

Nativity of our Lord, Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

PRELUDE

Duane Losh, harmonica

"Silent Night"

arr. Line

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Duane Losh, harmonica

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

arr. Line

*GREETING (From the Holden Evening Prayer)

P Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

C the light no darkness can overcome;

P Stay with us now, for it is evening,

C and the day is almost over.

P Let your light scatter the darkness,

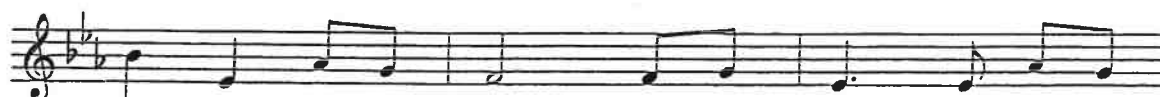
C and shine within your people here.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Carol at the Manger"



1. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Long a -
2. Once a - gain we tell the sto - ry— How your
3. Ho - ly Child with - in the man - ger, Lead us



go yet ev - er near; Come as friend to ev - 'ry
love for us was shown, When the Im - age of your
ev - er in your way, So we see in ev - 'ry



stran - ger, Come as hope for ev - 'ry fear. As you
glo - ry Wore an im - age like our own. Come, en -
stran - ger How you come to us to - day. In our

lived to heal the bro - ken, Greet the
light - en with your wis - dom, Come, and
lives and in our liv - ing Give us

out - cast, free the bound, As you taught us love un -
fill us with your grace, May the fire of your com -
strength to live as you, That our hearts might be for -

spo - ken, Teach us now where you are found.
pas - sion Kin - dle ev - 'ry land and race.
giv - ing And our spir - its strong and true.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: JOYOUS LIGHT, 8 7 8 7 D; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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The Gift of HOPE

READING: Isaiah 7:14, 9:2-3, 6-7

Hymn

“O Come, O, Come, Emmanuel” (vv. 1 & 3)

LBW #34

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive, Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Isreal.

3 Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny,
From depths of hell your people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain

The Gift of LOVE

READING: Luke 2:1-7

3:30 Ashley Benson and Kelsey Bang
5:30 Sarah Whitney Hanigan
10:30 Mackenzie Frush

“Be Born in Me”
“Noel”

The Gift of PEACE

READING: Luke 2:8-20

Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (vv. 1 & 2)

ELW #289

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Text: French carol; tr. "Crown of Jesus," 1862

The Gift of JOY

3:30 CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Playing Jesus

5:30 / 10:30 READING: Matthew 1:18-24

Hymn

“Away In a Manger” (vv. 1 & 2)

ELW #277

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
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.

Text: North American, anonymous, 19th cent.

SERMON Pastor Jon

OFFERING

3:30	Schneider Family	"Do You Hear What I Hear"
5:30	Praise Team	"Do You Hear What I Hear"
10:30	Chancel Choir	

Welcome to the Feast of Holy Communion.

We believe that in the sacrament Holy Communion, the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. All who trust in Jesus and call upon his name as Lord are invited to receive Holy Communion. Guests who are with us, who regularly commune in their home congregations, are also welcome. Children who have not yet been instructed in receiving the sacrament are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

This evening we celebrate the Lord's Supper by continuous communion. If you wish to receive grape juice rather than wine, there is white grape juice in the center of the trays.

Words of Institution

P In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is
the new testament in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**P The gifts of God for the People of God
C I am not worthy to receive you, Lord,
But, only say the Word and I shall be healed.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

(3:30) Jaxon Roberts

(all services) Anne Benson "Breath of Heaven"

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vv. 1, 3 & 4) ELW #279

- 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.
- 3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts his blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

Refrain

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

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. Refrain
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain
- 3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt

- 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.

Refrain

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

- 2 They lookèd 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. Refrain
- 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. Refrain
- 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. Refrain

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. Refrain

Text: English carol, c. 17th cent.

The Gift of LIGHT

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY (Remain seated)

P And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

Lighting of the candles: Candle bearers will come forward and light their candles from the Pastor's.

When all the candlebearer's candles are lit, the Pastor will lead in prayer:

P Almighty God, You have filled us with the new Light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through You Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

(The candle bearers then light the candles of worshipers in the aisle.)

When all the candles are lit, the following is spoken:

P Arise, shine, for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

C Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

- 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.
- 2 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!
- 3 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.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

BENEDICTION

Closing Hymn

"Joy to the World" (vv. 1, 3 & 4)

ELW #267

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive its 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.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748