

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2020

5:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

Variations on a Noël

Marcel Dupré

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH*

HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

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!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Ever-present God, from time to time we dream radical dreams; dreams of freedom for the imprisoned, food for the hungry, and equality for all; dreams the world says are impossible. And when that happens, we put our dreams away, stowing them on the shelves of our hearts where they will do nothing but collect dust. Forgive us for giving up so easily. Help us to remember on this night the radical dream you dreamed for us. Give us the courage to pull our old, dusty dreams off the shelf, and the confidence to remember that with you, the impossible is possible. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

from Titus 2 & Luke 2

One: In Jesus Christ, the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

All: **He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.**

One: Glory to God in the highest heaven,

All: **And on earth, peace among those whom he favors!**

RESPONSE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to thee be all glory given
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD



THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR FORETOLD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2-7

Marty McLean

CAROL

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. D. Wilcocks



THE ANNUNCIATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

Clara Hardin

CAROL

Once in Royal David's City

arr. Rodney Arbricol



HE IS BORN!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

Jessica Lewis

CAROL

Still, Still, Still

arr. Philip Ledger



THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

Charles White

CAROL

The First Noel

arr. Dan Forrest

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20

HYMN MEDLEY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

vv. 1&2

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

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King and peace to all on earth

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

v. 1

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

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

v. 1

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger
There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing
All the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ringing

Away in a Manger

vv. 1&2

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

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh

Angels We Have Heard on High

vv. 1&3

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!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Isaiah 9

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. We, who lived in a land of deep darkness, upon us light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us. And he is named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

O Holy Night

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

HYMN OF MEDITATION

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

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:
"Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior 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

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy

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 and wonders of his love

POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships

arr. Richard Elliott

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