



The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve



Festival Candlelight Worship

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

6:00 & 8:00 PM

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 39 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.

Prince of Peace is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA pursues God's work in the world with 3 million members in more than 8700 congregations across the U.S. and in the Caribbean region. The ELCA works with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services, Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, schools and colleges, seminaries, camps, ecumenical and interreligious companions, as well as numerous global church partners and organizations.

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 1 & 2, 2025.

Please note that tonight's 8:00 PM worship service is 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: Adoration of the Christ Child. 1523 by Lorenzo Lotto. National Gallery of Art in Washington.

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

Joy to the World

Anthony Di Lorenzo

TBD

What Child Is This

Al Roberts

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 283

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

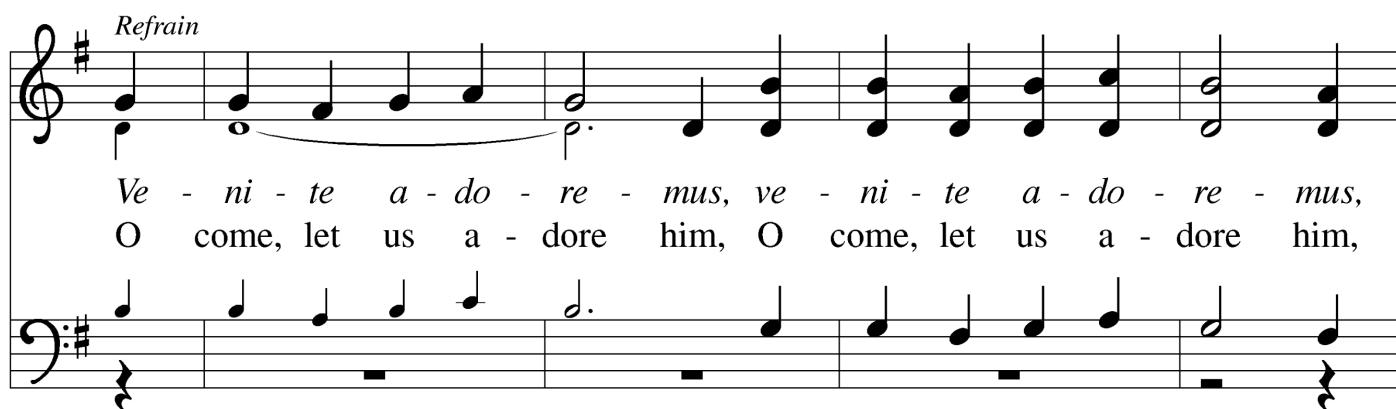
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

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.

ANTHEM

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Prince of Peace Choir
Jane Van Voorhis, cello

arr. Barlow Bradford

*Infant holy, Infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Babe is lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil 'til the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you.*

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. Please turn to follow the cross to the center of the aisle.

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.

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.

Please turn to follow the cross to the front of the sanctuary.

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

heav'n - ly hosts ... sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,

Sav - ior is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Lord, at your birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

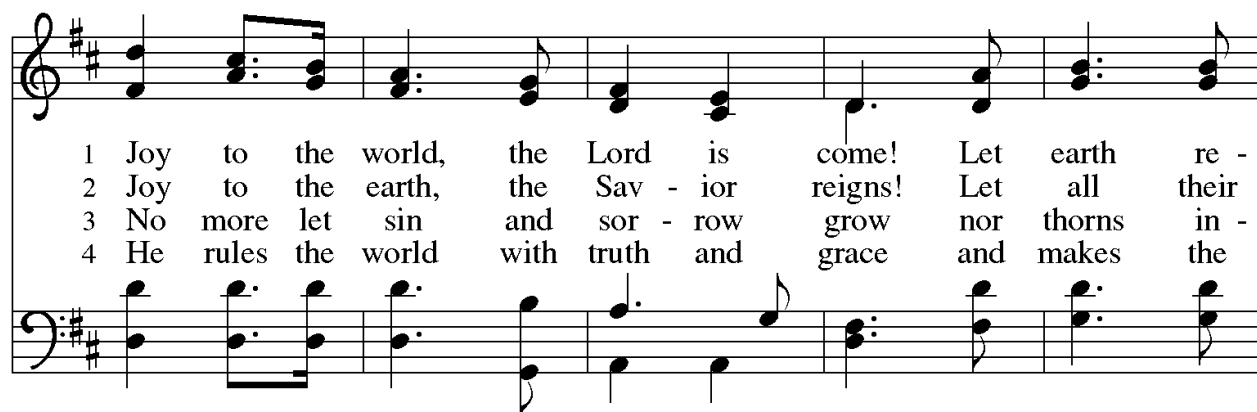
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 267

