

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

### PRE-SERVICE HYMNS:

Go Tell it on the Mountain – LSB 388

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly – LSB 393

It Came upon the Midnight Clear – LSB 366

### CHILDREN’S CHOIR “God Loves Me Dearly”

#### THE PROCESSIONAL

#### “Once in Royal David’s City”

LSB 376



Solo	1	Once in roy	- al Da	- vid’s	cit - y	Stood a
Men	2	He came down	to earth	from heav	- en,	Who is
Women	3	For He is	our child	- hood’s	pat - tern,	Day by
All	4	And our eyes	at last	shall see	Him,	Through His
All	5	Not in that	poor, low	- ly	sta - ble	With the



low - ly	cat - tle	shed,	Where a	moth - er	laid her
God and	Lord of	all,	And His	shel - ter	was a
day like	us He	grew;	He was	lit - tle,	weak, and
own re - deem - ing	love;	For that	child so	dear and	
ox - en stand - ing	by	Shall we	see Him,	but in	



ba - by	In a	man - ger	for His	bed:	Mar - y
sta - ble,	And His	cra - dle	was a	stall;	With the
help - less,	Tears and	smiles	like us	He knew;	And He
gen - tle	Is our	Lord in	heav’n a -	bove;	And He
heav - en,	Set at	God’s	right hand	on high.	Then like



was that	moth - er	mild,	Je - sus	Christ her	lit - tle	child.
poor and	mean and	low - ly	Lived	on earth	our Sav -	ior ho - ly.
feels for	all our	sad - ness,	And He	shares in	all our	glad - ness.
leads His	chil - dren	on	To the	place where	He is	gone.
stars His	chil - dren,	crowned,	All in	white,	His	praise will sound!

## THE INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**C** Amen

## BIDDING PRAYER

**P** Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas Eve our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and with the shepherds adore the child lying in His mother's arms.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the account of the loving purposes of God, our heavenly Father, from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and in company with the whole Church let us make this church dedicated to the Prince of Peace, glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; within the United States, within the state of Minnesota, and within the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

And let us at this time remember in His name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the loving kindness of the Lord.

Let us also remember before our heavenly Father all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which none can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh; and let us pray that we may be counted among that communion of saints, receiving grace to offer unto God reasonable service, living in unity and fellowship with all His people and giving reverence to all that He hath made.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ Himself taught us:

**All: 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.**

## VOCAL SOLO "O Holy Night"

### 1<sup>st</sup> READING: Genesis 3:8-19

**[A]** And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." (ESV)

### CAROL

### "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LSB 361



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.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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**2<sup>nd</sup> READING: Genesis 22:15-18**

**A** And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." (ESV)

**CAROL**

**“Away in a Manger”**

LSB 365



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
 But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
 Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
 I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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**3<sup>rd</sup> READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

**A** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. (ESV)

**CAROL**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

LSB 368



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 - - - - -



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#### 4<sup>th</sup> READING: Micah 5:2-5

**A** But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men. (ESV)

#### CHOIR “Angel Carol”

Hear the bells of Christmas ringing, allelu, alleluia.  
Swift the wings of angels singing alleluia.  
Angels singing, noels ringing, gladsome tidings bringing.  
Christ is Lord of all.

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall.  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing.  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the Babe is born for you.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> READING: Luke 1:26-38

**A** In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.


#### CHOIR & CONGREGATION “The Quempas Carol”

*Cong.* 1. He whom shepherds once came praising,  
Awed by heav'nly light ablazing,

Cheered by angel news amazing:  
"King of glory, Christ is born!"

**Choir** The glorious angels came today,  
Aglow with light into the night of darkness deep,  
To shepherds who by moon's bright ray  
Did in the field o'er sheep their silent vigil keep.  
"Joy, great joy and tidings glad we bring from heav'n resounding,  
For you, for you and all the world abounding."

*All*



God's own Son is born a child, is born a child;  
God the Fa-ther is rec - on-ciled, is rec - on-ciled!

