

CHRISTMAS EVE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - LBW #45 vs 1-3

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

C: We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all.

HYMN - LBW #69 vs 1, 2, 6

“I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve”

THE PROPHETS HAD FORETOLD IT:

Luke 1:68-75, 78-79

HYMN - LBW #34

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

TO BETHLEHEM:

Luke 2:1-5

HYMN - LBW #41 vs 1-2

“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!

THE BIRTH:

Luke 2:6-7

HYMN - LBW #67 vs 1-2

“Away in a Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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 poor baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love
you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

THE ANGELS:

Luke 2:8-14

HYMN - LBW #60 vs 1, 3

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn 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 newborn 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 newborn king!”

THE SHEPHERDS SEE:

Luke 2:15-16

HYMN - LBW #71 vs 1, 3

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria - in excelsis Deo; Gloria - in excelsis Deo
Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn king. (*refrain*)

THE SHEPHERDS TELL:

Luke 2:17-20

HYMN - LBW #70 vs 1, 3

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev’rywhere;
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 shone a holy light. (*refrain*)

Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. (*refrain*)

THE WORD AMONG US TODAY:

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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Pastor

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - LBW #56 vs 1-4

“The First Noel”

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep, On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel (*continued on back*)

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night. (*refrain*)

And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went. (*refrain*)

This star drew near to the northwest, O’er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay Right over the place where Jesus lay. (*refrain*)

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS (*unison*)

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that
in this world we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and that we may know the full joy
of his glory in the world to come. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray,
Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN - LBW #65 vs 1-3

“Silent Night, Holy 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 Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN - LBW #39 vs 1, 2, 4

“Joy To The World”

POSTLUDE