



CHRISTMAS EVE



December 24, 2024

The Nativity of Our Lord / Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Prelude (Carol Sing)

Hymn 282

"It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

Hymn 288

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Hymn 275

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

Gathering

Words of Welcome

*Opening Responses

P: Blessed are you, Christ, Light of the world; you descend into our darkness,

A: to lift us into the realms of light.

P: Let us bless the living God, who was born of Mary,

A: revealed in his glory.

P: worshipped by angels,

A: proclaimed among the nations,

P: believed in throughout the world,

A: exalted in the highest heavens.

P: Glory to God in the highest,

A: and peace to God's people on earth. **

*Processional Hymn & Lighting of the Advent Wreath 283

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Solo

"O Holy Night"

A. Adam

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-13***

Celebration Bells	<i>"Pastorale on Lo, How a Rose"</i>	Bach/McFadden
*Hymn 272		<i>"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"</i>
Psalm Reading		Psalm 68:4-11***
Anthem	<i>"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"</i>	J. Sparkman
*Gospel Reading		Luke 2:1-20***
Sermon		
*Hymn (see page 4)		<i>"For all the Faithful Women"</i>
Offering Solo	<i>"What Child Is This"</i>	Greensleeves trad.
*Offering Hymn 269		<i>"Once in Royal David's City"</i>
*Thanksgiving for the Word		
<i>(Handheld candles are lit during the following anthem:)</i>		
Anthem	<i>"Mid-winter"</i>	B. Chilcott
*Gospel of the Incarnation		John 1:1-14
*Prayers of Intercession		A: hear our prayer
*Lord's Prayer (see page 5)		
Sending		
*Hymn (see page 6)		<i>"Silent Night"</i>
*Blessing		
<i>(Handheld candles are extinguished during the following hymn:)</i>		
*Recessional Hymn 267		<i>"Joy to the World"</i>
*Dismissal		
P: Christ the Savior is born!		
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.		
A: Thanks be to God		
Postlude	<i>"Swiss Noel"</i>	L.C. Daquin

** Responses are adapted from *The Rhythm of Life: Celtic Daily Prayer* (David Adam, 2007)

*** Bible texts taken from *"A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church"* (Wilda C. Gafney, 2021)

For All the Faithful Women

Mary, Mother of Our Lord



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 We hon - or faith-ful Mar - y, fair maid - en, full of grace.
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
She bore the Christ, our broth - er, who came to save our race.
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
May we, with her, sur - ren - der our - selves to your com - mand
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
and lay up - on your al - tar our gifts of heart and hand.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Lord's Prayer

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 today 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.

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Choir Director: Corey Linforth

Soloists: Nicole Hamilton, Dennis Golem

Lector: Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

Choir: Julia Crnko, Nicole Hamilton, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Erika Sattler, Jim Sattler, Tim Schaner, Dylan Siebert, Hannah Swiderski

Celebration Bells: Julia Crnko, Jamie Cross, Mikala Hunt, Gwenanne Jorgenson, Christine Klaver-Schmidt, Linda McLellan, Kim Schaner, Chloe Schmidt, Sam Schmidt, Simon Thompson, Mary-Ellen Winkler

Piano: Christine Klaver-Schmidt

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

Building Monitor: Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

Silent Night

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

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,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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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,
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In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

Worship Notes

In our prayers George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Grace, Maureen and John.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

General Announcements

Boxed Envelopes are ready for pick up outside the church office.

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