

Christ Lutheran

December 24, 2020



*Christmas Eve
Worship*

Christmas Eve Service

Preservice Music

Welcome

Opening Song

"Arise, Shine" (Praise Team)

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We rejoice in God, our Savior!

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

P: For to us a Child is born,

C: to us a Son is given;

P: and the government shall be upon His shoulder,

C: and His name shall be called

P: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Of the increase of His government and of peace

C: there will be no end.

P: Lord God, having seen the light of the Christ child, we come before You in His name, confessing our sins and rejoicing in Your forgiveness:

C: Lord, we confess that we are weary. We are weary with sin and sickness. We are weary from darkness and death. We are weary with worry and fear. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us rejoice in the light of Christ, the Savior of the nations! Amen.

P: Almighty God....in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



The Lessons for Christmas Eve

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 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. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

The Message Song

"O Holy Night" (Celebration 285)

The Message

"The Weary World Rejoices"

We Go to God in Prayer

P: Lord, we are weary,

C: Help us rejoice!

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (LSB 368)

The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: The gifts of God for you, God's people.

C: Amen.

We Ask God's Blessings on This Holy Meal

P: Lord, as we approach Your table, we rejoice.

C: For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

The Distribution Hymns & Songs

"Joy to the World" (LSB 387)

"How Many Kings" (Praise Team)

"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (Praise Team)

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (LSB 379)

The Post Communion Prayer

P: O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light.

Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Celebration of Light

"Silent Night" (LSB 363 vv. 1-3)

The Sending and Blessing

P: The Lord bless you... and give you peace.

C: Amen. We rejoice in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Closing Song

"Hope Was Born This Night" (Praise Team)

Postlude

The service is over...the worship begins! Romans 12:1



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MESSIAH	ANGEL	HOPE
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RH 2010

The Hymnal Project

"In early 2017, a group of artists, arrangers, and liturgists, led by Peter Prochnow, were commissioned through the Michigan District, LCMS to create several new hymn arrangements, based on the original music, intended to facilitate enhanced worship in a multitude of modern musical contexts.

The spirit of the project is simple: Hymns are arranged with various instrumentations and made available free of charge, in the form of a lead sheet and reference recording, so whether you learn by reading or by hearing, you can easily implement these arrangements and modify for your context without cost.

We are grateful for the generosity of the donors, Carl and Patsy Fabry, in partnership with the Michigan District, LCMS."

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