

## *Christmas Eve*

*December 24, 2020*

*9:00 pm*

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hanover, PA*

*Rev. E. Robert Burkhardt, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus*

*Steven Ruppright, Director of Music Ministries*

*Gretchen Walter, Director of Children's Music*

*Lori Rebling, Bellchoir Director*

*Ministers: The Members of St. Paul's*

*Church Office: 717-637-5941*

*Email: [stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net)*

*Website: [www.stpaulsyorkst.org](http://www.stpaulsyorkst.org)*

\* Proclamation of Christ's birth

- \* *Leader: The true light has come into the world in the Word made flesh. Let us welcome Him this night with joy, and be glad of it.*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Song Sheet 1 & 2

\* Christmas Confession and Forgiveness

*Pastor: Let us bring our sins into the Light of God, that by His grace and mercy we may be healed. God of our Salvation*

*Cong: We have failed to receive the gift of your life-giving spirit. We have neglected our relationships with you and our neighbors. Have mercy on us for the sake of Your Son Jesus. Forgive us by your grace. Renew us in your love. And lead us into your joy, so that we may bear your peace to all the earth.*

*Pastor: Blessed be the God of Heaven and Earth, who in Christ Jesus chooses us to be his. Know that God forgives us all our sins and makes us all children of the Most High. Remember that you are marked and claimed with the seal of the Holy Spirit, that you may live lives worthy of His gift and to the glory of Almighty God.*

*Cong: Amen.*

\* Greeting

*Pastor: To us is born a Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord.*

*Cong: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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

*Cong: And also with you.*

\* *Prayer of the Day*

*Leader: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light come down from heaven. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day awaken to the brightness of His glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Cong. Amen.*

*Canticle of Praise*

*"Angels We Have Heard on High" Song Sheet 2 & 3*

*The Gospel of Christ's Birth in Lessons and Carols*

*Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord our God, with Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and all your creatures gathered in a stable, we gather now with joy to greet our glorious new born King. Bless us with your Holy Presence as we hear again the ancient story of our Savior's birth, and receive our heartfelt offerings of thanks as we lift our voices in praise of You.*

*Cong: Amen*

*Reading Isaiah 9:2-7*  
*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Song Sheet 4*

*Reading Micah 5:2-5a*  
*"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Song Sheet 5*

*Reading Luke 1:26-35, 38*  
*Anthem "Away In A Manger"*  
*Children's Choir*

*Reading Luke 2:1-7*  
*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Song Sheet 6*

Reading Luke 2:8-20  
Anthem "While Shepherds Watched" Harrison  
Sr. Choir

Reading John 1:1-14  
Anthem "Holy Night, Silent Night" Schram  
Sr. Choir

\* *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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

\* *Christmas Prayers (read responsively)*

*Leader: Let us pray, ...*

*Glory to God in the Highest*

*Cong: And peace to God's people on earth.*

*Leader: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and grace.*

*Cong: Send your peace to fill the nations.*

*Leader: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share fully in our humanity.*

*Cong: Have mercy on the sick and the dying, and comfort all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit.*

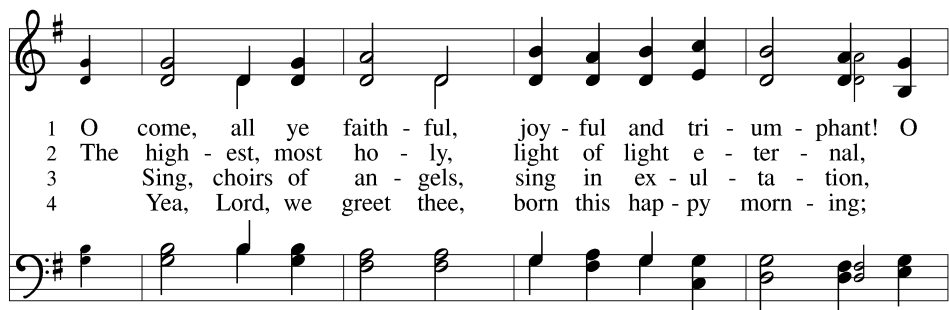
*Leader: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as The Word made flesh.*

*Cong: Reveal yourself to us in Word and Sacrament that we may be strengthened to bear your light to all the world. Amen.*

*Introduction - Bell Choir  
"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

*with Candle Lighting  
Song Sheet 7*


# O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



*Refrain*  
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

## Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav' n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

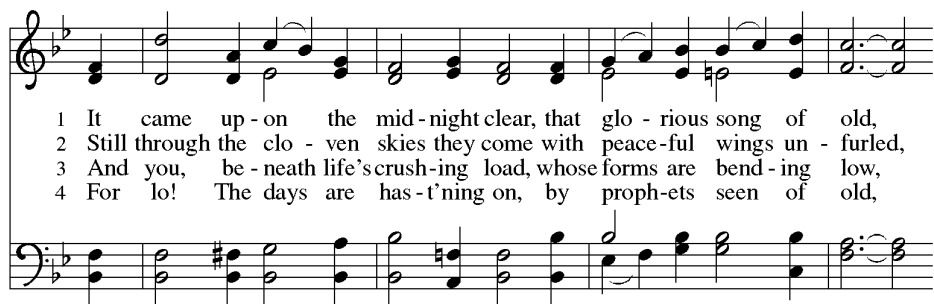
in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958



