

CHURCH OF THE
REDEEMER

CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2020

PRELUDE

O Holy Night



WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

With all the candles of Advent now lit, we light the Christ candle. You may light candles at your home at this time as well.

Leader: Today we light the Christ candle. People of God: shout and sing! Tell the good news of peace on earth. Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace.

People: Christ is born! Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Leader: Angels dance and the bright star shines. All creation bows to the Lord of all. Lord, bring us today into Christ's light.

People: Christ is born! The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Leader: One with us, yet born to save, he will show us the way to God. Lord, bring us today into Christ's love.

People: Christ is born! See what love the Father has given us that we should be called the children of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Verse 1

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little Child

Verse 2

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor and meek and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy

Verse 3

Jesus is our childhood's pattern
Day by day like us He grew
He was little weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feeleth for our sadness
And He shareth in our gladness

Verse 4

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He has gone

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Officiant: For unto us a child is born.

People: To us a son is given.

Officiant: Let us pray:

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

Verse 1

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

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

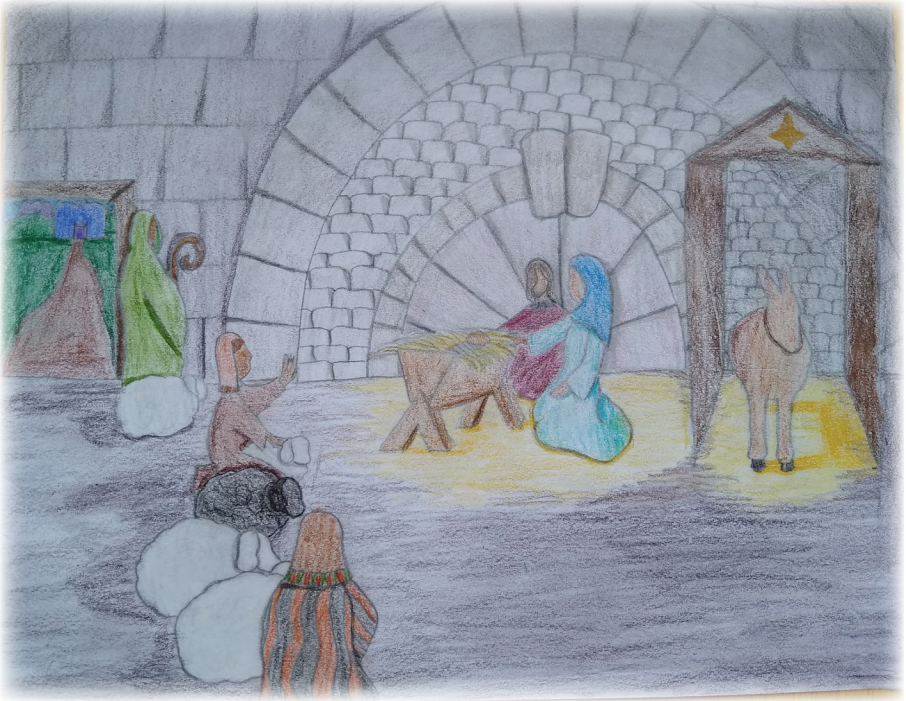
Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God all glory in the highest

Verse 3

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

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At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

*Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

LUKE 2:1-14

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I

bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Anne Calvin

THE OFFERTORY

This year's Christmas Eve offering will support [Hope Academy](#), a private Christ-centered, classical academy in Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis. Founded as an opportunity-equalizer for Minneapolis youth, one of Hope Academy's five core distinctives is to be affordable to all, therefore partners like our church cover 90% of the costs for every student to attend.

To give online, please visit <https://oftheredeemer.org/give/>

You may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113.

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to all
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2

Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

Verse 3

And ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

Verse 4

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world
Give back the song
Which now the angels sing

Verse 5

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong
And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing

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RECEPTION OF RESERVED SACRAMENT

Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please [sign up for our weekly email](#) for information about times and locations of distribution.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. John 6:51, 55-56

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

If you are unable to receive Communion this evening, you may participate in worship with the following prayer:

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.



HARK! THE HERALD-ANGELS SING

Verse 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 th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Chorus

Hark the herald-angels sing
Glory to the newborn King.

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail, th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Verse 3

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth.

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SILENT NIGHT

Verse 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

Verse 2

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born

Verse 3

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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Officiant and People:

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,
we may with sure confidence behold him
when he shall come to be our judge;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Verse 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

Verse 2

Joy to the earth 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

Verse 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

Verse 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 and wonders of His love

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Officiant: May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Thank you for joining us in worship this evening. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to connect with one of our clergy or be added to our regular email communication, please enter your information [using this link](#).

Did you know that Christmas isn't just one day each year but a whole season of celebration in the church calendar?

Visit www.oftheredeemer.org/resources/redeemer-journal/ over the next twelve days for daily reflections from our Church of the Redeemer family, and a link to resources on ways to celebrate the Christmas season.



Our weekly worship service is held on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. at Calvary Church (2120 Lexington Ave N, Roseville, MN 55113) and via Zoom at www.ofthedeemer.org. If this is your first time worshipping with us, we hope you are able to join us again.



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