Joy to the World

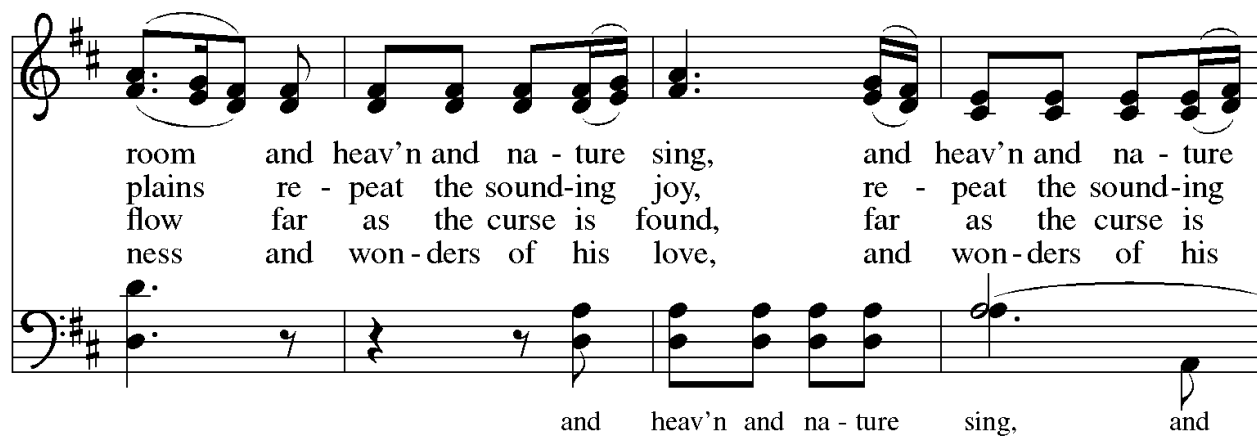
ANTIOCH



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,

PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING

He Is Born
Prince of Peace Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

*He is born, the divine Christ Child; play the musette and the bagpipe merrily!
He is born, the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the Savior mild.*

*Through long ages of the past, prophets long have foretold his coming;
Through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last!*

*O, how lovely, O how pure is the perfect Child of heaven;
Oh how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to human kind!*

*Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a Child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heavenly peace.*

