arr. D. Clydesdale

Nathanael Hein, soloist

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and error pining till He appeared and the soul felt its worth! A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born. O night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Bonds shall we make until we all are brothers, and in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; let all within us praise His holy name. Refrain

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Ding Dong, Merrily on High

C. Alwes

Voices in Accord

Ding dong, merrily on high; in heaven the bells are ringing. Ding dong, verily the sky is riven with angels singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis.

Even so here below, let steeple bells be swungen, and io, by priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray, you dutifully prime, your matin chime, ye ringers, may you beautifully rhyme your evetime song ye singers: Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Shepherds' Dance

R. Elliot Heather Hinton

WELCOME

Darren Cushman Wood

*PASSING THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;

proclaim God's salvation from day to day!

Leader: Declare the Lord's glory among the nations,

God's marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

*PROCESSIONAL 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;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; Refrain Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain

*LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jeff Eggert

Leader: Tonight we gather with joyful hearts to receive God's greatest gift.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight we hear again the good news

that was given for all people.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight we join in steadfast wonder at God's amazing love.

People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Leader: Tonight we welcome the Savior

whose birth has changed our lives.

God

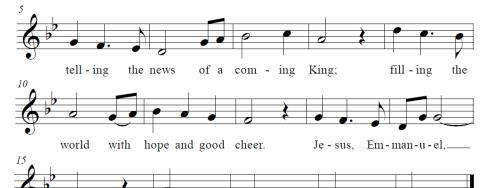
People: Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Congregational Refrain

God is Near

arr. J. Raney





PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ronnie Bell

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

near.

The prophet announces the birth of a ruler to a people in darkness.

*CAROL It Came Upon a Midnight Clear It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the evercircling years shall come the time foretold when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Jill Lyday

The angel announces to Mary that she will give birth to God's promised Son.

ANTHEM Magnificat

from Gloucester Service

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of

their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers. Abraham and his seed, forever.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-14

Amber Denney

H. Howells

The prophet declares the birth of the child as the sign of hope.

*CAROL

People Look East

People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

Jill Lyday

The annunciation to Joseph

The Hands That First Held Mary's Child ANTHEM

born today, but charged with faith may we behold to follow in His way.

D. Forrest The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood. From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood. This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail, but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail. When Joseph marveled at the size of that small breathing frame, and gazed upon those bright new eyes and spoke the infant's name, the angel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heaven's height, and like the host of stars that beamed blessed earth with welcome light. "This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne, but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone." The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard, and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word. The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Ronnie Bell

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

R. Allain

In the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor Earth sustain; heaven and Earth shall flee away

when he comes to reign: in the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there, Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but only his mother in her maiden bliss worshipped the Beloved with a kiss. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wiseman I would do my part; yet what I can I give him; give my heart.

FIFTH LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-5,9

Amber Denney

The prophet prepares the way for God's good news.

ANTHEM

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

arr. H. Helvey Chancel Quartet

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' 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.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the kindom now is here. Oh, the warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away; let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what now 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.

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

The shepherds and angels celebrate the good news of the Christ Child.

MEDITATION

Darren Cushman Wood

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The acolytes will share the light of Christ with you. Please tip individual candles to the lighted candle brought to you, then hold your candle upright as you pass the light to the person next to you.

CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

(Please remain seated for Silent Night. The Choir will sing the first verse. The congregation and choir will sing the remaining verses.)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you 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, wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

*Proclamation of the Light of Christ

Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

People: The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory.

People: From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

*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.

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.

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Postlude

Joy to the World

arr. K. Langlois Heather Hinton

Please extinguish your candle before leaving your seat and place in a basket by the exits.

The offering tonight is dedicated to supporting:

- Farmers Market has served the community for over 15 years; features local produce and vendors
- Bread and Bowl has served the community for over 25 years and feeds people every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
- Bishop's Offering funds ministries that support at-risk children in Indiana and around the world: church camp scholarships, Indiana's three United Methodist-related children and youth homes and advances special projects for children around the world

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Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018 10:30 p.m.

Prelude

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

M. Hayes

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus, bonae voluntatis.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all those of good will.

Glory to God in the highest heaven. Glory to God! Peace on earth, good will to all!

Glory to God! sounds the angels' call. Hearken, all ye people. Good news, great joy!

For unto you is born this day a Savior, the Messiah, who is Christ the Lord!

Night of Glory

P. Keveren

Night of glory, night of grace, earth and heaven in one place. We behold our Maker's face; night of glory, night of grace. Night of glory, so divine, ageless King steps into time to seek and save a heart like mine; night of glory, so divine. Gloria, glory in the highest. Night of glory, He is here, no more longing, dry your tears. Angels tell us have no fear; night of glory, He is here. Gloria, glory in the highest, Jesus, Son of God.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save. Christ was born to save!

Cry No More

D. Forrest

In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home, where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan, all is not in vain, Beloved, our travail is not unknown. *Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last; Love incarnate, hold Your children till the storm of life is past.*

Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near, deep abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear. Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here. *Refrain*

Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend, Gift of glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again! Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end! *Refrain*

Still, Still, Still

arr. N. Luboff

Still, still one can hear the falling snow. For all is hushed, the world is sleeping, Holy Star its vigil keeping. Still, still one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. The night is peaceful all around you, close your eyes, let sleep surround you. Sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Savior's birth. Dream, dream of the joyous day to come. While guardian angels without number watch you as you sweetly slumber. Dream, dream of the joyous day to come.