

Oh, Come, All You Faithful!

PRELUDE & HYMN: *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

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

(Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!)

2) God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth He comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father. **(Refrain)**

NARRATION: CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT: LUKE 2:1-12 (EVH™)

Brooke - In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. And everyone went to register, each to his own town.

Avonlee - And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and family line of David. He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child. And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Bjorn - There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to 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 behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

PRELUDE & HYMN: *Away In A Manger*

(Children sing stanzas 1-2. Congregation joins in singing stanza 3)

1) Away in a manger no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2) The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my side until morning is night.

3) Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

NARRATION: CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT: LUKE 2:13-20 (EVH™)

Fenlynn & Silvan - Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.” When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Now let’s go to Bethlehem and see this

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thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they

had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

PRELUDE & HYMN: *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 wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth.
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all the earth.

3) How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav’n.
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;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time, like the celebration when people divide the plunder. For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them. You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian. Every boot that marched in battle and the garments rolled in blood will be burned. They will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born. To us a son is given. The authority to rule will rest on his shoulders. He will be named: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no limit to his authority and no end to the peace he brings. He will rule on David’s throne and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from now on, into eternity. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this. (EVH™)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 JOHN 1:1-9

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. We write these things to

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you so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth

into practice. But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (EVH™)

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION: JOHN 1:1-14 “THE WORD BECAME FLESH”

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him everything was made, and without him not one thing was made that has been made. In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind. The light is shining in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John. He came as an eyewitness to testify about the light so that everyone would believe through him. He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband’s will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. (EVH™)

PRELUDE & HYMN: *Silent Night! Holy 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.
- 2) 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!
- 3) Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, loves pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at the birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

OFFERING, CHRISTMAS PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER & BENEDICTION

PRELUDE & HYMN: *Joy to the World*

- 1) Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room And heav’n and nature sing...(repeat)
- 2) Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy...
- 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...
- 4) He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love...

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Blessed, merry CHRISTmas! Please join us for CHRISTmas day worship at 10 a.m.