

Worship for Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019
Six O'clock in the Evening

Organ Voluntaries

Sing We Now of Christmas
O Come, All Ye Faithful
Ding Dong, Merrily on High

setting by Anna Laura Page
setting by David Lasky
setting by Roy Bruner

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Phil Majors

Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life.

The Promise is fulfilled!

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

Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

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

Our candles illuminate our story.

Dawn invades midnight.

The Light of the World has come.

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

And this light is a light for all—

igniting a flame within the soul, warming us from within, radiating love,

lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh

within us and among us now and always.

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

+Carol 103

stanzas 1, 2, and 3

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

+Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Jefferson Calico

+Act of Praise

THE FIRST NOWELL

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord

Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,

And with his blood humankind hath bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

- Traditional English carol

Let us say what we believe:

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. Christ is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being; he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Thanks be to God.

- from Hebrews 1

+Carol 102

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

stanzas 1, 2, and 4

The Celebration of Communion

Prayer of 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.

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name:

sung: ***Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

... with thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Amen.

Breaking the Bread; Blessing the Cup

The Communion of the People

please come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, then partake of the bread and wine; please return to your pew by way of a window aisle and be seated.

Prayer after Communion

Alice Tremaine

+Carol

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.
Glory streams 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.*

- Joseph Mohr, 19th century

+Benediction

Jefferson Calico, Phil Majors, Alice Tremaine, & Paul Sims

Organ Postlude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

setting by David Lasky

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+those who are able may stand

Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

Ushers will be at exits to receive an offering that will be used throughout the coming year to help local families with emergency needs. Please give generously.