

Worship Leader Bulletin

Christmas Eve

Saturday December 24, 2022

4:00 PM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME *by Jubilee (Invite people to download bulletin from the website – stlukesbloomington.org)*

+OPENING SONG

“The First Noel”

ELW #300/Screen

Verse 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.

Chorus

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 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.

Chorus

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;

to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Chorus

Verse 4

This star drew near 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.

Chorus

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Chorus

+GREETING {Front Center} (David Skinner)

L: Siblings in Christ, grace and peace to you from God, whose love is everlasting,

C: who visits us in poor and simple things and gives us joy,

L: who is never far from the broken-hearted,

C: who releases captives, and breaks chains of oppression!

L: Hear this good news: This is the time! Christ is born!

C: This is the time! Our healing is at hand.

L: Then, come, let us adore him!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {Front Center} (David Skinner)

L: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {Front Center} (David Skinner)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (*The Newby Family*)

Screen

L: We celebrate the coming of Christ, the light of the world

C: Emmanuel, God with us.

CANDLE LIGHTING

The fifth candle is lit and this response is used:

L: A child is born for us. A gift is given to us.

C: Emmanuel, God with us.

L Bringing your kingdom of peace to all people on earth.

C: Christ, we celebrate you here today!

SONG

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715/Screen

Jubilee (Verse 5):

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come

All sing (Refrain):

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Jingle Bells” and “Away in a Manger”
Children and Youth Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE {*On Floor Pulpit Side*} (*Emily*)

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Jodi Murphy*)

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+SONG

“My Soul Magnifies the Lord”

Screen
Lowell Alexander

Intro: Instrumental 8 measures

Verse 3:

Unto you a child is born
Unto us a son is given
Let every heart prepare his throne
Let every nation under heaven
Come and worship
Do not be afraid.

Bridge

Wonderful, Counselor,
Everlasting Father
Wonderful Counselor,
And His name shall be
everlasting Father

Ending: Instrumental 8 measures

Chorus

My soul my soul
Magnifies the Lord
My soul magnifies the Lord
He has done great things for me
Great things for me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit} (Rob)

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.

SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

John Wesley Work/John Carlson

Verse 1 & Chorus

*While shepherds kept their watching over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL {Lectern} (Jodi Murphy)

Luke 2:8-14

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!”

SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

John Wesley Work/John Carlson

Verse 2 & Chorus

*Well the shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit} (Rob)

Luke 2:15-20

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.

SONG

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

John Wesley Work/John Carlson

Verse 3 & Chorus

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. Oh

Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

Instrumental

Chorus (two times)

Chorus

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere

Ending

That Jesus Christ is born

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG

“Unto Us”

Screen
Dave Chumchal

Chorus (two times)

Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Savior is born
Unto us a King delivered
Unto us this Christmas morn

Verse 1

Let the earth lift high His praise
The Holy One Ancient of Days
The Son of God is flesh is born
King of kings and Lord of lords

Chorus (two times)

Verse 2

Worship now the newborn King
Within His hands salvation brings
Come exalt the Sacrifice
Born of God to give us life

Bridge

So let the Earth lift high His praise
The Holy One, Ancient of Days
The Son of God in flesh is born
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Chorus

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS *{Front Center}* (David Skinner)

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

+INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Behind Altar}* (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 in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the

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collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Glory, Let There Be Peace”
Jubilee Praise Team

Stevens, Maher & Popdic/
Foster & Galbraith

+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 PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*David Skinner*)

L: On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

L: Be people of Salvation. Let *Emmanuel*, God with us dwell in your hearts, and share the love of Jesus with all you meet. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING (*Instrumental music*)

****dim lights after all candles are lit– setting _____****

+SENDING CAROL

“Silent Night”

ELW #281

The lights will be dimmed for the hymn.

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.

Heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

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.

Verse 2

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

****lights up – setting _____****

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*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