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Christmas Eve

Prelude

Greeting

Lighting the Christ Candle

the Jenkins-Dunatov family

Do not be afraid; I am bringing you good news of great joy.

To us is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Let us go now to Bethlehem

*Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful 133
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)

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (refrain)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! (refrain)**

*Prayer of the Day

Living God, on this holy night we gather to stand with shepherds amazed at your glory; to sing with angels rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary cradling your love. May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of this great joy; for to us is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 1:26-33

Music

The Christ Child

Debbie Grubb

Luke 2:1-7

Music

Glory to God!

Chancel Choir

Luke 2:8-14

*Hymn:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

119

**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!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him
come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory
by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us
second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.**

Luke 2:15-20

Hymn:

What Child is This?

145

**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!**

**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!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, 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!**

Message

Music

O Holy Night

Mark Allebach

Prayer for Christmas Lighting our Candles

We light candles as we sing "Silent Night", as we remember how the Light of the World has overcome the darkness.

Hymn: Silent Night 122

**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.**

*John 1:1-5, 14

*Hymn: Joy to the World 134

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and
nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior 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.**

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.

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.

Blessing

Postlude: Joy to the World Woody Johnson