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## THE PRELUDE

**Organist:** Raquel White

## PRAISE SONG

*Hope was Born This Night*

Tonight I can see a star shine,  
And its splendor fills up the sky  
It's the same that appeared and the wise  
men revered,  
when Hope was born this night.

Out upon the snowy fields  
There's a silent peace that heals,  
And it echoes the grace of our Savior's  
embrace  
Because Hope was born this night.

Glory to God in the highest,  
Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.  
Let all of the world sing the chorus of joy,  
Because Hope was born this night.

I can hear the Christmas bells ring,  
As softly a church choir sings.  
It's the song used to praise the Ancient of  
days,  
When Hope was born this night.

There are angles in this place,  
And my heart resounded the praise.

Like a shepherd so scared, I'll rejoice and  
declare

That Hope was born this night.

Glory to God in the highest  
Peace on Earth, goodwill toward men  
Let all of the world sing the chorus of joy  
Because hope was born this night

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!

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Glory to God in the highest  
Peace on earth, goodwill toward men.  
Let all of the world sing the chorus of joy,  
Because Hope was born this night.

Glory to God in the highest  
Peace on earth, goodwill toward men,  
Let all of the world sing the chorus of joy,  
Because Hope was born this night.

I know Hope was born this night,  
Because Christ was born this night.

## \*THE INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM: *Psalm 111***

- P** <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- C** <sup>2</sup>**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** <sup>3</sup>Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- P** <sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.
- C** <sup>6</sup>**He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- P** <sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;
- C** <sup>8</sup>**they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- P** <sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!
- C** <sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 61:10—62:3*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**EPISTLE READING:** *Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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



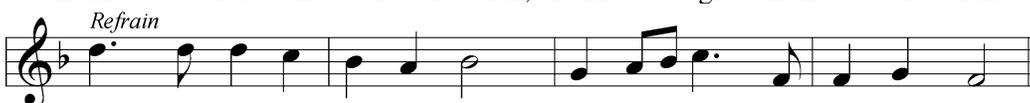
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be-hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir-gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



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.



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

**\*HOLY GOSPEL:** *Luke 2:22-40*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, <sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation <sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup>And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, <sup>37</sup>and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**\*NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I**

acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**SERMON HYMN**

*What A Glorious Night*

The shepherds came to see the baby  
Stood by his mother's side  
Here lay the Savior inside a manger  
Oh, what a glorious night!  
Oh, what a glorious night!

Glorious! Glorious!  
What a Glorious night  
Glorious! Glorious!  
What a Glorious night.

*I hear the angels singing Alleluia!*  
*Let the earth receive her King*  
*I know that love has come*  
*Sing it out*  
*Jesus Christ is born!*  
*Jesus Christ is born!*  
*Yeah, yeah, yeah.*

I hear the angels singing Alleluia!  
Let the earth receive her King  
I know that love has come  
Sing it out;  
Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds wonder;  
They couldn't hide it,  
Told everyone in sight  
All were amazed when they heard how  
God came down on the glorious night,  
God came down on this glorious night.

I hear the angels singing Alleluia!  
Let the earth receive her King  
I know that love has come  
Sing it out;  
Jesus Christ is born!  
I heard that Jesus Christ is born!

*I hear the angels singing Alleluia!*  
*Let the earth receive her King*  
*I know that love has come*  
*Sing it out*  
*Jesus Christ is born!*  
*Jesus Christ is born!*  
*Yeah, yeah, yeah*

All is calm now all is quiet  
A Star shining in the sky  
Below in Bethlehem  
The king is sleeping  
Oh, What a Glorious Night!  
Oh, What a Glorious Night!

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*LORDS PRAYER** [Tune: Midnight Clear]

**Our Father, Lord in heav'n's high throne,  
Most holy be Your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done  
One earth in heav'n the same.  
Give us this day the food we need;  
Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do no lead;  
From evil set us free  
Yours is the kingdom; unto You  
In grateful love we bow;  
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view  
Your mighty presence now  
The glory Yours, Your praise be sung  
Through-out the world again  
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue  
For-ever-more, Amen!**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION** [Tune: I Heard the Bells]

**C** The night Lord Jesus was betrayed  
He took the bread, and when He'd prayed,  
He broke and gave them of the bread  
And unto His disciples said:

**P** "Take and eat; this is My body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

**C** Then, when the sacred meal was o'er,  
Our blessed Savior spoke once more:  
He offered thanks, and lifted up,  
To give to all, the blessed cup:

**P** "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament of My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

*Come On Ring Those Bells  
Come on, ring those bells,  
Light the Christmas tree,  
Jesus is the king  
Born for you and me.  
Come on, ring those bells,  
Every-body say,  
Jesus, we remember  
This, Your birthday.*

**Celebrations come because of something good.  
Celebrations we love to recall  
Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem  
The greatest celebration of them all. *Chorus***

**Who is He that will be Ruler over us,  
King of kings born in a manger stall.  
Love came down at Christmas time in Bethlehem,  
The greatest celebration of them all. *Chorus***