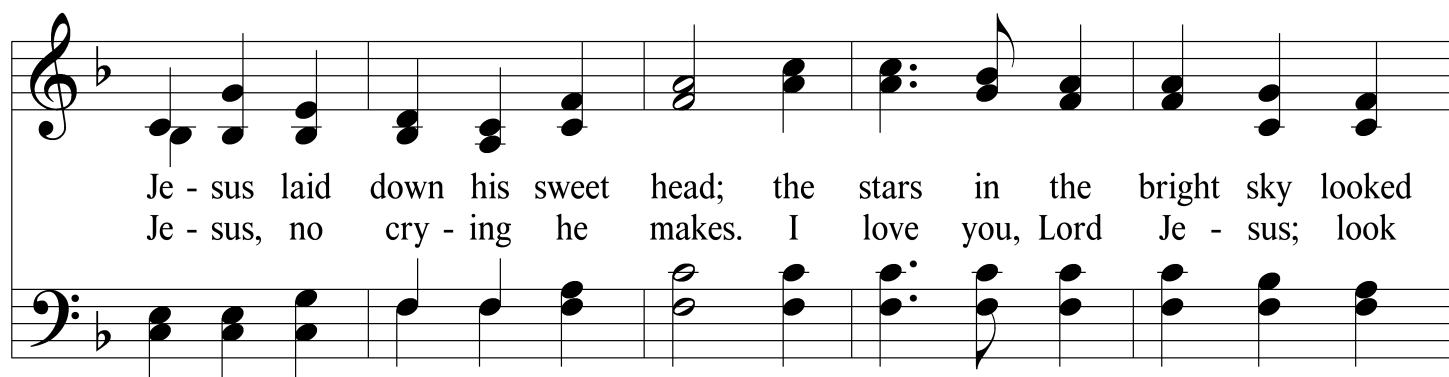
OFFERTORY HYMN

Away in a Manger

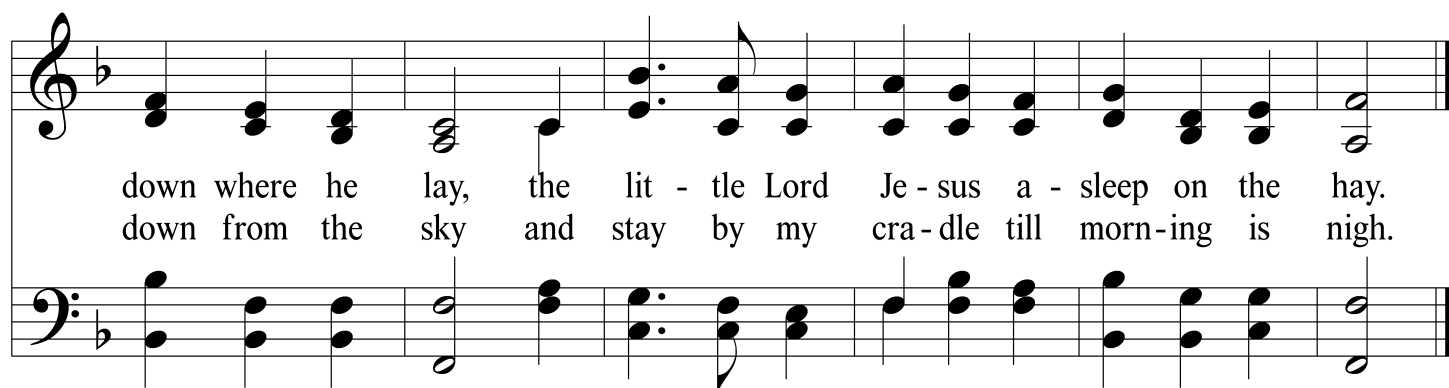
AWAY IN A MANGER



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 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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW S 144b

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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. Ushers will direct you to a station to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available; request from your server.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

In the Bleak Midwinter
Prince of Peace Choir

arr. Abbie Betinis

*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.*

*Christ a homeless stranger, so the gospels say, cradled in a manger and a bed of hay;
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed, Mary and her baby, Jesus Christ.*

*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.*

*Angels and archangels may have thronged the air, Shepherds, beasts and wise men, may have gathered there,
But only his mother in her tender bliss blessed this new redeemer with a kiss.*

*What can I give you, 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 you: give my heart.*

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 289

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re-ply, ech-o-ing their joy-ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid-ings be which in-spire your heav'n-ly song?
 come, a-dore on bend-ed knee Christ the Lord, the new-born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri-a

