



# CHRISTMAS EVE

## December 24, 2020

### WELCOME

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### HYMN 83, verses 1 and 3

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;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light:  
Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him  
perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in  
glory everlasting. **Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
A son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### HYMN 96, VERSES 1 AND 3

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

#### GOSPEL

based on Luke 2:1-20

*Presented by the children and youth of St. Andrew's*  
*Adapted from StoryMakers NYC*

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

*The Rev. Melesa McEwan Skoglund*

#### SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon 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! Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Prayers of the People by Wendy Claire Barrie, concluding collect by The Rev. Bill Tully*

God of Love, on this holy night, you sent your son to be born among us, making us  
your children and holy, too. With prophets, shepherds and magi, may we seek Jesus  
and find him in everyone we meet.

God of Love,  
*Hear our prayer.*

God of the angels whose song was "Peace on earth, goodwill to all", we pray for the  
leaders of this nation, and this world. May conflicts end, divisions cease, and justice  
prevail.

God of Love,  
*Hear our prayer.*

God of the shepherds who shared good news of great joy, we pray for the Church  
and all who minister in it. May we be messengers of hope, inclusion and love for  
your people everywhere.

God of Love,  
*Hear our prayer.*

God of the manger, you came to us a helpless baby, cradled in straw because there was no  
room at the inn. We pray for those who are homeless or hungry, sick or in need.

God of Love,  
*Hear our prayer.*

God of heaven and earth, we pray for those who have died and those who mourn.

God of Love,  
*Hear our prayer.*

*Celebrant concludes:*

Son of God, child of Mary  
Born in the stable at Bethlehem,  
Be born again in us this day  
That through us the world may know  
The wonder of your love. Amen

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

### Hymn 100, v. 1 and 2

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.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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