 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 light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King and God and sacrifice:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
sounds through the earth and skies.

(Refrain)

Children's Moment

*Hymn# 251

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. **[Refrain]**

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. **[Refrain]**

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. **[Refrain]**

Sighting the Sacred

Final Reflection

Offertory

A Boy is Born in Bethlehem

J.S. Bach

*Doxology #95

Prayer

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

***Lighting of the Christ Candle**

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

The Light Shines in the darkness,
and the darkness does not overcome it.

***Closing Hymn #246**

Joy to the World

1. 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.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. 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.

4. 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.

***Benediction**

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