



Christmas Eve

Grace Lutheran Church

2025





Prelude & Entrance Carol

O Come all Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Carol of Praise

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, on this holy night we celebrate the revelation of your love for us in the gift of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. As The Spirit inspired the joy and wonder of those who visited the holy child in the manger long ago, so fill us now as we come to find Him here, in the Good News we hear, in the gathering around his presence at His Table, in the warmth and love of sharing the awe and enchantment of this moment together. Move us to great joy, that we will always witness to this great Incarnation for our salvation. We ask this in the name of the child of Mary, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 9

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," "Prince of Peace." His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* **C: Thanks be to God!**

Carol

On Christmas Night

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1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?

Second **L**esson

James 3 & 4

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, and devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. . . Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and the Devil will

flee from you. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. . . Humble yourselves before the Lord, and the Lord will exalt you.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.* C: **Thanks be to God!**

Carol

On Christmas Night

274 vs 3 & 4

3 When sin de - parts be - fore his face, then life and health come
4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the an - gels
in its place. When sin de - parts be - fore his face, then
sing this night. All out of dark - ness we have light, which
life and health come in its place. An - gels re - joice with us and
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God in high - est
sing, all for to see the new - born king.
heav'n; peace on earth, and good - will. A - men."

The Gospel

Luke 2

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This registration was first taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. And everyone went to register, each to their own city.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth, in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He registered with Mary, the woman he was engaged to, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the days were fulfilled for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and swaddled him, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guest room.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch that night over their flock. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were afraid with a great fear.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am proclaiming good news to you of great joy for all people: to you is born today in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among people of God's delight!"*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this word that has taken place - which the Lord has made known to us!" So, they went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the word that had been spoken to them about this child. Everyone who heard the shepherds were amazed at what the shepherds told them, but Mary preserved all of these words, considering them in her heart.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O, Christ!

Carol

Away in a Manger

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1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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 you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

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

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all. C: And also with you

Offering/Anthem

Offertory Carol

What Child is This

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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



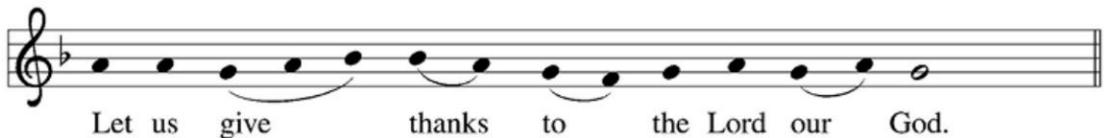
Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, joining those people long ago who brought their gifts to your infant Son, we now bring our gifts of praise, adoration and thanks. Receive them as a response to the abundant blessings You provide us every day. We pray that You are pleased with our offerings and that You will use them to accomplish Your holy will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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P: It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . And so, in great joy this day, we now join our voices with those of the angels who sang over fields on that blessed night:

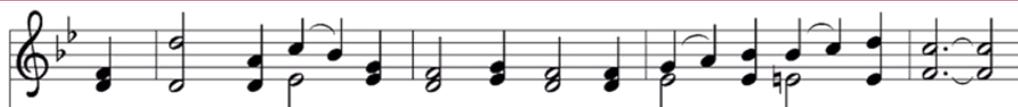
Come to Bethlehem and see Gloria in excelsis Deo
him whose birth the angels sing; Gloria in excelsis Deo
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

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

Distribution Carols

282, 279, 289, 300



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



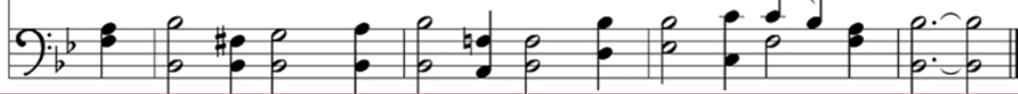
from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

