

Hymn: “Silent Night, Holy Night!”

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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. *(repeat)*

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! *(repeat)*

3. 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. *(repeat)*



Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Choir: “Star Child”

Benediction *(Candles are extinguished)*

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn “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,

2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow 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.

4. He rules the world with truth and
grace
And makes the nations prove
The glory of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord

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Welcome

Entrance Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” # 283

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| 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 | 2. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest. Refrain |
| Refrain:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!. | 3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing. Refrain |

Greeting:

On this night we remember God’s promise to never leave or forsake us. On this night we how God’s love was revealed in a very special way, so that we will always know that God loves us, despite all our fears. On this night we will joyfully remember how the Christ child entered our lives: quietly vulnerable, born of Mary. Born to be with us, born to love us, born to save us, born to free us.

Prayer:

O God of love, you have brought us together tonight and blessed us with your very self. Open our eyes to the light of Christ which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in apathy, pain and loss; a world separated from you. Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation. Bring us into the wonder of your presence. Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives. **AMEN**

Choir: “Hurry over Clouds and Heavens”

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Hymn before the Gospel: “Angels We Have Heard on High” #289

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| 1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountain in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. Refrain | 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav’nly song? Refrain |
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Refrain:
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo; Glo—ria in excelsis Deo.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **Refrain**



Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Choir: “My Sheep were Grazing”

Meditation

Hymn of The Day: “Love Has Come?” #292

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| 1. Love has come, a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear how their song of joy arises;
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high. | 2. Love is born! Come, share in the wonder
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See all the glow in the eyes of his mother;
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the names she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel. |
| 3. Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas,
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high! | |



An Offering of Praise

Offertory Verse:

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend on 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!

Offertory Prayer

In the stillness of this night we give you thanks, O God, for bringing us to Bethlehem. We thank you for the precious gift that came to us wrapped in swaddling clothes. May this be a gift we share with all creation. **AMEN.**



During the Gospel reading, light will be taken from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world of whom John’s gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from this candle, then light the candle of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another. Please take time in your own home to light your candles. Parents, please supervise small children closely.

The Gospel of the Incarnation: John 1:1-14