

December 24, 2024

Welcome

379 O 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:

Ref: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain

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The Christmas Responses..... (adapted from Galatians 4:4-7)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

When the fullness of time had come God sent His son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem we who were under the law,

So that we might receive adoption as His sons and daughters.

Because we are the children of God,

God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.

So through Him we are not what we formerly were,

We are no longer slaves to sin,

But we are His children

And heirs to His kingdom of grace.

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

357 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. Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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The Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Choir

“The Light Will Soon Appear”

The Third Lesson

Micah 5:2-4

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

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| 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. | 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. |
| 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! | 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 Immanuel! |

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The Fourth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

370 What Child Is This

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| 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?
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.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary! |
| | 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.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary! |

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The Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

364 Away in a Manger

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| 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 cradle till morning is nigh. |
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- 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.

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The Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:8-12

Men's Chorus

"Whisper! Whisper!"

The Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:13-20

380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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| <p>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 host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain.</p> | <p>2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain.</p> |
| <p>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. Refrain.</p> | |
| <p>ref Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"</p> | |

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The Eighth Lesson

John 1:1-5, 14 & 16-17

Solo (Carissa Huffman)

"He Who Is Mighty"

The Ninth Lesson

1 John 4:7-11

366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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| <p>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, goodwill to all,
From heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.</p> | <p>3 All you, beneath your heavy load,
By care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way
With painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour,
Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace;
Of Him the angels sing.</p> |
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The Prayer for Christmas Eve

O God, because you once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Jesus' Directions for Communion

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Distribution of Communion

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

The First Noel

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| 1 The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel. | 3 And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came
From country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel. |
| 2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east,
Beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel. | 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
Over Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel. |
| 5 Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel. | |

The Service of Candlelight

Solo (Valerie Vampolo)

"O Holy Night"

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,

and for all people according to their needs.

For the increase of peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

O Christ, Prince of Peace, bring peace on earth.

For the spread of the joyful news that our Savior has come, let us pray to the Lord.

O Christ, Mighty God, bring joy to the world.

For the poor and those who have no home, let us pray to the Lord.

O Christ, Wonderful Counselor, help those in need.

For the light of Christmas to shine on us all, let us pray to the Lord.

O Christ, Everlasting Lord, bring us to the light of Your truth.

Rejoicing in Your birth and trusting in Your mercy, O Christ, Light of the world, we commend all for whom we pray.

Amen.

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.
- 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! 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 your holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

The Blessing

May God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, keep you in His light, now & forever.

Amen.

387 Joy to the World

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| 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,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing. | 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. |
| 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. | 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 |

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