**Cong.** 2. He whom sages, westward faring,  
Myrrh and gold and incense bearing,  
Humbly worshiped, off'rings sharing,  
Judah's lion reigns this morn!

**Choir** "God's majesty has come to earth  
And sent His only Son to you in humankind;  
A chosen virgin gave Him birth.  
In David's town the holy infant you will find,  
Lying helpless in a manger, poor and bare and lowly,  
To set you free from all your sorrow wholly."

*All* God's own Son is born a child, is born a child;  
God the Father is reconciled, is reconciled!

**Cong.** 3. Sing with Mary, virgin mother;  
Praise her Son, our newborn brother;  
Angel ranks, lead one another,  
Hailing Him in holy joy!

**Choir** Then sang the angels this refrain:  
"To God on high alone give praise and glory,  
And peace on earth again shall reign.

Let all on earth with gladness heed this story  
And rejoice in His goodwill." The Savior came in meekness  
For you, for you, to bear your flesh in weakness.

*All* God's own Son is born a child, is born a child;  
God the Father is reconciled, is reconciled!

*Cong.* 4. To our king, God ever reigning,  
Yet of Mary manhood gaining,  
Heav'nly gifts for us obtaining,  
Raise your hymns of homage high!

*Choir* The wond'ring shepherds said: "Behold!  
Let us now go with all good speed to Bethlehem  
To see this thing the Lord has told;  
The sheep are safe; He will indeed take care of them."  
There they found the wonder child, in lowly swaddling clothes lying,  
Yet all the world with His free grace supplying.

*All* God's own Son is born a child, is born a child;  
God the Father is reconciled, is reconciled!

**6<sup>th</sup> READING: Luke 2:1-7**

**A** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (ESV)

**CAROL "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374**



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;





There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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## 7<sup>th</sup> READING: Luke 2:8-20

**A** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. (ESV)

## CHOIR "Good Christians Friends, Rejoice"

Rejoice! With voice! News! News!

Jesus Christ is born today! And He is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.  
 Now ye hear of endless bliss. News! News!  
 Jesus Christ was born for this!  
 He has opened heaven's door and ye are blest forevermore.  
 Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice.  
 Now ye need not fear the grave. News! News!  
 Jesus Christ was born to save!  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.  
 Christ was born to save!  
 Rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Rejoice!

**SERMON**

**OFFERING** Please place your offering in the plates in the center aisle as you leave.

**HYMN**

**“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”**

LSB 378



1 Break forth, O beau - teous heav'n - ly light, And  
 2 O dear - est Child, whom I a - dore, Whose  
 3 All bless - ing, thanks, and praise to Thee, Lord



ush - er in the morn - ing. Ye shep - herds, shrink not  
 grace sur - pass - es mea - sure, My Broth - er, whom I  
 Je - sus Christ, be giv - en: Thou hast my Broth - er



with af - fright, The day of grace is dawn - ing. This  
 cher - ish more Than earth with all its trea - sure: Haste  
 deigned to be, Thou Lord of earth and heav - en. Help



Child, though weak in in - fan - cy, Our con - fi -  
 from Thy man - ger to de - part, O come and  
 me through - out this day of grace To praise Thy



dence and joy shall be, The pow'r of Sa - tan  
dwell with - in my heart; With joy will I re -  
love and seek Thy face; And when I stand be -



break - ing, Our peace with God now mak - ing.  
ceive Thee, A cra - dle there will give Thee.  
fore Thee For - ev - er to a - dore Thee.

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## PRAYER & BLESSING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your Spirit.

**P** Let us pray. Oh God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we have joyfully welcomed Him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him, when He comes to be our judge; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**C** Amen

**P** May He who by His Incarnation gathered into one, things earthy and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**C** Amen



Choir 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 Choir 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 All 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/HC**

Tonight at 9:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day Worship w/HC**

Sunday, December 25 at 9:30 a.m.

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