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## Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve

**PRELUDE** Infant Holy & I Saw Three Ships  
The Mini Mini Bells  
*O Holy Night* -  
Katie Berg, Eric Bergendahl &  
Torrin Hallett

## WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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 Counselor, 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 onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

### GATHERING SONG

ELW 283 - *O Come, All Ye Faithful* v. 1 & 3  
French horn: Torrin Hallett, Katie Berg  
Wolfgang Henschik

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:

#### *Refrain*

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

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

#### *Refrain*

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

## **GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. Amen

### **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

vs. 1 & 2 - Katie, Torrin, Wolfgang

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

#### *Refrain*

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?

#### *Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
gloria in excelsis Deo.

### **First Reading: Titus 2:11-14**

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Summer Markham

### **WELCOMING THE GOSPEL**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Torrin Hallett, Katie Berg, Wolfgang Hemschik

1 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.

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

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. 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." 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!" [When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So, they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]  
The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Joy to the World*  
v. 1 & 3      *Torrin, Katie, Wolfgang*

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.

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.

## **NICENE CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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**PEACE**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown,  
bringing joy and salvation to the earth.  
Nourish us at your banquet table,  
that with all who welcome your birth  
we may proclaim your peace,  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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 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. Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

## **PREFACE**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC** *Away in a Manger*  
Torrin, Katie & Wolfgang

1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright 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 you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

## **TABLE BLESSING**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us from your very self  
with the body and blood of Christ.  
Through this mystery, send us forth  
to proclaim your promise to a world in need,  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## **LIGHTING OF CANDLES and *Silent Night***

vs. 1 in German by Wolfgang Henschik

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

Vs. 2,3 Torrin, Katie & Wolfgang

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.

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**     *Torrin Hallett*

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing* - arr. by Ed Hogan

*Angels from the Realms of Glory* - arr. by Ed Hogan