



# Family Worship on Christmas Eve

AT THE RIGHT TIME  
WORSHIP BOTH IN PERSON AND  
VIRTUALLY VIA FACEBOOK

4pm

**Leader's Bulletin**

\*Denotes Congregation is to stand, if able.

**WELCOME**

**\*CAROL**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Worship Team

**\*GREETING**

**P** Good News! Tonight a child is born.

**G** His name is Jesus.

**P** Good News! Emmanuel has come.

**G** God is with us.

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

**G** And also with you.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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.

**G** Amen.

**FIRST 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 Counsellor, 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 onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Worship Team

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

**\*GOSPEL** Luke 2:1-20

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Worship Team

**\*NICENE CREED**

**G** 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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the joy, healing, and comfort of all God's people.

God we thank you for all the blessings you have given to us. Especially, we thank you, for our family and friends, both near and far. Bless them this day with your love and care.

**C Hear our prayers, Jesus.**

**P** God we pray for all those who are in need. Those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit; those who are without a home or a family; and those who are grieving or experiencing loss. May they experience the light and hope of this holy night.

**C Hear our prayers, Jesus.**

**P** God we thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Help us to share the love and light of Christ with all we meet this Christmas and every day.

**C Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

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

**☞ 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**

**ℙ** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, all that we have comes from you. There is so much for which we are thankful. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, who came to earth so all people could know your love. Bless our families, and loved ones, bless the least ones of the world, and all the creatures of earth, sea and sky; and keep us close to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

**☞ Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### \*DIALOG

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Father in heaven, we gladly give you our thanks and praise.

You have given to us a world filled with many wonders  
and with many different people.

When the world was created, your Son was there.  
You chose Abraham and his children to be your people.

Then, when the time was just right,  
you sent your Son into the world.

He was born like us,  
and you named him Jesus,  
the One who would save your people.

**C** We give you thanks, heavenly Father.

**P** We praise you this night  
because of the great love you have for us.  
We thank you most of all for Jesus,  
who showed your love to those who were poor,  
sick, and helpless;  
He forgave people and taught us to forgive;  
He took children in his arms and blessed them.

In His great love for us,  
He died on the cross  
and was raised up to bring new life to the world.  
Through Him  
you have made us your children.

**C** Lord, thank you for this love.

☐ Father in heaven,  
we ask that you send your holy and life-giving Spirit to us,  
that this bread and wine may be for us  
the joyous food from heaven,  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus:

Who, on the night in 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.

With thankful hearts for the gift of your Son, we say:

☑ **Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us;  
you rose from death;  
and you will come to us in glory.**

☐ Heavenly Father,  
as you now invite us to your Son's Table,  
give us gladness as we eat and drink  
of this holy food your Son now gives to us.

We thank you for this, the best gift of all;  
and we pray that you will continue  
to care for all your children everywhere;  
until that day when Jesus will come again,  
giving new life and filling the world with his love.

☑ **With Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, heavenly Father.**

\*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.**

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *Communion Song (Jonathan Stockstill)*    Worship Team

## CAROL DURING COMMUNION

### *Away in a Manger*

- 1    Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
      the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head;  
      the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
      the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2    The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
      but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
      I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
      and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3    Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
      close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
      Bless all the dear children in thy tender care  
      and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

### *Angels we Have Heard on High*

- 1    Angels we have heard on high,  
      sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
      and the mountains in reply,  
      echoing their joyous strains.  
      Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
      gloria in excelsis Deo.
- 2    Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
      Why your joyous strains prolong?  
      What the gladsome tidings be  
      which inspire your heav'nly song?  
      Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
      gloria in excelsis Deo.

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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

**C** Amen.



**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,  
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.  
As we have shared this feast of love,  
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**

**\*CANDLE LIGHTING**

*Tonight, we celebrate the light of God coming into the world by joining in a time of prayer and candle light.*

**\*CAROL**

*SILENT 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, sleep in heavenly peace.  
2 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!  
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, 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.*

**\*BLESSING**

**P** Christ, who by his incarnation  
has filled us with grace and truth,  
give you peace this Christmas and always.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**\*SENDING CAROL**

*Joy to the World*

Worship Team

**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Love has come.

**C Thanks be to God!**