



The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve



Festival Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24, 2023

6:00 & 8:00 PM

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 38 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

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Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace.

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information. Our next new member weekend is February 17 & 18, 2024.

Please note that the Christmas Eve 8:00 PM worship service will be broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.

On the cover:

The Adoration of the Magi, Giovanni di Paolo, ca 1460

THE CHURCH YEAR

The Season of Christmas



In the church, the liturgical year focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. The changing seasons of the church year provide an opportunity to celebrate the Christian faith in worship. The six seasons are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

The **second season** of the church year is **Christmas**, which marks the fulfillment of our Advent expectation. Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth and celebrates the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ for the salvation of all people.

Christmas is not just a single day, but a season. It begins on the evening of December 24 and lasts for twelve days, through January 5.

The changing *liturgical colors* in the sanctuary serve to adorn the worship space and to call attention to the nature of the season or festival being celebrated. The liturgical color for Christmas is *white*, which suggests gladness, light and joy.

On **Christmas Eve**, in winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

PRELUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Coventry Carol
O Little Town of Bethlehem

arr. Arthur Frackenpohl
arr. David Giardinieri
arr. Robert Hobby

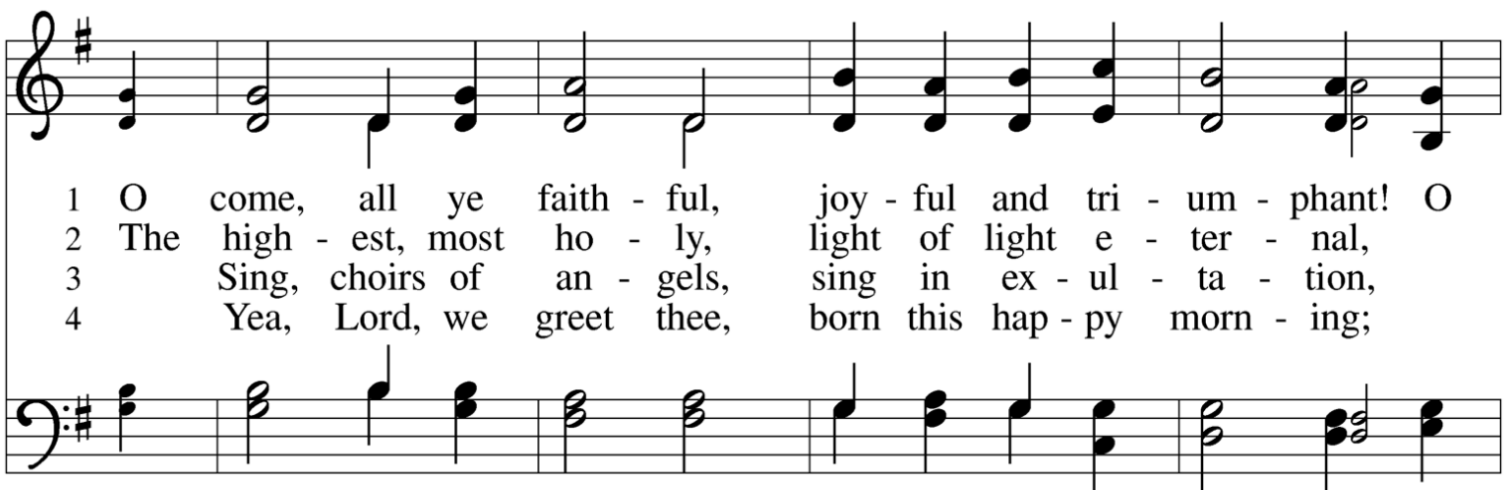
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ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 283

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*For he is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness*

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone. Amen.*

SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CANDLE LIGHTING

The acolytes will begin the candle lighting. Once your candle is lit, please keep it upright and allow the person next to you to tip their candle to receive the light.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

ELW 281

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in
heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked '1.' (first). The lyrics are in English and German. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a single melodic line. The first system contains the first line of the song, the second system contains the second line, the third system contains the third line, and the fourth system contains the fourth line. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Preacher: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴*“Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth!”*

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

ELW 281

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho-ly face,
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,
Lord, at your birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

