

**Order of Worship
for
Christmas Eve
Contemporary Candlelight Worship
December 24, 2022**

WORSHIP INTRO

Presented by Sounds of Glory

“A Thousand Candles”

“Emmanuel”

OPENING SONGS

“Come Let Us Worship the King”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful (with Hark, the Herald Angels Sing)”

*In the quiet of the night
A woman gives birth:
A personal act of faith;
Accepting God's charge upon her.*

*In the quiet of the night
A husband becomes a father:
A personal act of faith;
Accepting God's charge upon him.*

*In the quiet of the night
A baby breathes the air:
A personal act of sacrifice;
God steps out of the divine into the mundane
For us.*

SONG
"What Child Is This?"

READING

Isaiah 9:2-6

**From the prophecies of Isaiah,
Chapter nine, verses two through six.**

The Prophet Proclaims:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You 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. For the yoke of his burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For 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."

CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

**From the Gospel of Luke,
chapter two, verses one through twenty.**

Luke writes:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in

swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes 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, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this Child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SONG

"I Wonder as I Wander"

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

"Glory to God in the Lowest"

Rev. David Hewitt

SONG

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

OFFERING

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In the quiet of the night

**We accept a gift:
A personal act of faith;
Receiving God's charge upon us.
In the quiet of the night
We are changed forever by our God and Savior
Christ Jesus, our Lord, Who is "God with us."
Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING
"Welcome to Our World"
Presented by David Moscrip

CAROL
"The First Noel"

In the quiet of the night we have heard God's truth;
**A personal word of life
Given for our redemption.**

We are called to act.
**We are called to care.
We are called to share
A personal story of Christmas,
A personal story of salvation.**

In the quiet of this night
God sends us to be living faith:
A personal invitation,
A personal voice of hope,
A personal hand of service,
In our day-to-day acts,
In our day-to-day relationships,
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Oh, may the good Lord be with you!
And may the Lord be with you too!

Lift your hearts to Him in praise.
To the Lord our hearts we raise.

Let us offer praises true.
It is fitting so to do:
Gratefully we sing
To the Lord, our King

It is right and indeed our privilege at all times and in all places to offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh, You who stand outside of time enter into time; You who are infinite become finite; You who are all powerful become all vulnerable; You whose womb bore the world now is born of Mary's womb to bear the Good News of hope and peace, of light and joy forever. We give You thanks for having opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory

O Great God, You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

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."

Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who receive the Body and Blood of Christ may be His body in the world, living according to His example to bring peace and healing to all people. Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us now pray the great prayer that our Lord Jesus taught us to pray.

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may so.

For those joining us online,
If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“God Came Near”

Presented by David Moscrip

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and
peace, now and forever.

Amen

CANDLE LIGHTING

Scripture Readings

(while the candles are being lit)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a
land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Arise, shine: for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light; live as children of light.

God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before all people, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

PRAYER

Almighty God, You have filled us with the new Light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

ELW 281

Follow the direction of the Pastor in carefully raising and lowering your candle

BENEDICTION

May God, who has remained faithful in fulfilling His promises, grant us an abiding and growing faith in His amazing Gift.

May we demonstrate to the world the peace God gives, the peace which passes all human understanding.

May we share with people everywhere the love of God shown to us most visibly in His Son, the Babe of Bethlehem.

May we experience the promise of abundant life as we allow Christ to live in and through us.

May the blessings of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit go with you as you joyously celebrate the birthday of your Savior, Jesus Christ!

HYMN
“Joy to the World”
ELW 267

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