

King of Glory Lutheran Church

The Nativity of our Lord

Christmas Eve, 2020 / Online Service



Prelude

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Cynthia Choi, organ

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Words of Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and loving kindness,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.
We have turned away from your invitation to new life.
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,
those we know and those known only to you,
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!
God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work,
but through ✝ Jesus Christ, made known to all people.
With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.
Amen.

1. **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!

2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! ***[Refrain]***
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest: ***[Refrain]***

Dialogue and Greeting

For unto us a child is born, **unto us a Son is given.**

In him is life, **and the light of all people.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



1. **Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing oe'r the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.**

[Refrain]

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. **Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?**

[Refrain]

3. **Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.**

[Refrain]

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: ELW #288 Good Christians Friends, Rejoice, vs 1

1. **Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

What Child Is This?

Pietro Yon

Deacon Linda Bobbitt, cello / Cynthia Choi, piano

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. *(cont'd)*

¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Hymn: ELW #270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, vss 1-2

1. **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"**
2. **Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"**

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

Jan Helgeson, flute / Cynthia Choi, piano

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Hymn of the Day: ELW #279 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. **O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see the lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**
2. **For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!**
3. **How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**
4. **O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles

Mike Krueger, vocalist / Cynthia Choi, piano

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,

you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth.

Bless our gifts and our deeds that we may proclaim your peace,

revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Litany of Light

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace.

You rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor.

You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.

Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all peoples.

Blessed are you, Emmanuel.

You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.

Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary.

You share our humanity.

Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God.

You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

Reveal yourself to us that we may bear your light to all the world.

Lighting of the Candles

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Vocal Solo

Night of Silence

Mike Krueger, vocalist / Cynthia Choi, piano

Daniel Kantor

Hymn of Light: ELW #281 Silent Night, Holy Night!

1. **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. [repeat]**
2. **Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven a far, heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born! [repeat]**
3. **Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth. [repeat]**

Blessing

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,

proclaimed joy through the angels,

sent the shepherds with good news,

and led the magi by a star,

bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Cynthia Choi, organ

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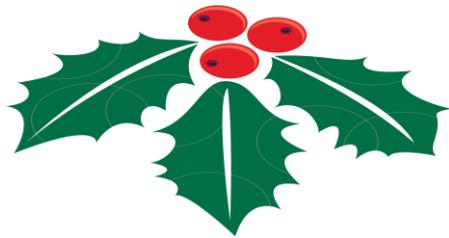
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a very Merry Christmas
and a happy and healthy New Year!***

*Worship on Sunday, December 27, 2020 will be online
featuring contributions from many of the ELCA churches
of the northwest metro area.*

*The service may be viewed at your own time.
Online and on our website*

*KOG Regular Worship Schedule Resumes
Sunday, January 3, 2021 - 9 am Worship
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