

By James He Qe

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service





ORDER OF SERVICE

CAROL SING

Carols by candlelight (see pages 7-9)

CAROL PLEASE STAND

No. 60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

Adeste, fideles, laeti triumphantes, venite, venite, in Bethlehem. natum vidéte, regem angelorum:

Venite Adoremus, Venite Adoremus, Venite Adoremus, Dominum

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!

God of God, Light of Light Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten not created: *REFRAIN*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to God, in the highest: REFRAIN

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; REFRAIN

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Jim & Elizabeth Greenshields

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: For unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.

Leader: To symbolize the coming of Jesus as the Light of the world,

we light the Christ candle.

HYMN

No. 6, v. 5 "A Candle is Burning" We honour Messiah with ChristAway in a Manger

We honour Messiah with Christ-candle's flame, Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim. O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night, as God comes among us, the Christian's true light.

WORDS OF WELCOME PLEASE BE SEATED

PRAYER OF INVOCATION SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-18

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) ³ And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) 5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

CAROL

No. 48 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

MEDITATION

"Mary's Child"
Jason Byassee

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM CHOIR ONLY

"Sussex Carol"

arr. Willcocks Sanctuary Choir

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring. News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Then why should men on earth

be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad? When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty? When sin departs before His grace, then life and health come in its place. Angels and men with joy may sing all for to see the new-born King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore, Amen!"

CAROL PLEASE STAND

No. 40 v. 1 *Marvel*

Before the marvel of this night adoring, fold your wings and bow, then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow. Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease: Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you're wondering whether you are invited to commune with us, the answer is yes. We seek Jesus in this bread and cup and invite all to dine on him with us.

INVITATION

CALL TO GIVE THANKS

Minister: Glory to God in the highest! **People:** And on earth, peace to all!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is good to give our thanks and praise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: Blessed are you, gracious God,

Creator of light, Giver of all life, Source of love...
... And as we wait and watch for your coming,

we proclaim your goodness:

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. No. 942

Minister: As we gather at this table,

we remember that on the night before he died...

...Grant that in praise and thanksgiving,

we may so offer ourselves to you

that our lives may proclaim the mystery of our faith:

People: We remember his death, and we proclaim his resurrection,

as we await his coming in glory.

Minister: We pray you, God of Love,

send your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here...

... As our Saviour taught us, let us pray together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER SAY TOGETHER

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Those wishing to receive communion will be ushered to the communion rail where, kneeling, you will receive the elements by dipping the wafer into the communion cup. Gluten-free wafers are available from the ministers; please raise your hand to receive one.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Thou Shalt Know Him"

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Sanctuary Choir

Thou shalt know Him when he comes not by any din of drums, nor his manners nor his airs, nor by anything he wears. Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown, but his coming known shall be by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee. Thou shalt know him when he comes. Amen.

"Still, Still, Still" ??? Arr. Rutter

Still, still, one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, holy Star it's vigil keeping. Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number, watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream, dream, of the joyous day to come.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION SAY TOGETHER

Most Holy God, we thank you for this bread, the true flesh of Christ, which came down from heaven that we may eat and live forever. We

thank you for this wine, the true blood of Christ, by which we have redemption – the forgiveness of sins. As we have consumed Your flesh and blood into our bodies, so, consume us by Your Holy Spirit into Christ's body, that You may dwell in us, and we in You. To the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

BENEDICTION PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

AMEN

Amen in D Major Boda

RECESSIONAL CAROL PLEASE STAND

No. 64 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

St. Louis

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude on "The First Nowell"

Paul Fey Stephen Boda

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SERVICE

Jason Byassee, Dayle K. Barrett, Joanne Leatch Elaine Choi, John Arndt, Stephen Boda, Alex Toskov Sanctuary Choir



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00-10:00 AM: TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11 AM

Jason Byassee preaching "Mary's Memory" from Luke 2:19

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 9:15 & 11:00 AM EPIPHANY WITH COMMUNION

Jason Byassee preaching
"Jesus, Desire of the Nations" from Micah 2:1-5

CAROLS FOR 9:30 PM

No. 38 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

> Chorus Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

Chorus

No. 44 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

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.

For, lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

No. 55 "In The Bleak Midwinter"

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.

Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him -- give my heart.

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

God rest ye merry, gentlemen
let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel,
this blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
upon this bless-ed morn
The which His Mother Mary
did nothing take in scorn
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father a bles-sed Angel came; And unto certain Shepherds brought tidings of the same: How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy

"Fear not then," said the Angel,

"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
from Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy

And when they came to Bethlehem
where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down, u
nto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Mary's Boy Child"

Long time ago in Bethlehem So the Holy Bible say Mary's Boy Child, Jesus Christ Was born on Christmas Day

Chorus:

Hark, now hear the angels sing "New King's born today And we will live forevermore Because of Christmas Day." While shepherds watched their flocks by night
They saw a bright new shining star
And heard a choir from heaven sing
The music came from afar *Chorus*

Now Joseph and his wife Mary came to Bethlehem that night
They found no place to bear her child, not a single room was in sight
By and by they found a little nook in a stable all forlorn
And in a manger cold and dark
Mary's little Boy Child was born Chorus

Trumpets sound and angels sing Listen to what they say that we will live forevermore Because of Christmas Day.

"O Holy Night"

O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining. Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born; O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother. And in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise his holy name. Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born; Onight, O Holy Night, O night divine!

No. 67 "Silent Night, Holy 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,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour 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.

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