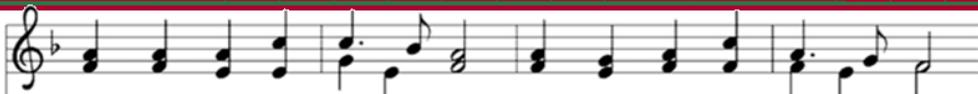


1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

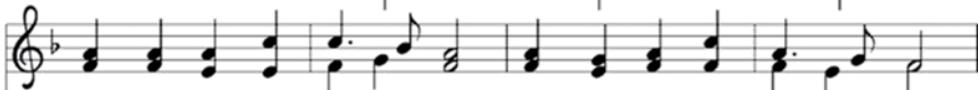
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Refrain



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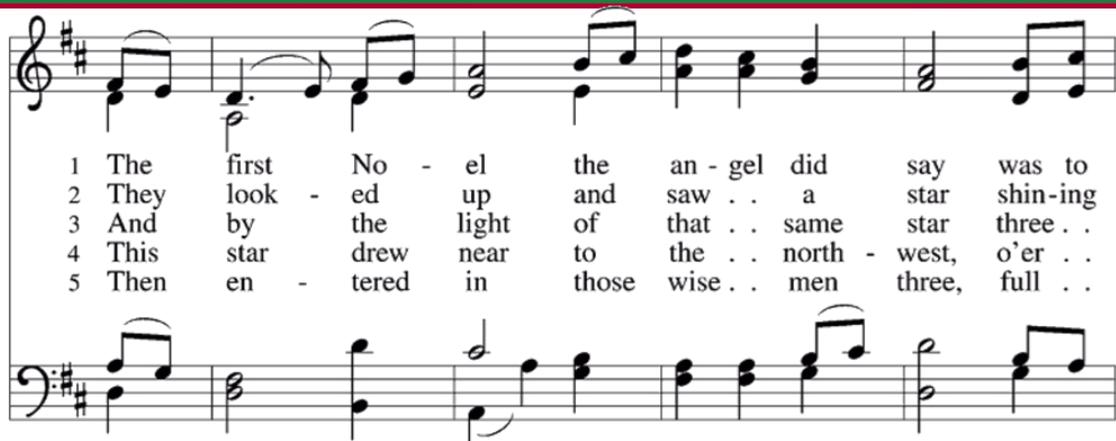


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1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

1. 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.

2. Silent night, Holy night!
 Shepherd's quake at the sight;
 Glories stream from heav'n afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior is born!
 Christ, the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from thy holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night!
 Wondrous star, lend thy light;
 With the angels let us sing
 Alleluia to our King;
 Christ, the Savior, is born.
 Christ, the Savior, is born.

Benediction {Please Extinguish Your Candles}

Postlude & Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Communion this Evening = All who are baptized and seek to answer our Lord's invitation to come and feast are welcome to partake of the bread and wine/grape juice. Take an empty plastic cup for wine or grape juice is available in the pre-filled cups. Gluten free hosts are available, simply ask Pastor when you come forward.

Christmas Day =

Come again at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning to celebrate with carols, readings and communion.

There is Still Time =

Tax-deductible donations for 2025 can still be made tonight, next Sunday or any day this week. Cash (use your offering envelope or one from the pew rack). Everyone who makes a donation to Grace will receive a statement at the end of the year.

Checks, Credit Card (at GraceYorktown.org), or this QR code make giving quick and simple. If you have not completed a 2026 Commitment (Pledge) Card, you are encouraged to do so this evening; cards are available from the usher or on a table in the front hall.



Wonderful Things are Happening =

Be sure to watch your email or log onto Grace's webpage at GraceYorktown.org to read about Worship, Bible studies, Fellowship Events, Social Outreach and other interesting opportunities to engage and enrich your faith.



Grace
wants to
Give you



a Gift

6:30 a.m.
In-person
Breakfast & Bible Study

11:00 a.m.
Online & In-person

3:00 p.m.
Online & In-Person

7:00 p.m.
Online

Christmas Bible Study Tuesdays

SUNDAY SCHOOL

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT!

To Learn More **Sundays @ 9:45**

To Sing
To Pray Together

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