



CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP 7 P M

AT THE RIGHT TIME...
SPECIAL MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:45
WORSHIP BOTH IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA
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Leader's Bulletin

**Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able.*

PRE-SERVICE SPECIAL MUSIC

Suite of Christmas Carols

Jim Moler, piano

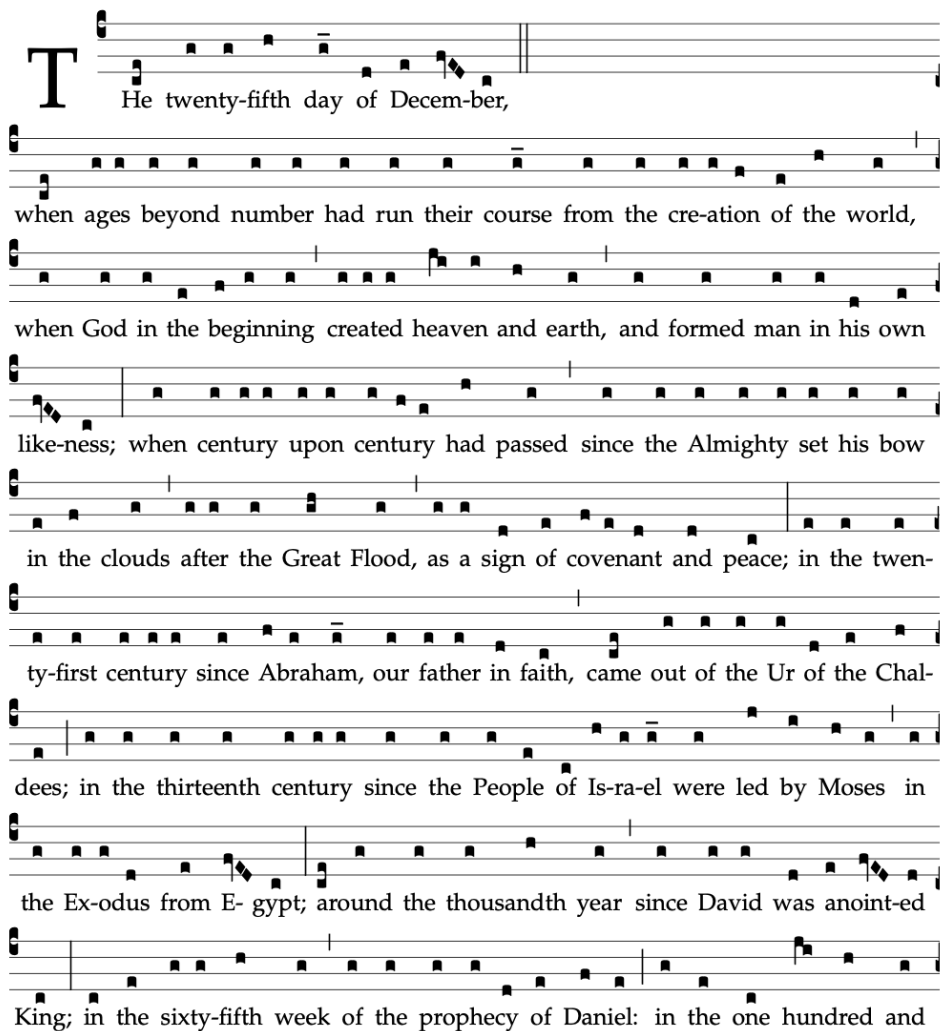
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice-Stephen DeCesare Aaron Moler, alto sax

Still, Still, Still - Cathy Moklebust

Chris Derr, handbells

KALENDIA - The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

The Kalenda has been used by the Church as a way to place the birth event in the context of both secular and religious events. While its use in the Lutheran church is limited, many congregations have brought back the custom of reading the proclamation on Christmas Eve.



T He twenty-fifth day of Decem-ber,
when ages beyond number had run their course from the cre-ation of the world,
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own
like-ness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow
in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twen-
ty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of the Ur of the Chal-
dees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Is-ra-el were led by Moses in
the Ex-odus from E- gypt; around the thousandth year since David was anoint-ed
King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel: in the one hundred and

ninety-fourth Olympiad, in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome, in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

***OPENING HYMN** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ELW 283 (v. 1, 3 & 4)

<p>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: <i>Refrain</i></p>	<p>3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: <i>Refrain</i></p>
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Refrain

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

**4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

***DIALOGUE**

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

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

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

C **And also with you.**

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW 289 (v. 1)

C **Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains, Gloria in excelsis Deo;
and the mountains in reply, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
echoing their joyous strains.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. `

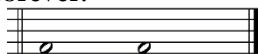
Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence `

and in the last day |

wake to the brightness of his glory;\

through your Son, Jesus Christ ` our Lord, `

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

-J. Krug

Stacey Black, flute; Chris Derr, handbells

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait

for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***GRADUAL HYMN** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* ELW 270 (v. 1)

C 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!"

