

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20

Pew Bible, (NT page 54)

SERMON

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

†CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 113

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL

Giving Thanks to God: Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Chancel Choir

Noel Regency & Gloria Shayne
Arranged by Harry Simeone

†Sung Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

†Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...Therefore we break forth together into singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and wondrous God, ... Celebrating these gifts from our Savior, we speak the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Recalling his death and resurrection...

And we continue our prayer using the words Jesus taught us

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion of the People

Communion Music

Still, Still, Still
Chancel Choir

Austrian Carol
Arranged by Norman Luboff

Prayer after Communion

We Share the Light of Christ

ENTRANCE OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

John 1:1-14

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

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,
Heavenly 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!**

**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."**

†CONGREGATIONAL CAROL 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

†BENEDICTION IN WORD

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Toccata on 'Angels We Have Heard on High'

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Christmas Eve
December 24th, 2019
11:00 PM



Wishing you a truly blessed Christmas, and God's joy and peace in the New Year.

Welcome

We are glad that you are worshipping with us this Christmas Eve.

No matter where you have been or where you are going, you are welcome here. If you seek communion with God and with neighbor, you will find it in this house.

We invite you to participate with our congregation in worship, study, and service, as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus. Please join us on the journey of faith.

Guide for Worshipers

Our recipients for the Christmas Eve special offering are Memorial Drive Ministries and the Each Child Counts Foundation. Memorial Drive Ministries is a church-based non-profit that fosters diverse worshipping communities, innovative social services, and transformative relationships. Located on the campus of the historic Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church Memorial Drive Ministries convenes critical leadership, organization, and a wide network of loving neighbors to create a new expression of God's Beloved Community. The Each Child Counts Foundation is building a school in the Clay Ashland community of Liberia, West Africa. Their first phase opened in 2018 and includes Pre-K through 5th grade, with plans for expansion soon.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is for those who love Jesus, and want to love him more, and who come in faith, repentance and love. At the time for Communion of the People, ushers will direct worshipers to the front of the sanctuary. Take a piece of bread, dip the bread in the cup, and then eat. Return to your seat by the side aisle. The elements will be brought to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten-free bread is available from the center tray.

Candle Lighting: During *Silent Night* ushers will bring the flame from the Christ Candle to worshippers in the pews. Lit candles should always be held upright; allow the person seated beside you to light his/her candle, passing the light down the row. Please extinguish candles following the benediction, and place them in the boxes at the doors when you leave.

Please join us in Worship Sunday, December 29th at 10:00 AM. There will be no Sunday School that day.

Prelude for Christmas Eve

The Christmas Story in Historic Carols set by American Composers

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

12th century Plainchant

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Noël Goemanne

(1926-2010)

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Wachet Auf ~ 16th century German chorale

“Sleepers wake!” a voice astounds us, ~
The shout of rampart guards surrounds us: “Awake, Jerusalem arise!”
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken; Their urgent summons clearly spoken:
“The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up and give us light; The Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share.

Paul Manz

(1919-2009)

A Virgin Most Pure

17th century English Carol

A Virgin most pure, as the prophets do tell, Hath brought forth a baby, as it hath befell;
To be our Redeemer from death, hell, and sin, Which Adam’s transgression had wrapped us up in.

Raymond Haan

(1988)

Il Est Né Le Divin Enfant

Traditional French Carol

He is born, the divine Christ-Child; Send forth the oboes with pipes replying
He is born, the divine Christ-Child, Sing we praise to the infant mild.

Noël Goemanne

Sussex Carol

Traditional English carol

On Christmas night all Christians sing, To hear the news the angels bring-
News of joy, news of great mirth, News of our dear Savior’s birth.

Dale Wood

(1934-2003)

What Child Is This?

16th century English melody

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?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angel sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe the son of Mary.

Searle Wright

(1918-2004)

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

18th century English carol

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay. Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from woe and sin when we were gone astray. O, tidings of comfort and joy.

Noël Goemanne

In dulci jubilo

14th century German melody

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and song and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Theodore Beck

(1929-2003)

Sing We Now of Christmas

Noël Nouvelet - Traditional French carol

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here! Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!
Shepherds on the hillside heard the angels sing: Glory, honor, praises to the infant King.

Anna Laura Page

(1990)

Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming

Es ist ein’ Ros’ ~ 14th century German carol

Jean Pasquet

(1896-1977)

Gathering in God’s Name

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

INTROIT

Hodie Christus Natus Est

12th century Plainchant

David Lukens ~ Cantor

*Hodie Christus natus est. Hodie Salvator apparuit.
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli laetantur Archangeli.
Hodie exsultant justi decentes, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Today Christ is born. Today our Savior has appeared.
Today angels sing on earth and archangels sing in heaven.
Today we rejoice to sing: Glory to God in the highest.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

If you are like Joseph, and you are seeking truth,

There is room here for you.

If you are like Mary, and you are seeking rest,

There is a seat here for you.

If you are like the wise men, and you are looking for a sign,

These candles are here for you.

If you are like the angels, and you cannot help but sing,

There is a melody here for you.

Come in. You are in God’s house.

Love was born tonight, and there is love here for you.

Let us worship the God of love.

†PROCESSIONAL CAROL 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

CONFESSING OUR SIN

...We have waited for the magic of this night. And now the wait is over.

God is here and you are loved.

... let us confess, together, the times we have let opportunities for action pass us by.

**God of kings and shepherds, God of teenage mothers and step-parents, God of angel choruses and starlight-
We confess to waiting. We have waited to extend grace. We have waited to say, “I love you.” We have waited to
apologize. We have waited to be just, choosing comfort and convenience over the needs of our neighbors. We
have waited- waited for someone else to make a move, waited for a sign, waited until it was our issue. You ask
us to be the body of Christ, but in many ways, we have waited. Forgive us. Change us. Remind us of your love
for this world, which can’t wait. In your name we pray, Amen.**

(a time of quiet personal confession)

Hear this good news of great joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God’s people on earth.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Now, we light the candles of hope, peace, love, and joy to remind us of our journey to this space.

In this final hour of our journey to Christmas morning, we know that love has come. Thanks be to God.

† JOYFUL RESPONSE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBLIO

**Good Christian friends, Rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Before the Marvel of this Night

Carl Schalk

Text by Jaroslav Vajda

Hearing and Responding to God’s Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristen Sommerfeld

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

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