

## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful LSB 379**

**THE VERSICLES: (Sung - LSB 219)**

**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.

**CONG:** 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. Praise to You of Christ, Alleluia!

**INVITATORY: (Sung- LSB 220)**

**PASTOR:** Lo, To us the Savior is born.

**CONG:** Oh, come, let us worship Him.

**THE VENITE: (Sung- LSB 220)**

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;

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

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving

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

For the Lord is a great God;

And a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth;

The heights of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it;

And His hands formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God;

And we are the people of His pasture

And the sheep of His hand.  
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.

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**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 RESPONSORY:** Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel LSB 357

**THE SECOND LESSON:** Luke 1:26-33

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

**THE THIRD LESSON:** Matthew 1:18-25

**THE RESPONSORY:** Let The Earth Now Praise LSB 352

**THE FOURTH LESSON:** Luke 2:1-7

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

**THE FIFTH LESSON:** Luke 2:8-14

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

**THE SIXTH LESSON:** Luke 2:15-20

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

**Sermon – Luke 2**

**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**

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**THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS**

PASTOR: Let us bless the Lord.

**CONG: Thanks be to God. (Sung)**

**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. (Sung)**

*Candles may be extinguished*

**Closing Hymn: Joy To The World LSB 387**