in ex-cel-sis De-o; glo -

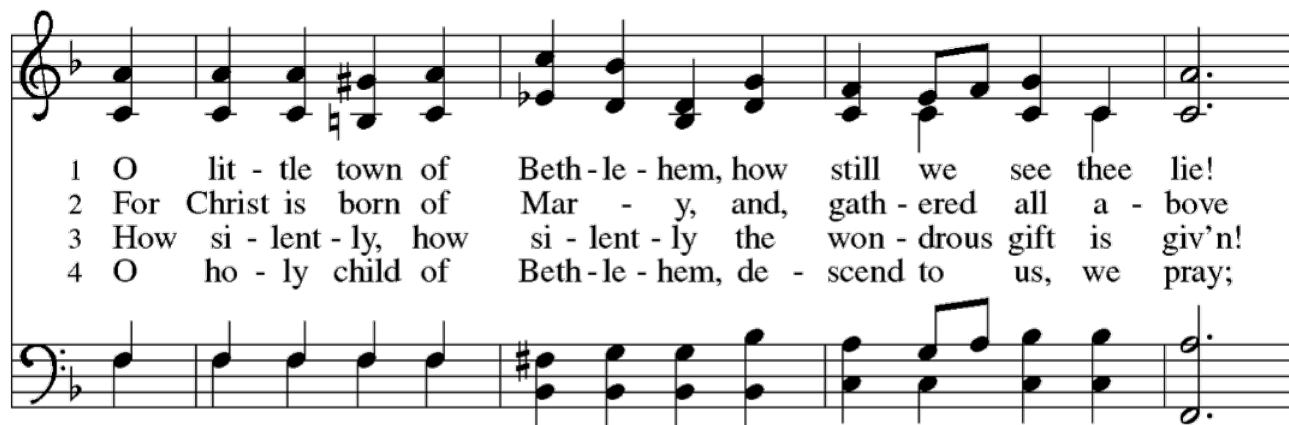
- ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

COMMUNION HYMN

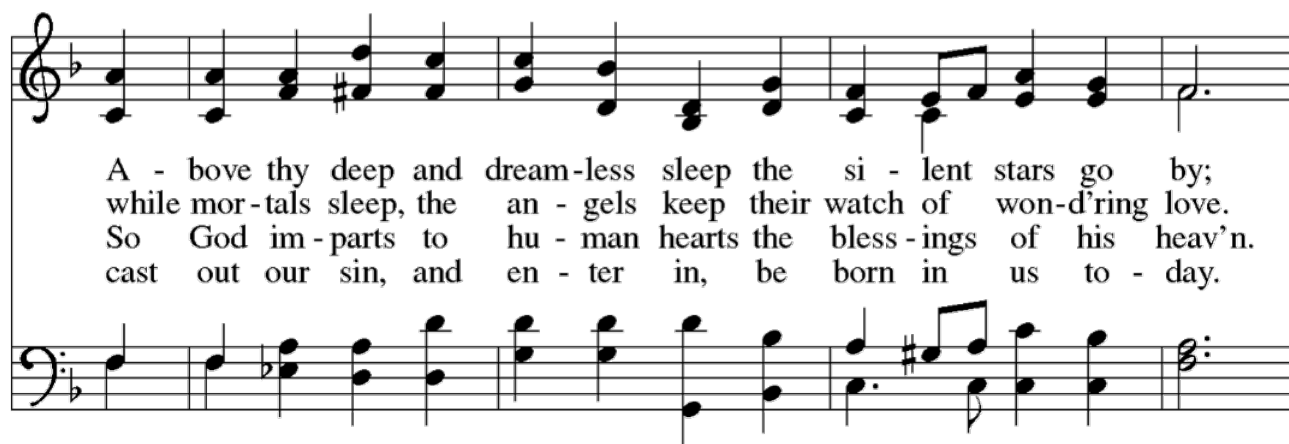
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O Little Town of Bethlehem

