

The Nativity of our Lord



Day

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WELCOME – Merry Christmas! This day we celebrate the fact that the Baby Jesus came to dwell with us here on earth this Christmas to point us to the truth that we will one day dwell with him in paradise through his death and resurrection.

You will participate in this joyous service through the ringing of a bell. If you did not bring one, please pick one up from an usher and ring it when indicated in the service. A joyous Christmas to you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth . John 1:14*

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE OF CHRIST CANDLE

(Ring your bells as the candle passes your pew)

GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born!

Congregation: Christ the Savior is born indeed! Alleluia!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
 O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

(Ring your bells!)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: John writes in our gospel lesson, "*In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it*" (John 1:4-5). Heavenly Father, too frequently we live in the darkness of unbelief.

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: For our sins of the night.

C: For clinging to the darkness.

P: For our secret and hidden sins.

C: For the sins we have done to please ourselves.

P: For the sins we have done to please others.

C: Forgive those sins which we know.

P: And those sins which we do not know.

C: Forgive our sin of apathy.

P: Callous indifference.

C: Failure to protest injustice.

P: Forgive our sin of greed.

C: Giving only what we can spare.

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

P: Believe and receive the Gospel! Christ was prophesied. Christ was born. Christ was tempted. Christ was arrested. Christ was crucified. Christ was raised. Christ did it all for you—for your redemption and your restoration; for your salvation and your resurrection. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory—

C: The glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(Ring your bells!)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Ring your bells!)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:1-14*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹² But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Ring your bells!)

HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

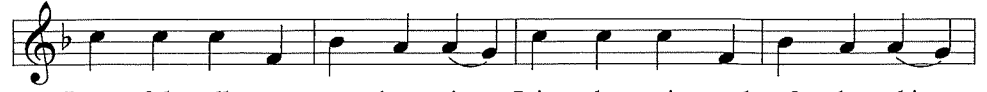
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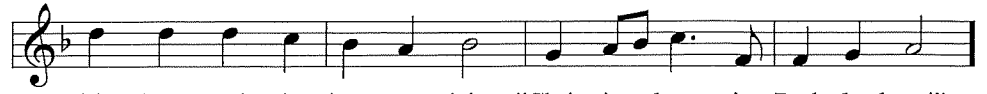
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



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 ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



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

(Ring your bells!)

SERMON

Prepare for Paradise

HYMN

"What Child is This?"

(Please see next page.)



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
 2 Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3 So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The
 own Him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the



Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you;
 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!

(Ring your bells!)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Dear Lord Jesus, though you've existed forever in a rich, joyful, loving relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit, today we celebrate your coming to us and for us. You are the promised and much-longed-for Christ—the Messiah. Every promise God has made finds its fulfillment—its unequivocal “Yes!” in you. We delight to confess the Word became flesh—

C: And dwelt among us!

P: Dear Lord Jesus, with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven, we rejoice in the day angels sang, shepherds ran and Mary pondered. We exchange gifts and sing and celebrate and pray. Why? The Word became flesh—

C: And dwelt among us!

P: Dear Lord Jesus, we praise you for being born in Bethlehem, the “house of bread,” for we were a famished people—yearning for hope and wholeness, safety, security and salvation. That’s why you came as the Bread of Life, and you’ve brought the feast of the gospel to our souls. We praise you that the Word became flesh—

C: And dwelt among us!

P: Dear Lord Jesus, we thank you for entering our world in the town of David, Israel’s shepherd-king. For what King David could never be, you’ve become for us—the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep; and now you care for us with relentless tenderness and persistent kindness. That’s why we joyfully confess the Word became flesh—

C: And dwelt among us!

P: Dear Lord Jesus, as the King of kings and Lord of lords, you are presently reigning over all things and working in all things, for your glory and our good. Hallelujah! No other kingdom is everlasting but yours; no other King is as loving. Knowing these things to be true, we have a peace which passes all understanding, mercies which cannot be measured, and grace upon grace. Jesus, we pray in your tender and trustworthy name.

C: Amen.

(Ring your bells!)

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Sunday Dec 27, Worship at 10:30 a.m.

“Prepare Ye - Proclaim”

JOINING ON ZOOM – Go to zoom.us. At the top of screen, click “Join a Meeting” and then enter meeting ID # and passcode which is 675675.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Meeting ID: 818 9958 3985

WORSHIP SERVICE, Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Meeting ID: 896 3437 0678

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - A very grateful Thank You to everyone who thoughtfully contributed money toward poinsettias that helped decorate the altar area for our joyous Christmas Celebration of God's great Love for us! It was appreciated.

All Christmas Poinsettias were offered to the Glory of God in Celebration of Jesus' Birth.

“Arise and shine, for your light has come” Rejoice with the heavenly choir of angels, Alleluia!