

# Service of Lesson and Carols

December 26, 2021



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TOLLING THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

*Lani Smith*

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GATHERING SONG

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*ELW 283*

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| 1 | O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!<br>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come<br>and behold him, born the king of angels:                 | <i>Refrain</i><br>O come, let us adore him,<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>Christ the Lord!              |
| 2 | The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,<br>born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;<br>Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!<br><i>Refrain</i> | 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,<br>sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!<br>Glory to God in the highest: <i>Refrain</i> |
| 4 | Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy<br>morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!<br>Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:<br><i>Refrain</i>  |  |

(Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786, tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; Music: attr. John Francis Wade)

DIALOGUE

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

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

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

**We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Isaiah 9:2-7** *God promises a king*

**Response: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**ELW 272**

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| 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem<br>hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming<br>as seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so<br>bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent<br>was the night.      | 2 Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind;<br>with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother<br>kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us<br>a Savior, when half-spent was the night.        |
| 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with<br>sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious<br>splendor the darkness everywhere. True man,<br>yet very God, from sin and death he saves us<br>and lightens ev'ry load. | 4 O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human<br>woe; O Savior, king of glory, who dost our<br>weakness know: bring us at length, we pray,<br>to the bright courts of heaven and into endless<br>day. |

*(Text: German carol, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriett B. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4; Music: Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesange, Koln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621)*

**Micah 5:2-5a** *The king will come from Bethlehem*

**Response: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**ELW 279**

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| 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee<br>lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the<br>silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth<br>the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all<br>the years are met in thee tonight.           | 2 For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all<br>above while mortals sleep, the angels keep<br>their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars,<br>together proclaim the holy birth, and praises<br>sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth! |
| 3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is<br>giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the<br>blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his<br>coming; but, in this world of sin, where meek<br>souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters<br>in. | 4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we<br>pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in<br>us today. We hear the Christmas angels the<br>great glad tidings tell; oh, come to us, abide<br>with us, our Lord Immanuel!                      |

*(Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893; Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908)*

**Luke 1:26-35, 38** *The annunciation to Mary*

**Response: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

**ELW 265**

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| 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,<br>with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:<br>"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,<br>most highly favored lady." Gloria! | 2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,<br>all generations laud and honor thee;<br>thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,<br>most highly favored lady." Gloria! |
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3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy  
name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world will  
ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

(Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924; Music: Basque carol, arr. C. Edgar Pettman, 1865-1943, and John Wickham; arr. © 1955, 1983 E. H. Freeman, Ltd, admin. Glenwood Music Corp.)

**Luke 2:1-7** *The birth of Jesus*

**Response: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**ELW 276**

1 Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle  
stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child  
is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!

2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil  
till the morning new saw the glory, heard the  
story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing,  
free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the  
morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!

(Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.; Music: Polish carol)

**Luke 2:8-16** *The shepherds go to see the Savior*

**Response: On Christmas Night**

**ELW 274**

1 On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear  
the news the angels bring. On Christmas night  
all Christians sing to hear the news the angels  
bring: news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
news of our merciful king's birth.

2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our  
redeemer made us glad? Then why should we  
on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us  
glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to  
gain our liberty?

3 When sin departs before his face, then life and  
health come in its place. When sin departs  
before his face, then life and health come in its  
place. Angels rejoice with us and sing, all for to  
see the newborn king.

4 All out of darkness we have light, which made  
the angels sing this night. All out of darkness  
we have light, which made the angels sing this  
night: "Glory to God in highest heav'n;  
peace on earth, and goodwill. Amen."

(Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.; Music: English traditional)

**Luke 2:21-36** *Jesus receives his name*

**Response: That Boy-Child of Mary**

**ELW 293**

*Refrain*

That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable,  
a manger his cradle in Bethlehem.

1 What shall we call him, child of the manger?  
What name is given in Bethlehem? *Refrain*

2 His name is Jesus, God ever with us,  
God given for us in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

3 How can he save us, how can he help us,  
born here among us in Bethlehem? *Refrain*

4 Gift of the Father, to human mother,  
makes him our brother in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

4 Gift of the Father, to human mother,  
makes him our brother in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

6 Gladly we praise him, love and adore him,  
give ourselves to him in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

*(Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000; Music: Malawi traditional; adapt. Tom Colvin; Text and music © 1969 Hope publishing Company)*

**Matthew 2:1-11** *The magi follow the star*

**Response: What Child is This**

**ELW 296**

1 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!

2 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 borne for  
me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 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!

*(Text: Williams C. Dix, 1837-1898; Music: English ballad, 16<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

**John 1:1-14** *The mystery of the incarnation*

**Response: He Came Down**

**ELW 253**

1 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.

2 He came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light;  
hallelujah forevermore.

3 He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.

4 He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.

*(Text: Cameroon traditional; Music: Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell; arr. © 1986 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*Mary's Cradle Song*

*Max Reger*

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*(Offering is collected and brought forth)*

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.  
**Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.**

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.  
**Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.**

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.  
**Reveal yourself to us in Word and Sacraments that we may bear your light to all the world.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*ELW 290*

### *Refrain*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and  
ev'rywhere; go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

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

2 The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo,  
above the earth rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

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

*(Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.; Music: African American spiritual)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Joy to the World"*

*arr. Matthew McConnell*

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## Announcements



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given by Ed and Nancy Ford in honor of their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

We are taking flower dedications for 2022. The dates available are: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Rachel Hills at [rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto:rm_hills@yahoo.com) if you would like to sponsor the flowers.



Please have all final donations for 2021 to church no later than Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. All final counting will be done on Monday morning, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Your year-end statement will be mailed in mid-January. Our Simply Giving program is available for online giving. If you are interested, contact Debbie Haacke at [haackefamily@comcast.net](mailto:haackefamily@comcast.net).

The 2022 Offering Envelopes are here! Please pick up your envelopes from the counter outside of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings or come to the office weekdays to pick them up.



The Busy Bees invite you to participate in their Jelly and Jam Sale. Order forms are on the third floor counter, in the weekly emails, and on the website. You may also contact the church office to place your order.

Social Ministry is participating in the “Food For Thought Program”. With your help, we are providing weekend take home food bags for children in need. **Our greatest need at this time is Chef-Boyardee single serving meals, chicken & tuna salad kits and white and chocolate shelf stable milk.**



Are you doing any online shopping? Is so, support St. John’s when you shop. Go to: [smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034) and Amazon donates to Saint John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc

Don’t forget to support Victor’s Vittles, the food pantry at Christus Victor Lutheran Church. You can drop off your donations to St. John’s. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, can potatoes, hamburger and tuna helper and taco kits.



This week's schedule	
Today	10 am Live & Online Worship
Mon.	
Tues.	
Wed.	
Thurs.	
Fri.	New Year’s Eve
Sat.	New Year’s Day

Those Serving Today	10 am
Crucifer	Emily Rash

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## Prayer List



Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Georgeanne Schleigh, Kathy Barnes, Richard Hoerner, Julie Hastings, Bett Murphy, Laurie Krieger, Mike McDonough, Dave Kocan, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Patty Schwab and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Roy Rapp, Grace Sexton, Joan Dunaway, Debbie Hudson, Larry Bortz, Richard Koch, John Bielat, Linda Fliegel, Mary January, Roy Kline, Michael Albrecht, Rose Alexander, Cynthia Schepler, Rita Brady, Anna Meyers, Norma Weber, Lou Ermer, Helen Marcomin, Rosemay Balmos, Roberta Wiessner, Helen & Don Bender and Doug Adams

**For the military and their families:** Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:**

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Helen Baker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz and Doris Warfield.

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