

# CHRISTMAS EVE

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**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**PRELUDE**

*He Is Born*

Traditional French Carol

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Scott, Liz & Mallory Peacock

**CAROL**

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her king;  
Let every 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.

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.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Steve Jolly

Joy to the world! Our Lord has come! God Has come to us! Not as a burning bush, a pillar of fire, or a hurricane's wind, but as a lowly baby in a cattle stall. And in the presence of the Christ child, the light of God's love will shine within this place. Emmanuel is come! Let Christ's light shine in us. Like the angels, proclaim to all the world the King of Glory is born to us this night! Let us, like the shepherds and sages, come to worship Him.

**WELCOME & INVOCATION** Dr. Jolly

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Dr. Jolly

**FIRST READING** *The Prophet Proclaims Hope* Isaiah 9:2-7

**CAROL** *See, To Us a Child is Born* INNOCENTS

See, to us a Child is born - Glory breaks on Christmas morn!  
Now to us a Son is giv'n - Praise to God in highest heav'n.

On His shoulder rule shall rest – In Him all the earth be blest!  
Wise and wonderful His name – Heaven's Lord in human frame.

**SECOND READING** *Joseph's Dream* Matthew 1:18-24

**CAROL** *Emmanuel* McGEE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

**THIRD READING** *The Magnificat* Luke 1:39-55

**CAROL** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL  
Mrs. Teresa Wheeler, Organist

**FOURTH READING** *The Story of the Birth* Luke 2:1-7

**CAROL** *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

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.

**FIFTH READING** *The Shepherds Celebrate* Luke 2:8-20

**CAROL** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

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!

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!

**SIXTH READING** *The Arrival of the Maji* Matthew 2:1-12

**CAROL***What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

**MEDITATION***A Big God for Little People*

Dr. Jolly

**CAROL**

*O Holy Night/Ave Maria*  
Amy Kemp, Soloist

Arr. By Schmidt &amp; Nelson

**COMMUNION***A Moravian Table Blessing*

Dr. Jolly

Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be  
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.  
Amen

**SEVENTH READING***Jesus, Light of the World*

John 1:1-5;14

**CAROL OF LIGHT***Silent Night, Holy Night*

STILLE NACHT

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, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

**BENEDICTION**

Dr. Steve Sumerel

**POSTLUDE***O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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