ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 24, 2025
6:00 pm
Communion Candlelight Lessons & Carols Service

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Prelude

O Come All Ye Faithful by John Francis Wade/ arr. Brian Richey

Call to Worship
Revelation 1:8, 4:11

Leader: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

Let us worship our worthy Lord God tonight!

Carol
Once In David's Royal City

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all
And his shelter was a stable
And his cradle was a stall
With the poor and mean and lowly
Lived on earth our Savior holy

And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone

Not in that poor lowly stable
With the oxen standing by
We shall see him but in heaven
Set at God's right hand on high
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around

Invocation

First Lesson

Genesis 2:8–9, 15–18; 3:1–6, 8–15

Carol
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Second Lesson

Genesis 12:1–3; 22:15–18

Carol
Of The Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega
He the Source the Ending he
Of the things that are that have been
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore

O ye heights of heaven adore him
Angel hosts his praises sing
Pow'rs dominions bow before him
And extol our God and King
Let no tongue on earth be silent
Every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore

Christ to thee with God the Father
And O Holy Ghost to thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be
Honor glory and dominion
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore
Amen

Third Lesson

Isaiah 7:14; 9:2, 6–7; 11:1–5

Carol
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear

Chorus
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

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

Chorus

Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2–5

Carol
O Little Town Of Bethlehem

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

How silently how silently the wondrous gift is given
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven
No ear may hear his coming but in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26–35

Carol
What Child Is This?

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

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:4–7

Offertory Carol
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n 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 as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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 men no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8–16

Carol
Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains

Chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King

Chorus

Eighth Lesson

Hebrews 1:1–4, 8–12

Carol
Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come

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 world 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

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

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

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1–5, 9–14

Sermon

"The Darkness, the Light, and the Son"
Isaiah 9:2–6
Rev. Richard Harris

The Service of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest."

Words of Institution

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

O Come All Ye Faithful

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

Chorus
O come let us adore him O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord

God of God Light of Light
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God begotten not created

Chorus

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God in the highest

Chorus

Yea Lord we greet thee born this happy morning
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father late in flesh appearing

Chorus

Celebration of Light

Silent Night

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

Benediction

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