SERMON

Pastor John Morris

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

All Praise to Thee
Prince of Peace Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

*All praise to Thee, eternal God,
Who clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia*

*Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light,
To make us in the realms divine,
Like Thine own angels, round Thee shine. Alleluia*

*A little child, Thou art our Guest
That weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth
That we may rise, to heaven from earth. Alleluia.*

-Martin Luther

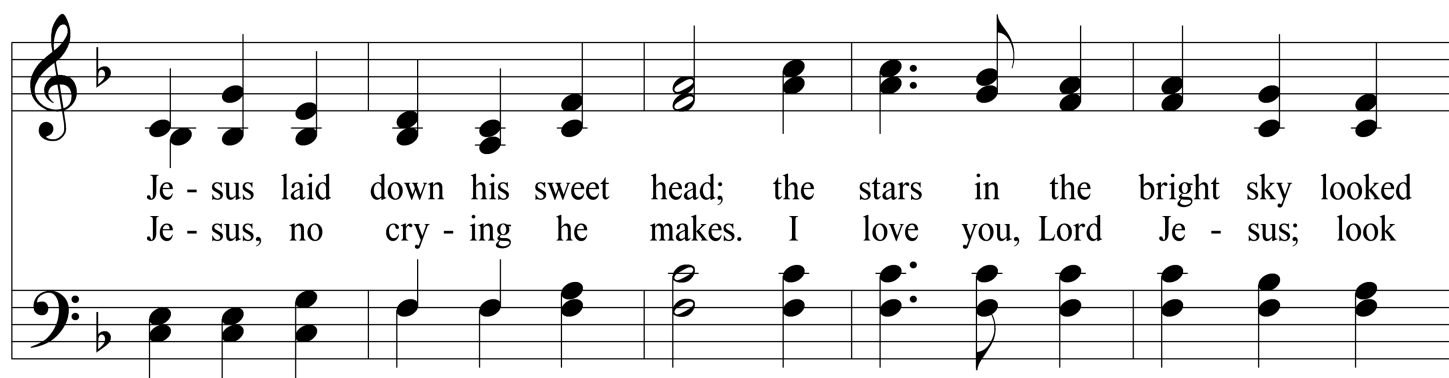
OFFERTORY HYMN

Away in a Manger

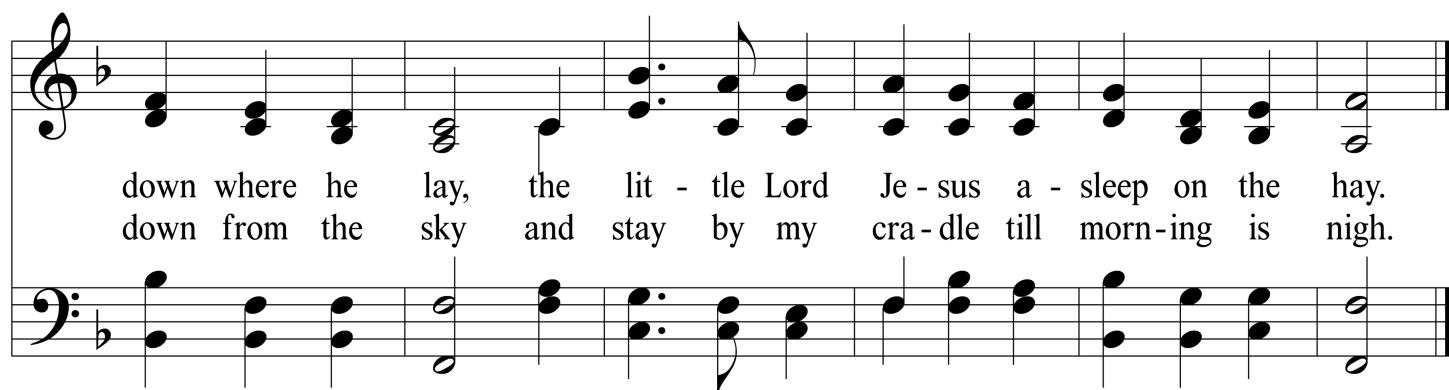
AWAY IN A MANGER



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW S 144a

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes with slurs. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened

the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vis - ion of your glo - ry,

that be - holding the God made vis - i - ble,

we may be drawn to love the God whom we can - not see.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God,

Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

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 covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection,
we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by
you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from your server.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lully, Lulla, Lullay
Prince of Peace Choir

Philip Stopford

*Lully lulla, lully lulla
By by lully lullay Lully lulla
Thou little tiny child By by, lully lullay*

*Oh sisters too how may we do For to preserve this day?
This poor youngling for whom we sing By by lully lullay?*

*Herod, the king in his raging Chargèd he hath this day
His men of night in his own sight All young children to slay*

*That woe is me poor child for thee! And ever morn and day
For thy parting neither say nor sing By by lully lullay!*

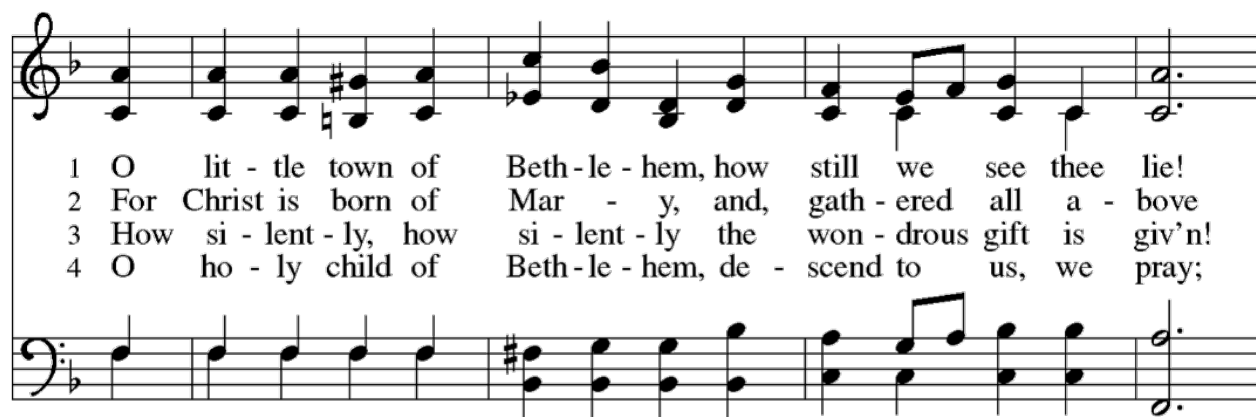


COMMUNION HYMN

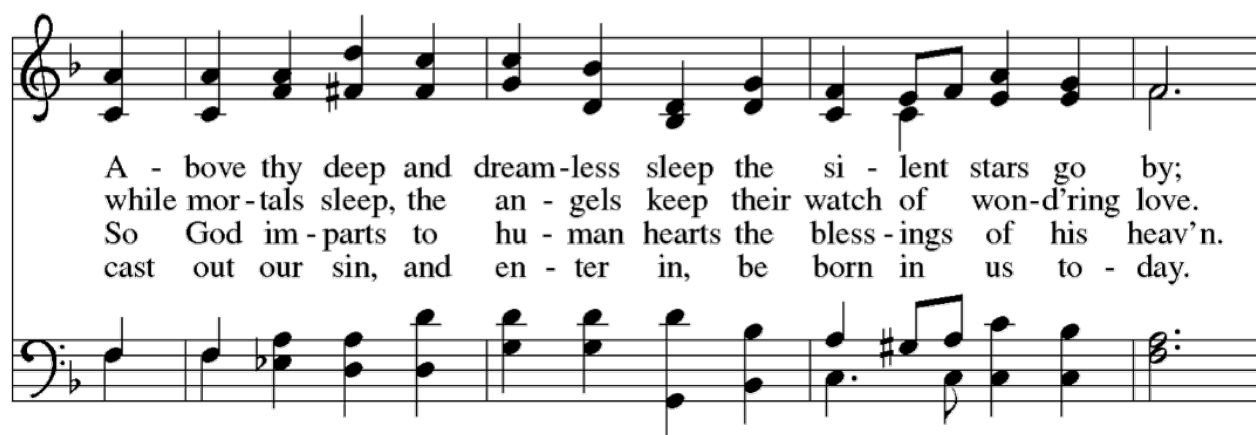
