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CHRISTMAS EVE 2021

5:00 pm

PIANO & ORGAN *Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*

arr. by Lani Smith
Pastor Seth Jersild, Piano

CAROL 283 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (verses 1, 3, 4)

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!

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest: [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

P: The people who walked in darkness

C: have seen a great light;

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness,

C: on them light has shined.

P: For a child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders;

C: And He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace,

C: For the throne of David and his kingdom.

P: He will establish and uphold it

C: With justice and with righteousness.

P: From this time onward and forevermore.

C: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: 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.

C: Amen.

CAROL 279 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (verses 1, 2, 4)



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
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.
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,
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!
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 1-7

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

ANTHEM

Celebration Ringers *There's a Song in The Air* Jason W. Krug

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 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!"



CAROL 289 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

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?

(Refrain)

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

(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 15-20

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

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please stand for the following carol

CAROL 300 "The First Noel"



The first no - el, the an - gel did say, was to cer - tain poor
They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing in the
And by the light of that same star three wise men

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 shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields wherethey lay keep-ing their
 east be- yond them far, and to the earth it gave great
 came from coun - try far. To seek for a King was their in -
 sheep on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep. No - el, no -
 light, and so it con - tin-ued both day and night.
 tent, and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
 -el, no - el, no - el. Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

SERMON

Pastor Patti Morlock

ANTHEM Celebration Ringers

Silent Night

arr. by Jason W. Krug

PRAYERS OR THE CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE DISTRIBUTION

music performed by Dave Shrum
 and Nick Grossman

"A Hallelujah Christmas"

I've heard about this baby boy, Who's come to earth to bring us joy
 And I just want to sing this song to you,
 It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth, The minor fall, the major lift
 With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem, Expecting child, they searched the inn
To find a place for You were coming soon,

There was no room for them to stay, So in a manger filled with hay,

God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night, To see this baby wrapped in light

A host of angels led them all to You, It was just as the angels said

You'll find Him in a manger bed, Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A star shown bright up in the east, To Bethlehem, the Wise Men three

Came many miles and journeyed long for You,

And to the place at which You were, Their frankincense and gold and myrrh

They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

I know You came to rescue me, This baby boy would grow to be

A man and one day die for me and you,

My sins would drive the nails in You, That rugged cross was my cross, too

Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

"All Glory Be To Christ"

Should nothing of our efforts stand, No legacy survive

Unless the Lord does raise the house, In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain, Tell me, What is your life?

A mist that vanishes at dawn, All glory be to Christ!

Refrain:

All glory be to Christ our king!

All glory be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, Praise Him, the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy, The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, All glory be to Christ!
(Refrain)

When on the day the great I Am, The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us, And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be, All glory be to Christ!
(Refrain)

Please stand for the candlelighting and the carol

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL 281 "Silent Night" (verse 2 in unison)

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, heav'nly 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.

BLESSING, BENEDICTION, AND DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to serve the newborn King.

C: Thanks be to God.

CAROL 267 "Joy to The World" (verses 1, 2, 4)

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 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
 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
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 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

POSTLUDE: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

arr. by Fred Bock



The Rev. Seth Jersild, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Patti Morlock, Associate Pastor
Mark Meuser, Organist
Nick Grossman & David Shrum, Contemporary Band

Serving Today

Communion Assistants

Caroline Kothke

Altar Guild

Mel and Carol Penrod

Readers

Marilyn Smith

Acolytes

Brayden Gottshall, Dylan Allman

Greeters

Mary Campbell, Carol Rich