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Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2021 | 3:00 pm

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Infant Holy in a Manger

Resound! Handbell Choir

Joy to the World

arr. by Dann Forrest, Jr.

Carla Waterman & Colette Svanoë - Piano Duet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve [ELW 271, vs. 1 & 4]



- Jeg er så glad hver ju - le - kveld, ti da blev Je - sus født;*
1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!
2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
3 He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, the Son of God to - day;
4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;
5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;



da lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang så sødt.
Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.
he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, thank you for sending us Jesus as a baby in the manger so that we can see you. Send your Holy Spirit to help us live as your children in the name of Jesus, your Son, who is born today.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S TIME

READING – Jesus Is Born!

[Spark Story Bible, pgs. 212 – 213]

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

[ELW 279, vs. 1]



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
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!

READING – Jesus Is Born!

[Spark Story Bible, pgs. 214 – 215]

HYMN

Go Tell It On the Mountain

[ELW 279, vs.1 & 2]

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

READING – Jesus Is Born!

[Spark Story Bible, pgs. 216 – 217]

HYMN

Away in a Manger

[ELW 277, vs. 1 & 3]



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



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

HYMN

We, Three Kings

[WOV 646, vs. 1]



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Still, Still, Still

by Eric Timerding

Resound! Handbell Choir

PRAYER

The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

HYMN

He Came Down

[ELW 253, vs. 1-4]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Carla Waterman

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