

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Opening Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory LSB 367

THE VERSICLES:

PASTOR: O Lord, open my lips

CONG: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

PASTOR: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

CONG: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

INVITATORY:

PASTOR: To us the Savior is born.

CONG: Oh, come, let us worship Him.

THE VENITE:

PASTOR: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;

CONG: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

PASTOR: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving

CONG: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

PASTOR: For the Lord is a great God;

CONG: And a great King above all gods.

PASTOR: In His hand are the depths of the earth;

CONG: The heights of the mountains are His also.

PASTOR: The sea is His, for He made it;

CONG: And His hands formed the dry land.

PASTOR: Oh, come, let us worship and bow down;

CONG: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

PASTOR: For He is our God;

CONG: And we are the people of His pasture
And the sheep of His hand.

ALL: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

Hymn: From Heaven Above To Earth I Come

1. "From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:
2. "To you this night is born a Child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little Child, of lowly birth,
Shall be the joy of all the earth.
3. "This is the Christ, our God most high,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free."
4. Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart
For you to dwell within my heart.

THE PSALMODY: Psalm 24:7-10

PASTOR: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!

CONG: And the King of glory shall come in.

PASTOR: Who is this King of glory?

CONG: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in

battle.

PASTOR: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And lift them up,
you everlasting doors!

CONG: **And the King of glory shall come in.**

PASTOR: Who is this King of glory?

CONG: **The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Selections from the prophesies of Isaiah.

THE RESPNSORY: **Lo How a Rose Ere Blooming LSB 359**

THE SECOND LESSON: Luke 1:26-33

THE RESPNSORY: **Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel LSB 357**

THE THIRD LESSON: Matthew 1:18-25

THE RESPNSORY: **The Angel Gabriel LSB 356**

THE FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

THE RESPNSORY: **O Little Town of Bethlehem LSB 361**

THE FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-14

THE RESPNSORY: **Hark! The Herald Angles Sing LSB 380**

THE SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:15-20

THE RESPNSORY: **What Child Is This LSB 370**

Sermon – Luke 2:6-7

THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

THE CANTICLE: **As With Gladness Men of Old LSB 397**

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER

PASTOR AND CONGREGATION

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lords Prayer

PASTOR: I cry to You for help, O Lord;

CONG: In the evening my prayer comes before You.

PASTOR: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

CONG: And grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

PASTOR: My mouth is filled with Your praise;

CONG: I declare Your splendor all day long.

PASTOR: Every day I will praise You

CONG: And praise Your name forever and ever.

PASTOR: Grant, O Lord, this day

CONG: To keep us without sin.

PASTOR: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

CONG: Have mercy on us.

PASTOR: O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us,

CONG: As our trust is in You.

PASTOR: Hear my prayer, O Lord,

CONG: And let my cry come to You.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The pastor will light a candle from the advent candles; the ushers will light their candles from the Pastor's candle; the ushers will then light the candle of the worshipper in each pew nearest the center aisle. It is requested that no candles be tipped, to avoid candles dripping on the floor. Dip only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from your neighbor's.

Hymn: Silent Night, Holy Night LBS 363

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONG: And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS

PASTOR: Bless we the Lord.

CONG: Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

CONG: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Joy To The World LSB 387

