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December 24, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

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PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High
Festival Variations on "God Rest You Merry"
O Holy Night – *Ian Denby, solo*

Dale Wood
Gordon Young
Adolfe Adam

***GREETING AND WELCOME** (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

***SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE** (*responsive*)

St. Luke 2:10-14, adapted

The angel of the Lord said to the shepherds: "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.

*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.*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!*

Refrain

*Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!*

Refrain

***THE PEACE** (*responsive*)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

O.T. pg. 598

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN NO. 113

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

(Please remain seated)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly swinging 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

*Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.*

Chorus

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

N.T. pg. 50

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Dr. Camp

***HYMN NO. 145**

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

*What Child is this who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping.*

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

*Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.*

Refrain

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

Refrain

THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Candlelight Carol

John Rutter

*How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby's first cry?*

*Refrain: Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star glow shine on His cradle till breaking of
dawn. Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo! Angels are singing; the Christ Child is born.*

*Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him, Seraphim round Him their vigil will keep;
Nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior,
but Mary will hold him and sing Him to sleep.*

Refrain

*Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: A child with His mother that first Christmas Day.*

Refrain

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, Holy God, Creator and Ruler of the universe. In the fullness of time, You sent Jesus, Your Love in the flesh, to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, Emmanuel! Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

Ho-ly, ho-ly ho - ly___ Lord, God of power and God of__ might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
 Blest is He who comes_____ in the Lord's___
 name. Ho - san - na in the high - - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, He came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, He showed the power of Your love. Poor in things of the world, He brought the wealth of Your grace.

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every time and place.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

It is the custom in this congregation to eat and drink the elements as one. Please retain the bread and then the wine so that we may all commune together. Gluten-free wafers are available for those with gluten restrictions.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Whence Is the Goodly Fragrance Flowing?

French Carol, arr. Richard Shepherd

*Whence is the goodly fragrance flowing, stealing our senses all away,
never the like did come a-blowing, shepherds, in flow'ry fields of May,
whence is that goodly fragrance flowing, stealing our senses all away.*

*What is that light so brilliant, breaking here in the night across our eyes.
Never so bright, the day-star waking, started to climb the morning skies!
What is that light so brilliant, breaking, here in the night across our eyes.*

*Bethlehem! There in manger lying, find your Redeemer haste away,
Run ye with eager footsteps vieing! Worship the Saviour born today.
Bethlehem! There in manger lying, find your Redeemer haste away.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Candle lighting liturgy.

LIGHTING OF CHRISTMAS CANDLES

As your candle is lighted, please light the candle of the person next to you.

HYMN NO. 122

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

STILLE NACHT

(Please remain seated for the hymn)

*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 host sing: ‘Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, loves 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.*

(Please extinguish candles)

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

***HYMN NO. 134**

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

(Please stand)

*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 world! 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.*

*No more let sins and sorrows 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.*

*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.*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on “Gloria”

Jason D. Payne

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff: Greeting and Welcome, Sentences of Scripture, Christmas Meditation, Invitation to the Lord's Table, Words of Institution, Christmas Proclamation, Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Roger Dunnavan, Parish Associate: Overflow Leadership in Fellowship Hall

Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate: Prayer for Illumination, Old Testament Lesson, Offering, Prayer of Dedication, Great Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer, Words of Institution, Prayer After Communion

Ray McDonald, Director of Music and Organist

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