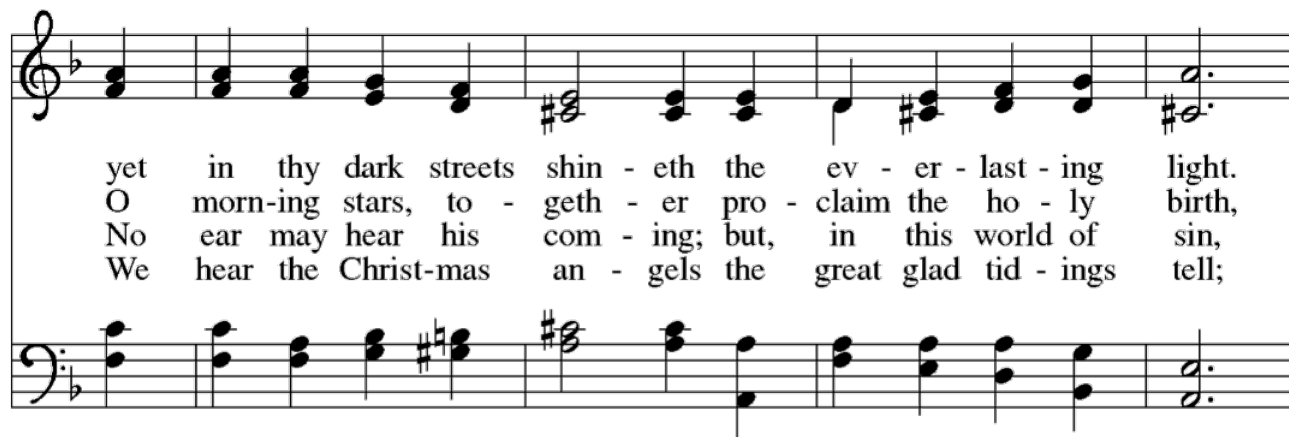
ST. LOUIS



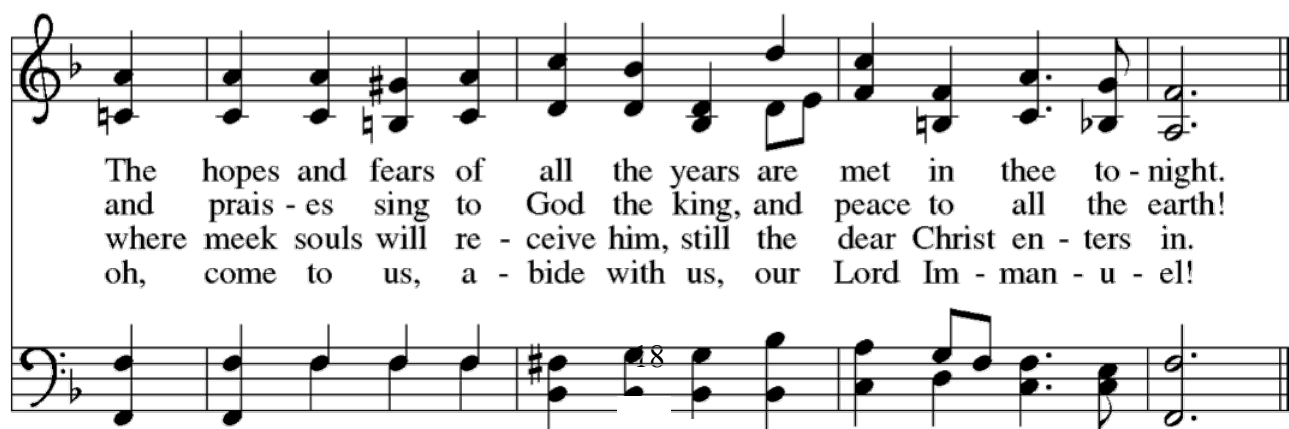
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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!

SENDING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting

Minister: Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

All: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Presider: The God of love, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace,
illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

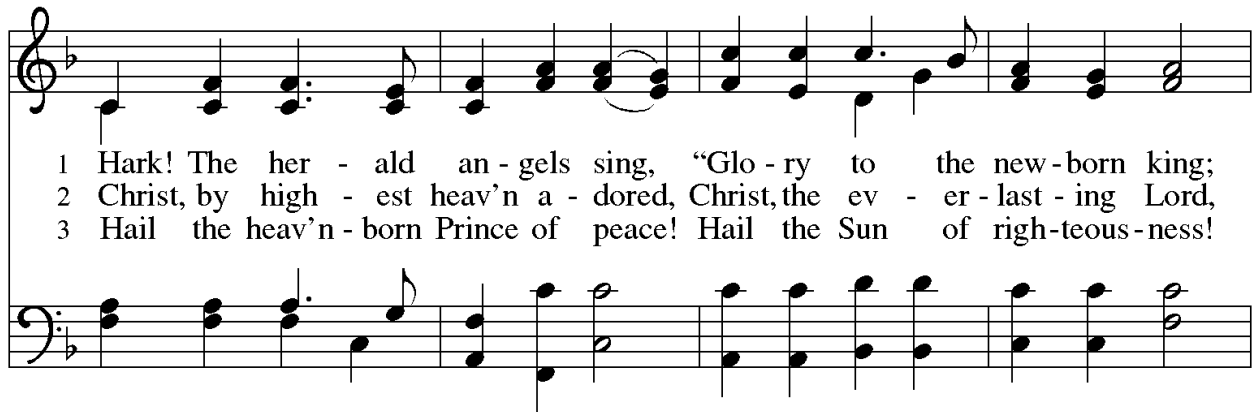
All: Amen.

