



*Gloria in
excelsis deo*

December 24 2024 | 4:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

1833 Regent Street,

Madison, WI 53726

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 – 4:00 p.m. service

Prelude: Nu zijt wellekome (Dutch Carol)

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen ("Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming")

arr. Paul Buis

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

arranged by Eric Haas

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella (French Carol)

arranged by Jonathan DeLoach

Word of God

Hymn | O Come, all ye faithful (Adeste fidelis)

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, all 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.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come,
let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

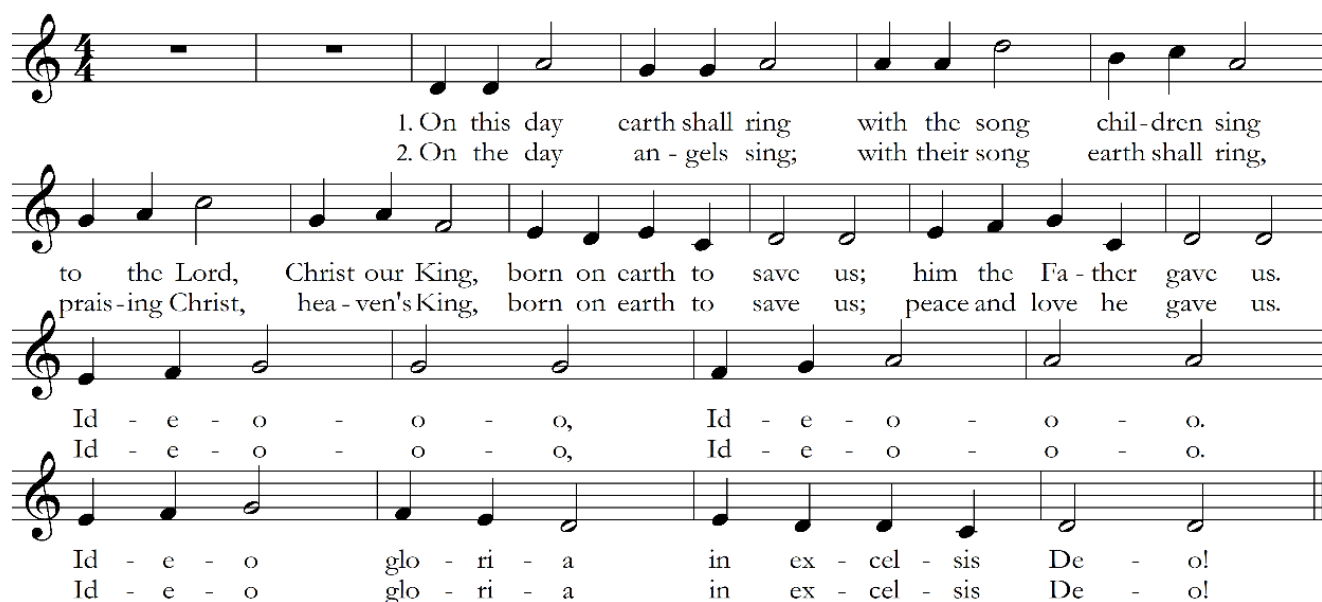
Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

People: And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Musical Response (Personent hodie)



1. On this day earth shall ring with the song chil-dren sing
2. On the day an-gels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Fa-ther gave us.
prais-ing Christ, hea-ven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.
Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o.
Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o.
Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Collect of the Day

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.*

Reading |

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.

Hymn | Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn)

*Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim – Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!*

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

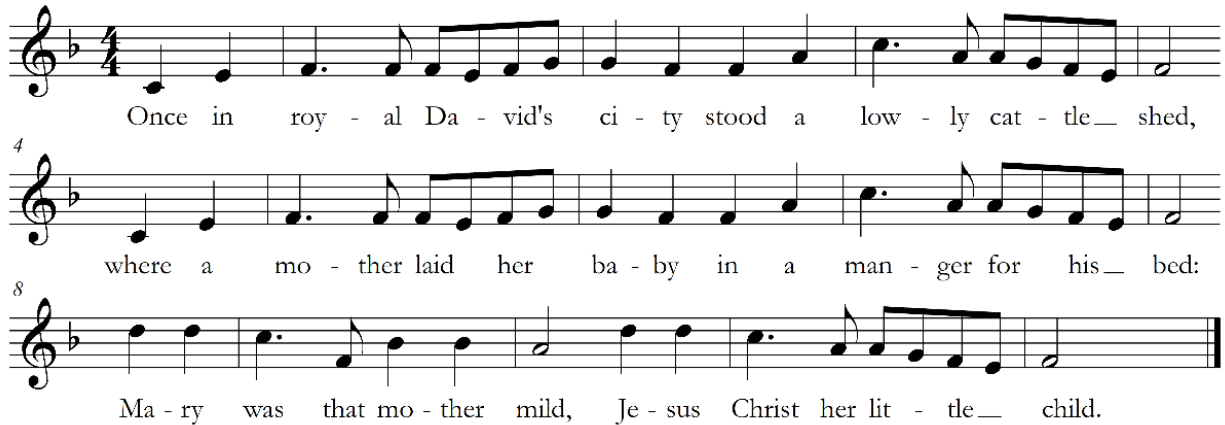
The Christmas Pageant | text from Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 2:1-20

Scene 1: Narrator, Angel Gabriel and Mary

Scene 2: Narrator, Angel of the Lord, Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and Animals

Narrator: In those days a decree. because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Congregation sings:



Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle_ shed,
4 where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his_ bed:
8 Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child.

Angel of the Lord: “Do not be afraid; for see. praising God and saying,

Congregation Response: **“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”**

CAROL: Angels we have heard on high (Gloria) stanza 1, sung by the Congregation

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

Narrator: So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Music: Quem pastores laudavere, arranged by Eric Haas

Narrator: When they saw thisas it had been told them.

CAROL: Angels we have heard on high (Gloria) stanzas 2-4, sung by the Congregation

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?
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.

See him in a manger laid, whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Peace

Celebrant: May the Peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you!

Welcome, Celebrations and Invitations

Holy Communion

The Offering

Voluntary - What Child Is This (Greensleeves)

Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)

Offertory Response - With gratitude and humble trust (Forest Green)

1. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to
2. A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i -
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may
ty. O thou who gav - est us thy self in
live; the Church of Christ is call - ing us to
Je - sus Christ thy Son, help us to give our -
make the dream come true: a world re - deemed by
selves each day un - til life's work is done.
Christ-like love all life in Christ made new.

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B (Expansive Language Version)

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

As our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we now pray.

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Music at the Communion

Voluntary | What Is This Lovely Fragrance (French Carol)

Paul O. Manz

Carol | Silent night, holy night (Stille nacht)

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.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Carol | Joy to the World (Antioch)

**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,**

**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

Deacon: Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us.

So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude | Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

arranged by Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Thank you to the Regent Recorder Ensemble for their gift of playing. Members who played today were Betty Cohen, Gary Rosenshield, Janet Murphy, Gail Jaeger, Karen Ecklund, Anne Sawyer, Larry Bechler, and Ken Stancer

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