

CHRISTMAS DAY
9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
December 25th, 2024



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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #379

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit,
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- 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 shined.**
- P** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
C **make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us go to our loving Father,
confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.
- P** Heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.
We have failed to walk always in the paths of righteousness
in our thinking, speaking, and acting; we have not loved You
completely or our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed
to live as sisters and brothers of Your beloved Son,
our Lord Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this day.
In Your great mercy, forgive and renew us that we may be
servants of our eternal King to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you
and for His sake forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority,
I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

HYMN #367

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

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1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 Δ 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of him who brings good news,
 who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness,
 who publishes salvation,

who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
 together they sing for joy;
 for eye to eye they see
 the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

P This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?

Or again,
“I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light,
 that all might believe through him. He was not the light,
 but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone,
 was coming into the world. He was in the world,
 and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.
 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.
 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name,
 he gave the right to become children of God, who were born,
 not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man,
 but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
 and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
 full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

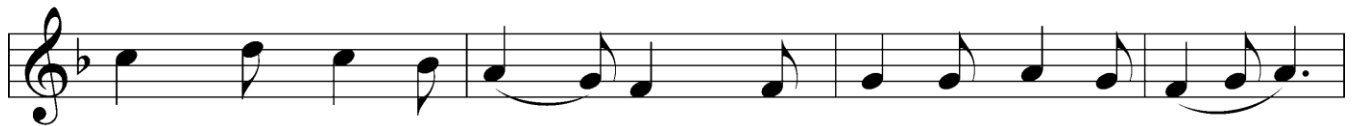
HYMN OF THE DAY #386

Now Sing, We Now Rejoice

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1 Now sing we, now re - joice,	Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me;	I can - not rise to Thee.
3 Now through His Son doth shine	The Fa-ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found?	Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth	Poor in a man-ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it,	O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death was reign - ing o'er us	Through sin and van - i - ty
Where the an - gels sing - ing	With all His saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth	The sun in yon - der skies.
Through Thy grace and mer - it,	Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
Till He o - pened for us	A bright e - ter - ni - ty.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing	In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee!
 May we praise Him there!
 Oh, that we were there!

Thou my Sav - ior art!
 Draw me un - to Thee!
 May we praise Him there!
 Oh, that we were there!

SERMON

THE OFFERING HYMN #359

Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming

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1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der With sweet - ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, Who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As proph - ets long have
 mind; With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er
 air, Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark - ness ev - 'ry -
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who dost our weak - ness



sung, It came, a flow - 'ret bright, A - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
 where. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and
 know: Bring us at length we pray To the bright



cold of win - ter, When half - spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.
 death He saves us And light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 courts of heav - en, And to the end - less day.

A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with You.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN #388

Go Tell It On The Mountain

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Go tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem - bled When lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born;



Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Refrain

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #380

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



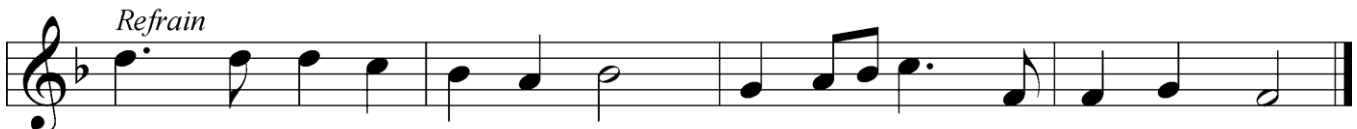
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

POSTLUDE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!