



CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

December 24, 2013

8 p.m.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

* CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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!

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* EPILOGUE

Gabriel's Oboe

Morricone

Soloists

Adrin Akins, countertenor

Brandon Odom, baritone

Tami Giusto, mezzo-soprano

John Young, tenor

Megan Mashburn, soprano

Instrumentalists

Adrin Akins, harp; Mac Frampton, piano; Mark Mashburn, trumpet;
Tom Underwood, oboe; Members of Morningside Handbell Ensemble;
Sarah Martin, interim organist

Liturgists

Dr. Baron Mullis, Rev. Drew Stockstill

Jennye Guy, Dana Kling

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Pastorale* Bernado Pasquini

EIGHTH LESSON *The light in the darkness* John 1:1-14

SERVICE OF LIGHT

(The light is passed throughout the congregation during the singing of the hymn.)

CAROL *Silent Night*

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.

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.

SOLO *O Holy Night* Adolphe Adam

PRAYER (in unison)

(The congregation is asked to extinguish the candles following the prayer.)

Eternal God: in Jesus Christ your light shines in our darkness, bringing joy in our sorrow and presence in our loneliness. On this holy night, draw us in to the mystery of your love. May the blessings of Christmas fill every heart, and may we fall to our knees in recognition and joy. In the name of the Christ child we pray. Amen.

*Christmas Eve**December 24, 2013**Order of Worship**8:00 p.m.*

**To maintain the reverence of this service of worship,
please make sure your cell phone is off and refrain from applause.**

PRELUDE *Improvisation on Carols of Christmas*

INTROIT *Ave Maria* Franz Biebl
Sung in Latin

ORGAN PRELUDE *Noel: When the Savior Christ Was Born* L. C. Daquin

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Baron Mullis

Leader: Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.

People: **His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** PROCESSIONAL CAROL** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

*Chorus: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created. *Chorus*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! *Chorus*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Chorus*

**(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

BIDDING PRAYER**WELCOME**

FIRST LESSON *The Messiah is foretold by Isaiah* Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Plainchant

SECOND LESSON *The peace that the Messiah will bring is foretold* Isaiah 11:1-9

ANTHEM *Virga Jesse* Anton Bruckner
Sung in Latin

The branch from Jesse blooms: a Virgin brings forth God and man: God restores peace, reconciling in himself the lowest with the highest. Alleluia.

* **CAROL** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here
disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Refrain

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times did'st give the Law, in cloud, and majesty and awe.
Refrain

THIRD LESSON *The prophet foresees the glory of the coming of the Lord* Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM *Bogoroditse Dyevo (from All-night Vigil)* Sergei Rachmaninoff
Sung in Old Church Slavonic

God-bearing virgin, Mary: rejoice! Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, for you have borne the Savior of our souls.

FOURTH LESSON *The angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary* Luke 1:26-33

CAROL *Gabriel's Message* Basque carol

FIFTH LESSON *The birth of Jesus is told* Luke 2:1-7

ANTHEM *A Maiden Most Gentle* French carol,
arr. Andrew Carter

SIXTH LESSON *The angels proclaim the Messiah's birth* Luke 2:8-14

ANTHEM *In dulci jubilo* German chorale,
Sung in Latin and English arr. Praetorius/Bach

With sweet rejoicing let us our homage show! Our heart's joy reclineth in a manger and like a bright star shineth on his mother's lap: the Alpha and Omega. O love of the Father, O leniency of the Son! Deeply were we stained through our sins, but thou hast for us gained the joys of heaven; what glory! Where are joys that they be not there? There are angels singing a new song; and there the bells are ringing in the court of the king. O that we were there!

* **CAROL** *Angels We Have Heard on High*
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
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 newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

SEVENTH LESSON *The shepherds go to the manger* Luke 2:15-20

ANTHEM *A Babe is Born* William Mathias
Sung in Latin and English

A babe is born all of a may to bring salvation unto us. To him we sing both night and day: Come, Creator Spirit! At Bethlehem, that blessed place, the Child of bliss now born he was; and Him to serve God gives us grace: *O Trinity of blessed light!* There came three kings out of the East to worship Him that is so free with gold and myrrh and frankincense: *from the rising of the sun.* The angels came down with one cry, a merry song then sungen they in the worship of that Child: *Glory to you, O Lord!*