

**Christmas Eve Family Service  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4:00 pm**

**Prelude**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Entrance Litany**

P: We join in this holy night proclaiming

**C: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace.**

P: We sing praises to God and glorify God's name as the angels  
did on the night of Jesus's birth. We rejoice in the fact that  
the promise of long ago has now been fulfilled.

**C: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace.**

P: We sing praises and declare His glory among the nations.

**C: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

**Opening Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

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;

**Chorus:**

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

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!...**chorus**  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God... in...the...highest;...**chorus**

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus to thee be... glor - ry giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;...**chorus**

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Hymn: "Joy to the World"**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let ev-ry heart, pre-pare him room, and heav'n and nature sing  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

He rules the world, with truth and grace and makes the nations  
prove, the glor-ries of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

(The children come to the front)

**The Christmas Story**

While they were there the time came for Mary to deliver her child.

**Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7**

**Hymn: “What Child is This?”**

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. This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and  
angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding. Good  
Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear  
shall pierce him through, the cross be born for me, for you. Hail, hail the  
Word made flesh, 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.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy,  
for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,  
praising God....

**Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14**

**Hymn: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born king;”  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem”.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new--born King.”  
Christ, by highest heav’n adored!, Christ, the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come, off-spring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born king!”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings,  
mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die.  
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing. “Glory to the new-born King!”

The Shepherds hasten to find the baby the angels had told them about.

**Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 15-20**

**Hymn: “Away in a Manger”**

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, t  
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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love the Lord Jesus look down from the sky,  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

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.

**Sermon / Children’s Message**

**Special Music: Angels Hov’ring Round**

**Passing of the Peace**

## **Offertory Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

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!

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth

How silently how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

## **Prayers of the Church**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Hymn: Silent Night**

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! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born! Christ, the Saviour is born!

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.

### **Special Music: Hello, Little King**

### **Blessing**

### **Closing Hymn: "Go Tell It on the Mountain**

#### **Chorus**

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. ...**chorus**

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Saviours birth....**chorus**

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn....**chorus**