**Christmas Eve 2020**

**7:00 Worship**

**Music: Piano: Mila Khmeleva Hymnist: Doris Freund**

***Welcome & Announcements***

***“Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”***

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the king of angels.

***Refrain:***

**Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,**

**Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

2. The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!

*Refrain.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God In the highest:

*Refrain.*

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning

Jesus, to thee be glory given! Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

*Refrain.*

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**Greeting & Prayer of the Day**

***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”***

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;

Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”

Joyful, all you nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord;

Late in time behold him come, Off-spring of a virgin’s womb.

Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, incarnate deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

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**1st Reading – Isaiah 9:2-7**

***“What Child Is This”***

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!

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke 1:1-20**

**C: Glory to you O, Lord.**

*After the Reading of the Gospel*

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C: Praise to You O, Christ.**

***“Away in a Manger”***

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked down where he lay;

the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky

and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care

and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

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**Sermon – Pastor Barb**

**“Angels We have Heard on High”**

1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly swinging o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains  
  
**Refrain: Gloria In Excelsis Deo, Gloria In Excelsis Deo**  
2. Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

**Refrain**  
  
3. Come to Bethlehem and see, Him Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King

**Refrain**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**Holy Communion**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your heart.**

**C: We lift them up to the Lord**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Post Communion Prayer**

**\*CANDLELIGHTING** ……………………………….. …………………..John 1:1-14

***“Silent Night”***

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! Shepherds quake a t the sight!  
   Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing Al-le-lu-ia!  
   Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, oh, 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

**Benediction**

**“Joy to the World”**1. 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  
  
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns, Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy Repeat, repeat the sounding joy  
  
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground

He come to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
  
4. 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

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**