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Prelude

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come—

This Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Luke 1:46-47

Minister: My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior

Let us rejoice in the Lord, as we magnify and worship him together!

Hymn of Praise

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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Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Chorus

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

Chorus

Invocation

The 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 this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end
Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith 8.2

Minister: What do we believe about the Son of God, Jesus Christ?

All: The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.

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

Call to Confession

Luke 2:10-11

Minister: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth, but we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want, instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever in Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 John 2:1-2

Minister: My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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 that birth forever blessed
When the Virgin full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving
Bore the Savior of our race
And the babe the world's Redeemer
First revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore

This is he whom heav'n taught singers
Sang of old with one accord
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word
Now he shines the long expected
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore

continued

O ye heights of heaven adore him
Angel hosts his praises sing
All 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

Advent Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

(8:30) Reception of New Members and Sacrament of Baptism

(11:00) Sacrament of Baptism

Zachary Luke Richmond

Tithes And Offerings

Musical Offering

Worship Choir

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

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

Prayer Of Dedication

Sermon

"Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh"

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

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

Benediction

Postlude

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