

Christmas Eve

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Prelude



Invocation

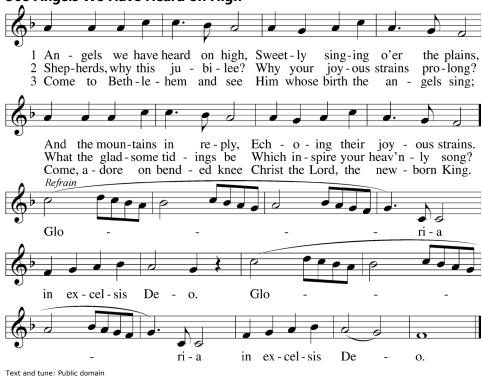
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** The Word became flesh, and we have seen His glory.
- **C** Oh, come let us worship Him.
- P The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
- C Oh, come let us worship Him.
- **P** To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.

- **C** Oh, come let us worship Him.
- P In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.
- **C** Oh, come let us worship Him.

368 Angels We Have Heard on High



Introit for Christmas Eve

- **P** I will tell of the decree:
- The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."
- P The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
- C the world and those who dwell therein.
- **P** Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
- **C** And who shall stand in his holy place?
- P He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
- who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- P He will receive blessing from the LORD
- and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- **P** I will tell of the decree:
- The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

Collect for Christmas Eve

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray together:
- O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷Of 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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "For Unto Us a Child is Born"

Choir

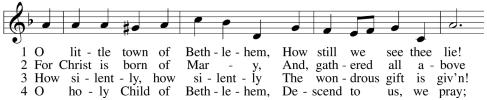
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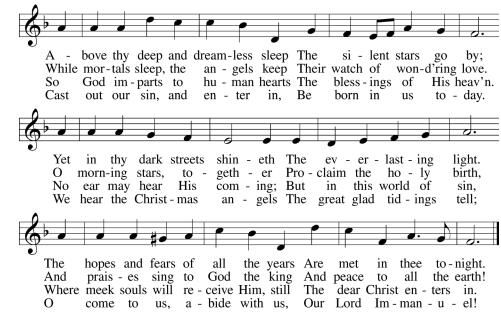
Epistle Titus 2:11–14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel Luke 2:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And 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, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And 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.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

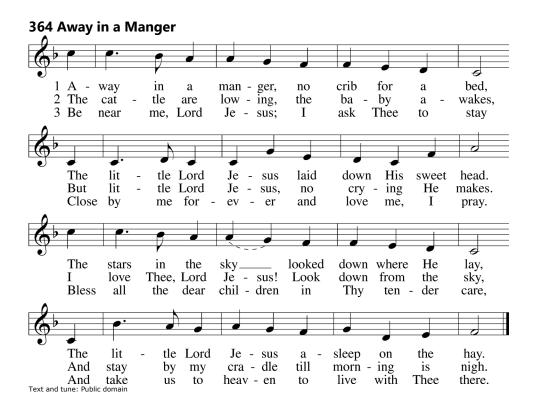
¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.

¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Sermon

Sermon Theme: The Coming of the Anointed One

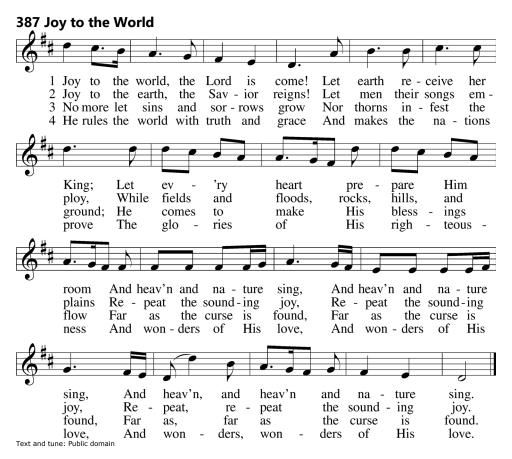
Text: Luke 2:1-14

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

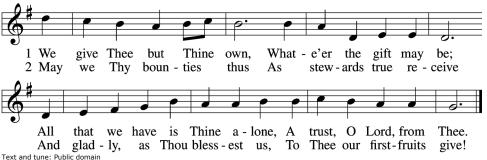
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.



Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord





Prayer of the Church

Petitions included here. Ending with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

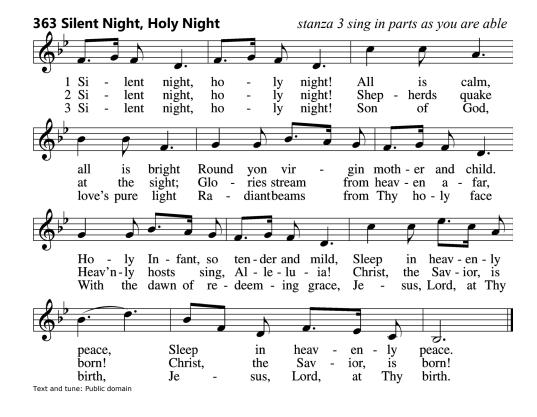
- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.



Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace. Share the Good News.
- C Amen. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Candle Lighting 101



Here's the procedure: The candles will come to you with the cup down. Once your candle has been lit, slide the cup up to fully enclose the flame. Note: Try not to slide the cup down—sliding the cup down on the candle produces—guess what! Wax crumbs (what we were trying to avoid).

DO NOT TIP A LIT CANDLE! THE UNLIT CANDLE SHOULD BE TIPPED AND THEN HELD STRAIGHT WHILE THE NEXT UNLIT CANDLE IS TIPPED FOR A LIGHT. LIT CANDLES SHOULD ALWAYS BE HELD UPRIGHT.

After the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night" please blow out your candle and let the wax dry. Please place your candle into the box in the narthex.

Join us for our upcoming services:

Christmas Day

December 25, 2023 10:00a Communion Service

1st Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023 10:00a Worship Service

The Epiphany of Our Lord The Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024 8:00a Communion Service 9:15a Education Hour 10:30a Communion Service 11:30a Undecorate the Church