

Worship Leader Bulletin

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4:00 PM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Watts, et al./Galbraith

Verse 1

Joy to the world
The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven
And nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the world 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

Chorus

Joy unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell

Joy unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

Verse 3

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

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 those around us with a greeting. 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.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH {Lectern} (Baltgalvis Family)

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L: Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

C: Amen

CANDLE LIGHTING (center candle is lit) {Lectern} (Baltgalvis Family)

Screen

L: Lord, on this holy night, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in the birth of Jesus. May we behold his glory, as the shepherds did and go tell of his salvation.

C: Amen

SONG

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

ELW #290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

WORD

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

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Katie Baltgalvis)

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit} (Rob)

Luke 2:1-20

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.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

Stevens et al./Dan Galbraith

Verse 1

One star
Burns in the darkness
Shines with the promise Emmanuel
One child
Born in the stillness
Living within us Emmanuel

One love
Brings us together
Now and forever Emmanuel

Chorus

Chorus

We're singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let there be peace
Singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let it start in me

Bridge

Do not be afraid
His love is strong enough to save us
Nothing stands in the way
His love is strong enough to lead us

Bridge

Chorus

Chorus

Ending

Let there be peace let it start in me

Verse 2

One voice
Speaks for the voiceless
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel

+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: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

Screen

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (Rob)

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

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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 collection plates are in the front and back, and there is a QR code in the bulletin to give electronically. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“O Come all Ye Faithful (with We Adore You)”

Wade, et al./Galbraith

Jubilee Praise Team

COMMUNION MUSIC

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”
“The First Noel”

ELW #282
ELW #300

Please stand as you are able.

+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 (*Rob*)

L: We thank you, O God that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use our gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C: Amen.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION

L: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. And may the Almighty God, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

+CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING (*Instrumental music*)

****dim lights after all candles are lit****

+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****

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: With the promise of Salvation, let us go to love and serve.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen!

REPRISE