

# ORDER *of* WORSHIP

December 24, 2022

6:00 pm

Candlelight Communion Lessons & Carols



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**Call to Worship**

Revelation 1:8; 4:11

Minister: "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**

**Joy To The World**

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

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  
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And wonders wonders of his love

**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****Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People**

Comfort comfort ye my people  
 Speak ye peace thus saith our God  
 Comfort those who sit in darkness  
 Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load  
 Speak ye to Jerusalem  
 Of the peace that waits for them  
 Tell her that her sins I cover  
 And her warfare now is over

Make ye straight what long was crooked  
 Make the rougher places plain  
 Let your hearts be true and humble  
 As befits his holy reign  
 For the glory of the Lord  
 Now o'er earth is shed abroad  
 And all flesh shall see the token  
 That the Word is never broken

**Third Lesson**

Isaiah 7:14; 9:2, 6-7; 11:1-10

**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 1:26-38

**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 2:1-7

**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 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 2:8-20

**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*

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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****On Christmas Night All Christians Sing**

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring  
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 News of great joy news of great mirth news of our merciful King's birth

Then why should men on earth be sad since our Redeemer made us glad  
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 When from our sin he set us free all for to gain our liberty

**Ninth Lesson**

John 1:1-18

**Sermon****"The Light of Men"**

*John 1:4-5*

*Rev. Richard Harris*

**Carol****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*

## **The Service of Communion**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: 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**

## **Celebration of Light**

### **Carol**

### **Silent Night, Holy 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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