

Sunday, December 17, 2023 PM – Candlelight Service

Prelude – O Holy Night

Light of the World – Duet by Ellia and Gabriella Agar

*Welcome

*God's Greeting

***“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

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The Hope Candle

***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

3 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

4 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Latin Hymn, Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710;
Translated by John M. Neale, st. 1,2,altered; Henry S. Coffin, st. 3, 4, altered
Adapted from Plainsong by Thomas Helmore, altered
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I Still Believe in Christmas – song by Praise Singers

The Joy Candle

***“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.

3 Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by, born that men no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn, arr. William H. Cummings
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For Unto Us – song by Junior Choir

The Love Candle

“What Child Is This?”

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

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Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven - song by Worship Choir

The Peace Candle

***“Silent Night”**

1 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.

3 Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King:
“Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!”

4 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!

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***"Adore"**

1 You stepped down from heaven; humbly You came
God of all creation, here with us
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel
Light of the world, here to save

Chorus

Adore, come, let us adore
O come, let us adore Him
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord
Let all that is within us adore

2 Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing of peace on earth
What have I to offer to heaven's King
I will bring my life, my love, my all

Bridge

Angels sing, praises ring to the newborn King
Peace on earth here with us, joy awakening
At Your feet we fall

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Christmas Hymn – All Choirs

*Blessing

***"Joy to the World"**

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts, George Frederick Handel; arr. Lowell Mason
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