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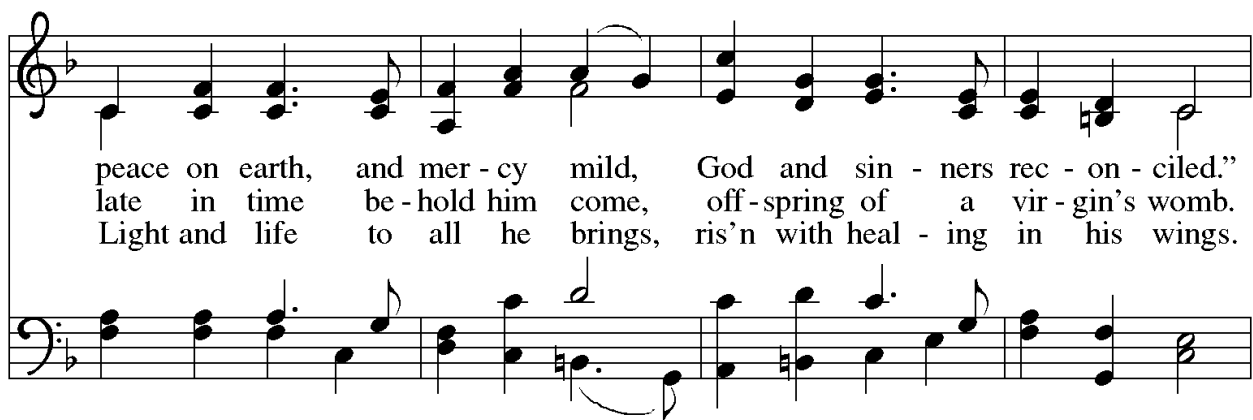
ELW 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

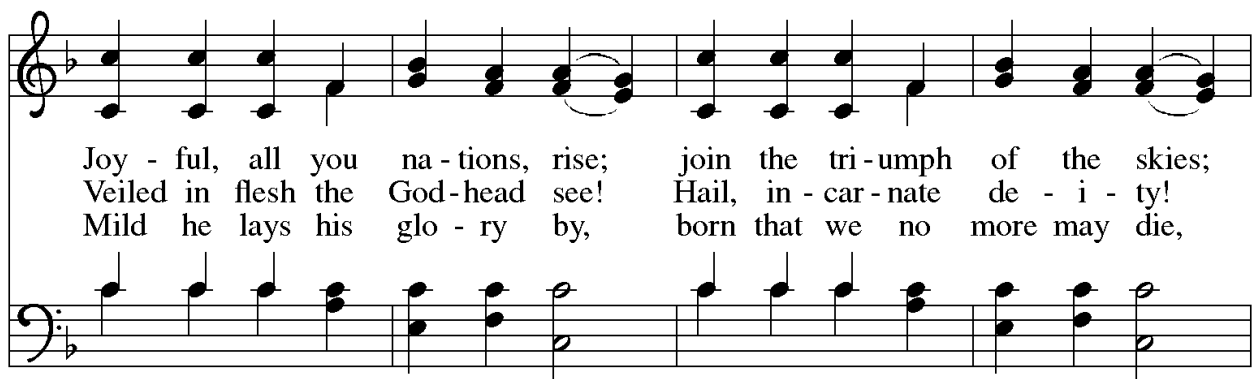
MENDELSSOHN



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.



DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Go in peace. Christ, the Savior, is born!

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mark Shepperd

*Brochures with poinsettia dedications can be found in the narthex.
Thank you to all who donated to our flower fund.*

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

Jane Van Voorhis, cello

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Christmas Eve Festival Candlelight Worship

6 & 8 PM

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