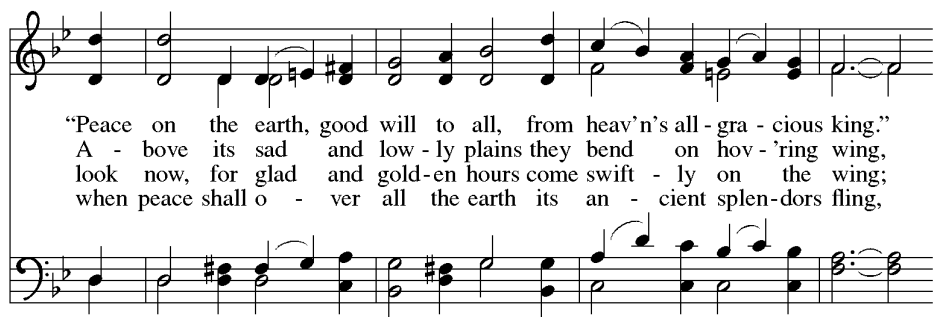
# It Came upon the Midnight Clear



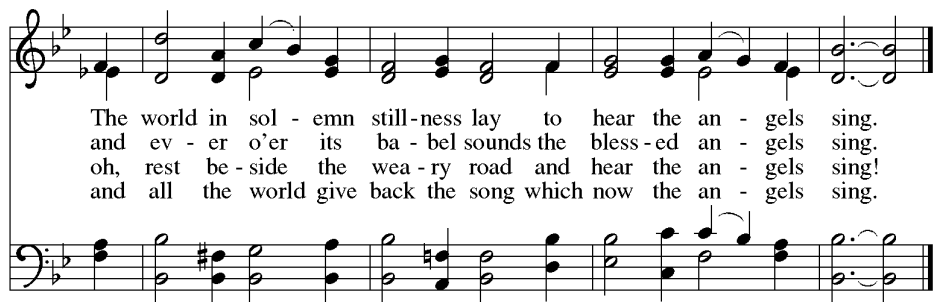
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876  
Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

# O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

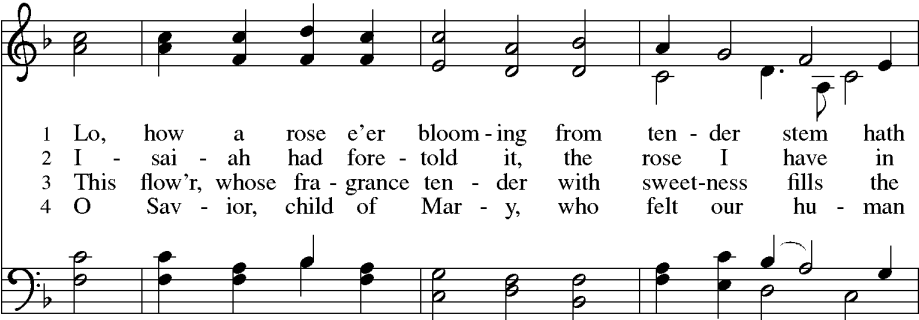
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night,  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893  
Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908


# Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



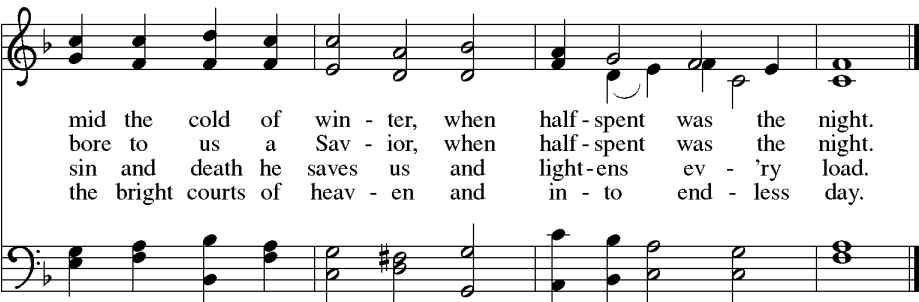
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark - ness ev - 'ry where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth,  
 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4

Musical notation: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

# Silent Night, Holy Night!

## *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885  
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

**2020 Donations to  
Pastor's Discretionary  
Fund are given to the  
Glory of God and**



- in memory of Samuel E. Sipling by Victoria Sipling.*  
*in memory of Ardella and Samuel W. Sipling by Victoria Sipling.*  
*in memory of Saline and Edwin Staub by Victoria Sipling.*  
*in memory of Viola and Orville James by the Gary Smith family.*  
*in memory of Pearl and Robert Bowersox by your children and their families.*  
*in memory of James Bowersox by Alan, Belinda, Richard, Debby and their families.*  
*in honor of Makaelyn and Vance Klunk, Jr. by Judy and Larry Zumburum.*  
*in memory of Kenneth Wolfe by Deb and Karen.*  
*in memory of Earnest and Beatrice Farley by Ernest and Brenda Farley.*  
*in memory of Clark and Mabel Barrick by their daughters.*  
*in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Miller by George and Barb Miller.*  
*in memory of Fred and Sylvia Marsh by the Rebling family.*  
*in memory of Celeste Marsh by the Rebling family.*  
*in memory of the James family by Carl and Sheila Trump.*  
*in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smeak by Cletus and Doris Smeak.*  
*in memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Garman Doris and Cletus Smeak.*



Luke 2:14

*We Wish All Of You A  
Blessed Christmas!*