ELW 279

O Little Town of Bethlehem

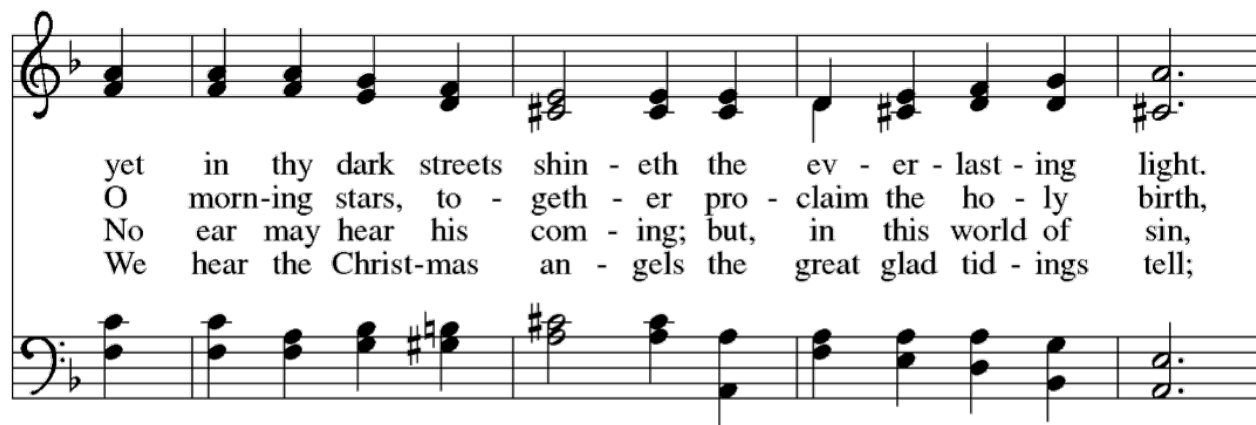
ST. LOUIS



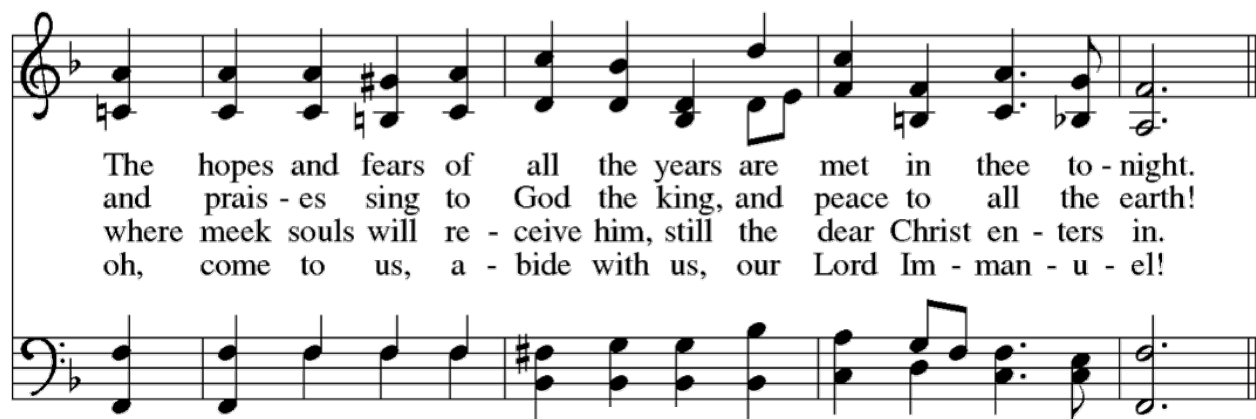
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 296

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



SENDING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting

Minister: God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Presider: God bless you and keep you, ✠ Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 267

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
heav'n and na - ture sing,

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Robert Hobby

A special thank you to our instrumentalists:

Lance Witty and Dan King, trumpet;

Tiffany Damicone, horn;

Tony Weikel and Doug Moran, trombone,

Zach Koors, percussion



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Christmas Eve Festival Candlelight Worship

6 & 8 PM

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