

MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, December 24, 2020

The Welcome

The Opening Hymn

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 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 giv'n!

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!

The Invocation

The Hymn

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

I am so glad each Christmas Eve, the night of Jesus' birth!
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and angels sang on earth.

And so I love each Christmas Eve, and I love Jesus too;
and that he loves me ev'ry day I know so well is true.

The Christmas Story in Word and Carols

The First Reading - Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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.

The First 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.

The Second Reading - Luke 2:8-12

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

The Second Carol - *What Child is This?*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

The Third Reading - Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The Third Carol - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 newborn king!"

The Prayer

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light that the darkness cannot overcome. Grant that in this world we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence, and that we may know the full joy of his glory in the world to come. Through Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel, we pray, Amen.

The Anthem

The First Noel

Dan Forrest

Senior Choir

The Offertory Anthem

O Holy Night

Adophe Adam

Amanda Jenkins, soprano

Justin Staebell, baritone

Richard Owen, organ

The Sermon

The Hopes and Fears of All the Years

Pastor Lose

The Anthem

Peace, Peace

Rick & Sylvia Powell/Fred Bock

Senior & Cathedral Virtual Choirs

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

The Postlude

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

Keith Chapman

Pastors

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor

Kurt P. Kalland, Monica M. Hammersten,


William B. MacLean, Charlie R. Ruud,

Mark J. Dixon, Rebecca C. Freeman

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*Merry
Christmas!*

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