



Christmas Eve

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Sunday Services at 8 AM and 10 AM • Sunday Adult Formation Classes 9:15 AM
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FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

VOLUNTARY Joy to the World Michael Burkhardt
Vom Himmel Hoch (From Heaven Above) Johann Pachelbel (1653-1707)

GREETING

OPENING HYMN 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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

OPENING PRAYER

PAGEANT

FIRST READING: The Angel's Secret for Mary Luke 1:26-38

HYMN 66 vs. 1, 3 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

SECOND READING: The Amazing Dream Matthew 1:18-24

HYMN 671 vs. 1, 3 Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

THIRD READING: A Long Trip

Luke 2:1-5

HYMN 79 vs. 1, 3

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

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

FOURTH READING: Baby Jesus is Born

Luke 2:6-7

HYMN vs. 1, 2

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright 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 you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

FIFTH READING: An Angel Brings Good News

Luke 2:8-12

HYMN 93 vs. 1, 2

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

SIXTH READING: All the Angels Give Glory to God

Luke 2:13-15

HYMN 96 vs. 1, 3

Angels We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

SEVENTH READING: The Shepherds Visit Jesus

Luke 2:16-19

HYMN 109 vs. 1, 2, 4

The First Noel

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

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

**This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

Pageant participants are welcome to sit with their families at this time.

HOMILY

The Rev. Whitney Burton

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for all humanity, all creation, and all times and places.

Lector God of everlasting light, you have brought together the hopes and fears of all the years in Jesus, the Word made flesh. May his grace and truth resound in us and through us. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Son of righteousness. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector You came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation to all people, even those who differ from us. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector We rejoice in this season of family, renewal, and reconciliation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Christians throughout the world are celebrating your birth. Unite us in one family, that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Shed your light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. I invite you to name those for whom you pray, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. [*Leave time for names.*] O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Your grace lets us inherit the hope of eternal life. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in the faith. I invite you to lift up the names of those whose absence you particularly feel at this time. [*Leave time for names.*] May we, like them, live in your eternal light. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Hear these prayers we bring to you, and impart to our hearts the blessings of your heaven.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

People **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING

You are invited to share in our mission and ministry through your gifts.

OFFERING HYMN 83 vs. 1, 2, 3 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.
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father;
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 exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; Refrain
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant (*Proper Preface*)

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand as able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

[All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go forward. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

COMMUNION HYMN 115 vs. 1, 2 What Child Is This

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

CANDLE HYMN 111

Silent Night

*The priest will light a candle from the altar and begin to light the congregation's candles.
Please pass the flame to your neighbor.*

**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.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

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 us our 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, wonders of his love.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

FAREWELL & MERRY CHRISTMAS!

VOLUNTARY

Joy to the World

David Lasky

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Kathleen Walter
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Joe Nixon
Usher	Anne Punch
Lectors	Aubrey Elder