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:1–20

After the reading of the gospel, the pastor and congregation will say:

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

***GRADUAL HYMN** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

ELW 270 (v. 2)

C Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279 (v. 1&4)

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.

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!

***NICENE CREED**

☩ We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

P Rejoicing with all the faithful, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A Let us pray for the church throughout the world; for those who proclaim the gospel; for teachers of the faith; for poets, artists, and musicians; and for all the baptized. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home; for rivers and woods, mountains and valleys; for marshes and oceans, towns and cities; for shepherds, ranchers, and all who care for animals. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For those who govern and for all in authority; for those who work to bring lasting peace to the land of Jesus' birth; and for all who protect the lives of children. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For innkeepers and travelers; for those whose needs for food or shelter depend upon the generosity of others; for those struggling with addiction; for those who suffer neglect, and for all who are sick especially all who we name aloud or silently. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Free us from our preoccupation with what has been. Relieve our fears of what may come. Assure us that we live in the light of your unfailing compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Pondering the mystery of your love, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the Word made flesh

C **Amen.**

*PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Bleak Midwinter
- Mark Hayes

Chris Derr, Piano

*OFFERTORY CANTICLE: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW 288 (v. 1)

C Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*SURSUM CORDA

The Great Thanksgiving is a four-line musical setting in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each line consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, which are connected by slurs. The first line has a double bar line after the first measure. The second line has a double bar line after the second measure. The third and fourth lines do not have double bar lines.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened
the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vis - ion of your glo - ry,
that be - holding the God made vis - i - ble,
we may be drawn to love the God whom we can - not see.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*SANCTUS



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Glory to you, Lord God, Heavenly King:
In the beginning you created the world
Through him who is the Word-made-flesh.

In remembering your promises to Israel,
That from the root of Jesse
A new shepherd would come,
At the appointed time
The archangel Gabriel visited the Blessed virgin Mary,
And by the Spirit's power your Son was conceived.

Born in humble surroundings,
our Lord Jesus became Emmanuel,
God with us, God born for us,
God in the midst of us.

Thus we praise you for your goodness
and laud your magnificent love,
a love which would lead this child
to become a humble servant [the man-for-others],
the One who takes away all fears, doubts, and helplessness;
the One who, in love, bore the holy cross.

In the night on which he was handed over,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P We join our voice with angels and all the heavenly choir:

C **Glory to God in the highest!**

P Glory to you, Lord God, heavenly King:
In this holy Child all lives are renewed,
And all sins forgiven by His life and holy Passion,
His resurrection and exaltation at your right hand.
By that same Spirit which gave our Lord life as an infant,
Empowered His ministry of words and miracles
And raised Him at his resurrection,
Bless now this Bread of Heaven
And sanctify this Cup of Blessing,
That as we eat and drink of our Lord's Body and blood
We may be filled with your forgiving love,
And the promise of new life through this holy Child.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
All honor and glory are yours
Almighty Father, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C **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.**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL OFFERING *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* -Stephen DeCesare
Aaron Moler, alto sax

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

*CANDLE LIGHTING

*Tonight, we celebrate the light of God coming into the world by joining in a time of prayer and candle light. ***It is very important that you do not tip your candle!****

P The light shines in the darkness,

C **and the darkness does not overcome it**

P The word became flesh and lived among us,

C **and we have beheld Christ's glory.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In the Word was life, and the life was the light to all people.**

P Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C **Through word and sacrament you continue to reveal yourself to us so that, we might bear your light to all the world.**

*HYMN OF LIGHT

Silent Night

ELW 281

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,
heav'nly 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 your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

*PRESENTATION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

During the singing of Silent Night, the Christ Child will be placed in the manger.

*CONCLUDING PRAYERS

P 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.

C Amen

*BENEDICTION

P The Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C Amen.

P The Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

C Amen.

P The Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

C Amen.

P And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

Please extinguish your candle and hold upright until the wax hardens.

***HYMN**

Joy to the World

ELW 267

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her 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.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 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.
- 4 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**

A Go in peace. Christ here!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Joy to the World"

- Arr. William Bates