



Christmas Eve

Order of Worship for 12/24/25

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*** Please rise in body/spirit | Congregational responses are in bold**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

* CHORAL OPENING #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-3)

(Congregation remains seated until Doxology)

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!

2 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]

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all
Glory in the highest! [Refrain]

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

RESPONSE #2090

Advent Song (v.1-5)

OPENING PRAYER (all)

Living God, on this holy night we gather - to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory; to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy: for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

OPENING CAROL #22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory (v. 1-4)

1 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.

Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

2 Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star.

4 All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, **We are forgiven.**

RESPONSE #23

Angels We Have Heard on High (v.1)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON 1

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 – Joel Settles

CAROL #38

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (v. 1 and 4)

1 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 the earth, good will to all,
From heaven's all gracious King":
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

LESSON 2

Micah 5:2-5 – Tammy Wenz

CAROL #44

O Little Town of Bethlehem (v.1)

1 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.

LESSON 3

Matthew 1:18-24 – Dave Shaughnessy

CAROL #31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 1)

1 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!"

Refrain:
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

LESSON 4

Luke 2:1-7 – Judy Kovacs

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Away in a Manger"

LESSON 5

Luke 2:8-20 – Stephanie Coe

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CAROL #56

The First Nowell (v. 1)

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

Refrain:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

LESSON 6

John 1:1-5; 14-18 – Val Hagan

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Rev. TJ Shirley

OFFERTORY

"There's A Song in the Air"

* DOXOLOGY #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise...

LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* CANDLE LIGHTING #60

Silent 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,
Heav'nly 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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** RESPONSIVE CAROL #40**

Joy to the World (v. 1-4)

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 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.

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.

POSTLUDE

Liturgical resources from *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion* and *Book of Common Worship* (2018).

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