

Worship Leader Edition
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

GATHERING

PRELUDES

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”
Jubilee Praise Team

Watts, et al/Galbraith

“Away in a Manger”
St. Luke’s Choir

Traditional American/arr. Jantz Black

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Stephanie*)

GATHERING HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

Verse 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:

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God 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!

Refrain

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (*Stephanie*)

INVITATION

In a world where so many wait in darkness,
light comes into our hearts
through a baby born in a manger!
He is Immanuel, Christ the Lord!
Hear the word of the Lord:

READING

*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. -Isaiah 9:6*

Verse 1

All of creation all of the earth
 Make straight a highway
 a path for the Lord
 Jesus is coming soon

Verse 2

Call back the sinner
 wake up the saint
 Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
 Jesus is coming soon

Chorus 1

Like a bride
 waiting for her groom
 We'll be a Church ready for You

Ev'ry heart longing for our King
 We sing
 Even so come Lord Jesus come
 Even so come Lord Jesus come

Verse 3

There will be justice all will be new
 Your name forever faithful and true
 Jesus is coming soon

Chorus 1

Bridge
 So we wait
 We wait for You
 God we wait
 You're coming soon

So we wait
 We wait for You
 God we wait
 You're coming soon

Chorus 2

Like a bride
 waiting for her groom
 We'll be a Church ready for You

Ev'ry heart longing for our King
 we sing

Even so come Lord Jesus come
 Even so come Lord Jesus come

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Even so come Lord Jesus come
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GREETING (*Stephanie*)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Creator God, by your greatness you became small, by your power you became powerless, by your limitlessness you became limited. Through the birth of your son, we can live in your light that shines on a world transformed by the limitless power of your love.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (*7:00 PM Only*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ CAROL “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

ELW #272

Verse 1

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
 From tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming
 As seers of old have sung,
 It came, a flow'r so bright,
 Amid the cold of winter,
 When half-spent was the night.

Verse 4

O Savior, child of Mary,
 Who felt our human woe;
 O Savior, king of glory,
 Who dost our weakness know:
 Bring us at length, we pray,
 To the bright courts of heaven
 And into endless day.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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. 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 they were terrified. 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 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.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ 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 at what the shepherds told them. 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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

SONG OF THE DAY

“Christ is Come”

Michael Weaver/Galbraith & Wade

Verse 1

The word of the prophets centuries old
The birth of Messiah has been long foretold
That unto you (unto you), now unto you

Chorus 1

Christ is come, let all creation sing
God’s own Son, O hail the newborn King
The Word made flesh now dwells among us
Christ is come!

Verse 2

Those born in darkness have seen a great light
The Redeemer of our hearts has been born this night
Now unto you (unto you), now unto you

Chorus 1

Bridge

Prince of Peace, Yeshua, Messiah, Son of Man
Holy One, King of Kings, the Lord of Lords
The Great I Am
The Comforter, our Counselor, the Author
And the Finisher
Divine Truth, Revealer, Deliverer, Healer,
You are God Jesus, You are God

Chorus 2

Christ is come, let all creation sing
God’s own Son, oh hail the newborn King
The Word made flesh now dwells among us
Christ is come! Christ is come!

MEAL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Rob*)

L: As we prepare our hearts to receive the gift of Jesus' body and blood, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Gracious God,

C: in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

L: I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Joy to the World"

ELW #267

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth, 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.

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessing flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

Verse 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.

SENDING

BENEDICTION (*Stephanie*)

L: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C: Amen.

L: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

C: Amen.

L: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

C: Amen.

L: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING

SENDING HYMN

“Silent Night”

ELW #281

Verse 1

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.

heavn’ly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,

Verse 3

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: Peace to God’s people on earth!

L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
Lori Murray - organ

Christopher Uehlein