

Silent Night! Holy 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!
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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 ...
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
(please stand)

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 Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

Hail the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!



*Benediction & Response:

Minister: Merry Christmas to all,
and to all a good night!

People: **God Bless us, every one!**



*We have seen His
star in the east and are
come to worship Him.*



*A Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Of
Nine Lessons & Carols*

7:00 pm

Year of Our Lord 2015

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:
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.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this
happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be 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.

A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

{Welcome & Announcements}

Prelude: *Wie Schoen Leuchtet der Morgenstern*

J. Pachelbel

Call to Worship



Isaiah 40:9-11

John 1:14

Jim & Pam Sheerin

*Opening Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

(see front cover)

Greensleeves Hannah Reitz, violin; Melinda McMahon, harp arr. for harp S. Milligan

The Nine Lessons and Carols

First Lesson: *The Fall of Man* (Genesis 3:1-12, 17-19)

John & Linda Cavanaugh

First Carol: *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

(see insert)

Second Lesson: *To Us a Child Is Born* (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

David & Andrea Duskocil

Second Carol: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

(see insert)

Third Lesson: *A Promised Ruler From Bethlehem* (Micah 5:2)

Leigh deRochemont

Third Carol: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

(see insert)

Fourth Lesson: *The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary* (Luke 1:26-38)

Diane Maxam

Fourth Carol: *What Child Is This?*

(see insert)

Choir Anthem: *Mary did you Know?* Hannah Reitz, violin

M. Lowry and B. Greene

Fifth Lesson: *The Angel Appears to Joseph* (Matthew 1:18-25)

Delores Brice

Fifth Carol: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

(see insert)

Sixth Lesson: *The Birth of Jesus* (Luke 2:1-7)

Lynn Joslyn

Sixth Carol: *Away in a Manger*

(see insert)

*Those who are comfortably able, please stand. All others, please remain comfortably seated.

Choir Anthem: *Dormi, Jesu!* Hannah Reitz, violin

M. Sirett

Dormi, Jesu! Mater ridet

Sleep, Jesus, while your mother

Quae tam dulcem somnum videt

Smiles to see you quietly sleep

Dormi Jesu, blandule.

Sleep, Jesus, on her knee.

Si non dormis, mater plorat

If you don't sleep, your mother laments

Inter fila cantans orat:

Singing as she spins her wheel:

Blande veni somnule.

Come, sleep peacefully.

Seventh Lesson: *Angels Appear to Shepherds* (Luke 2:8-20)

Isaac Roberts

Seventh Carol: *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

(see insert)

Sweet Little Jesus Boy Melinda McMahon, harp and voice

R. MacGimsey

Eighth Lesson: *The Visit of the Wise Men* (Matthew 2:1-15)

Joyce & Wayne Gould

Eighth Carol: *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

(see insert)

Choir Anthem: *Carol of the Gifts* Hannah Reitz, violin

J. Rutter

Ninth Lesson: *The Word Became Flesh* (John 1:1-5, 9-14)

Paula Rawding

Ninth Carol: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

(see insert)

Offertory: *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* from Christmas Oratorio

C. Saint-Saens

{Tonight's offering is for Cross Roads House, Salvation Army, and Operation Blessing}

The Candlelight Service

Candlelight Hymn: *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

(see back cover)

{Please stand for the final hymn: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"}

*Recessional Hymn: *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

(see back cover)

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Postlude: *Venite Adoremus* Hannah Reitz, violin

Traditional Carol, arr. R. DeBruyn



(Hearing-aid headphones are available at the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.)

The Nine Carols

1st Carol: God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our Heavenly Father a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2nd Carol: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

3rd Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee 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.

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 hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

4th Carol: What Child is This?

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing!
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.

5th Carol: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

6th Carol: 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.

7th Carol: It Came upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the 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 men, from Heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

8th Carol: We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are. Bearing gifts, we traverse a-far~
Field and fountain, moor and mountain ~ following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

9th Carol: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of Nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.