





Merry Christmas Eve!

Threshold Prelude

Advent bells

Breath of Heaven - Grant and Eaton

Michele Patee

The music of the Prelude begins the worship experience. The time of sharing and fellowshipping comes to an end, and we enter into a time of quiet, prayerful reflection. We invite you to sit quietly and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the notes of the music at this time.

Welcome

Hymn Hark the Herald Angels Sing

No.240

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

Refrain:

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain] Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Call to Worship

L: We receive the wonder of this holy night.

ALL: to us, watchful and waiting, a gift has been slipped into our midst - a tiny child, born in a manger.

L: A gift of peace to troubled souls and dangerous streets.

ALL: A gift of joy to sad hearts and cautious lives.

L: A gift of hope to wearied brows and oppressed peoples.

ALL: Holy One, open our hearts to receive, our hands to care, and our voices to praise on this most holy and glorious day. AMEN.







Advent Candles

All the Candles & Christ Candle

Luke 2:1-7

The Braun Family Sue Braun

Homiletical Reflection Hymn

Reading One: Jesus 'birth

Room in the Inn of our Hearts

Away in a Manger

Rev.Lisa McColgan

No.217

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.

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.

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.

Christmas Offering

Reading Two: Announcement to Shepherds Luke 2:8-14 Jenn Bissell Homiletical Reflection Suddenly there were Angels Rev.Lisa McColgan Hymn While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (vs 1, 6) No.236

Verse 1

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.
Verse 6

All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace;

Good will henceforth from heaven to men Begin and never cease.

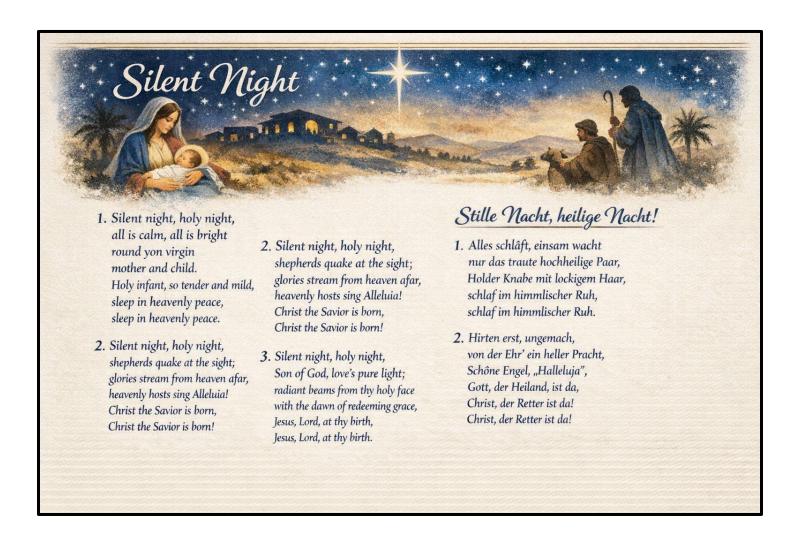






Closing Benediction Closing Hymn to Candlelight

(239 Silent Night - Insert)



Christmas Blessings!

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