

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Call of the Prophet - Isaiah 8:19-22

#100 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v. 1,3,4

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

Christmas Reading - Isaiah 9:1-3, 6-7

Anthem "Deo Gloria" - Bacon

Christmas Reading - Matthew 1:18-25

#103 O Come, All Ye Faithful 1,3

O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him, born the king of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Christmas Reading - Luke 2:1-7

Anthem "A Cradle for A Lamb" - Rodriguez

Christmas Reading - Isaiah 11:1-3a

105 What Child is This? V. 1,2,3

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.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, 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.

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, the Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Christmas Reading - Luke 2:8-12

#113 Angels We Have Heard on High v. 1,2,3

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heavenly song.
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 new born King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Meditation Luke 2:11

"In the City of David"

*Christmas Series:
"Roadmap to Redemption"*

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem v. 1,2,3,4

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 wondering love,
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven!
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still
the dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

117 Silent Night

** please tip only unlit candles,
children should share with their parents*

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,
heavenly 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 thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Christmas Blessing

Congregational Extroit:

120 Joy to the World v. 1,4

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.



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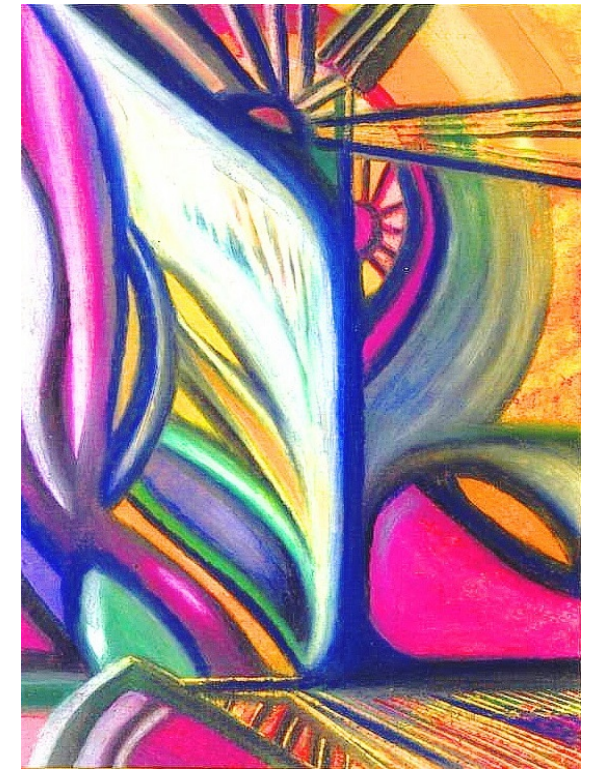
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AT
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