

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 24, 2020 6:00pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

***HYMN** *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE – THE FULFILLMENT

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18- 25
Luke 2: 1-7

Poetry: “Unexpected” By: Ann Weems
“The Child Is Born Again”

SPECIAL MUSIC “O Holy Night” Lisa Yeomans

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE – THE WITNESSES

Scripture: Matthew 2: 1- 12
Luke 2: 8- 20

Poetry: “Had We Been There” By: Ann Weems
“The Cross In The Manger”

***HYMN** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE – THE LIGHT HAS COME

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***HYMN** *“Silent Night! Holy Night!”*

***HYMN** *“Away In A Manger”*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *“Joy To The World”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us gather together and give praise for God’s Word has come!
People: The Word of the Lord was sent that we might all know of God’s love.
Leader: Yet the world would not hear and it turned away from the Word.
People: But we have heard the Word and its truth has touched our hearts!
Leader: Then let our hearts proclaim the Word for all the world to hear!
People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

***HYMN** *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE – THE PROPHECY

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-37
Isaiah 9: 2-7
Micah 5: 2-4

Poetry: “In December Darkness” By: Ann Weems
“The Christmas Spirit”

***HYMN** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION: (read responsively)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, the honor due God’s name –
People: The honor of a scandalous love, a love that kept Joseph by Mary’s side when she became great with child!
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, the majesty due God’s name –
People: The majesty of a lowly manger, a manger that cradled a tiny Savior when no room was found in the inn!
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, the power due God’s name –
People: The power of a simple shepherd, a shepherd who first beheld the One whose name was announced by a heavenly choir!
Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, the beauty due God’s name –
People: The beauty of two ordinary parents, the parents who watched the Magi kneel and pondered these things in their wondering hearts!
All: Honor! Majesty! Power! Beauty! Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, the glory due God’s name!

[*] = CONGREGATION STANDING (if able)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel - And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here – Until the Son of God appear

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel – Shall come to thee O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer – Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And deaths dark shadows put to flight.

O Come, Desire of nations bind – All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O little town of Bethlehem – How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep – the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth – The everlasting Light,
The hopes and fears of all the years – Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary – And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep – Their watch of wond'ring love,
O morning stars, together, Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God, the King – And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently – The wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts to human hearts – The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still – The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in – Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels – The great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us – Our Lord, Emmanuel.

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, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Son of Righteousness,
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!

*Chorus: O come, let us adore Him! O Come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation,
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

SILENT NIGHT! HOLY 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.

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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.

JOY TO THE WORLD!

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.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, Repeat, the sounding joy.

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, and wonders, of His love.

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