

Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church



Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

December 24, 2022

4:00 pm

Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

O Come, All Ye Faithful

sing verses 1-3

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:

continued on next page

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!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade



Christmas Dialogue

Lighting of the Advent Wreath during the reading of the dialogue.

L: Jesus Christ, you are the Light of the world!

C: The Light no darkness can overcome.

L: Stay with us now, for it is evening.

C: And the day is almost over.

L: Let your light scatter the darkness,

C: And shine within your people here!

A Litany of Longing: *(based on Isaiah 9: 2-7)*

L: God of Light that shines in the night:

C: We walk in darkness. We long for your light.

L: We walk in the darkness of ignorance.

L: We walk in the darkness of misplaced desires.

L: We walk in the darkness of unfounded fear.

C: We walk in darkness. We long for your light.

L: We walk in the darkness of oppression.

L: We walk in the deep darkness of war.

L: We walk in the darkness of famine.

C: We walk in darkness. We long for your light.

L: We walk in the darkness of disease.

L: We walk in the darkness of homelessness.

L: We walk in the darkness of addiction.

C: We walk in darkness. We long for your light.

L: We walk in the darkness of distraction.

L: We walk in the darkness of greed.

L: We walk in the darkness of despair.

C: We walk in darkness. We long for your light.

A Light Has Dawned

A light has dawned, a King has come,
to redeem every heart and soul.
Born unto us, Emmanuel,
the Savior of the world,
let us adore and praise His name.

(Chorus)

**Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna let us sing!
Hosanna in the highest!
We give glory to the King;
Glory to the King!**

Angels rejoice and shepherds bow
at the sight of the holy Child.
Men from afar searching to find
the Savior of the world,
let us adore and praise His name.

(Chorus)

Tim Light, Don Chapman;
©2004 Worship Him Music, Hearts to God Music
CCLI 2540115

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Child of Mary, by your lowly birth you have brought light into the darkness of the world. By your gentle justice, you show us the path to peace. Be born in us today, grow your kingdom through us, fulfill your promises to us. Grant us vision in the night, and strength to work for the coming of your new world, where you, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, shall reign in peace, with justice and righteousness, forevermore.

Amen

Worship Choir: News in Bethlehem Town

Words and Music by David Davenport and Ruth Elaine Schram

*Have you heard about the stranger cradled in the manger,
here in Bethl'hem town?
Have you heard about the stranger cradled in the manger?
The news is all around!
Why does He sleep in a cattle stall?
Shouldn't there be room in the inn for all?
What's He doing here with the animals?
There's news in Bethl'hem town.*

*Have you heard about the shepherds running from the field
when they heard the angels sing?
Have you heard about the shepherds running from the field
to greet this Newborn King?
Can you hear the sound of a baby's cry,
mingled with the notes of a lullaby?
See the shining star in the eastern sky!
There's news in Bethl'hem town.*

*Have you heard about the wise men traveling afar,
bringing gifts of myrrh and gold?
Have you heard about the wise men following the star,
bringing frankincense, I'm told!
They say that he was sent from God on high
to bring heaven's love to humankind!
Could it be our Savior is born tonight?
There's news in Bethl'hem town!*

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7



Away in a Manger

sing verses 1&3

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.

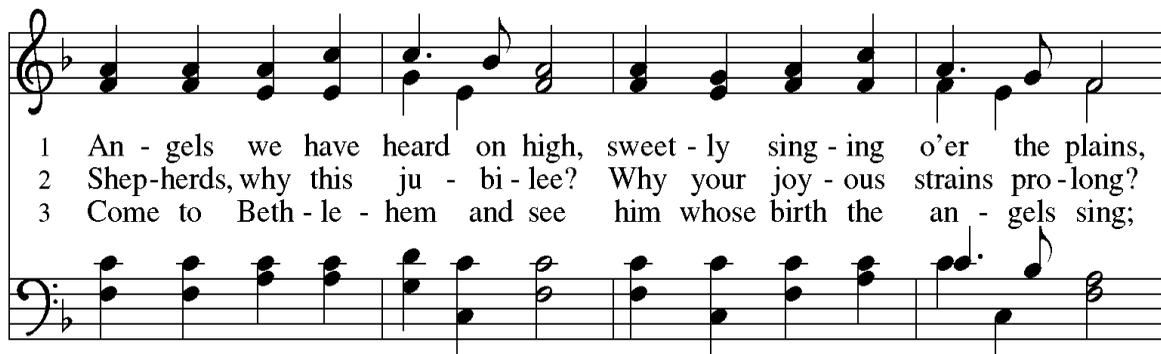
Text: North American, 19th cent.
Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841-1905

Children's Time

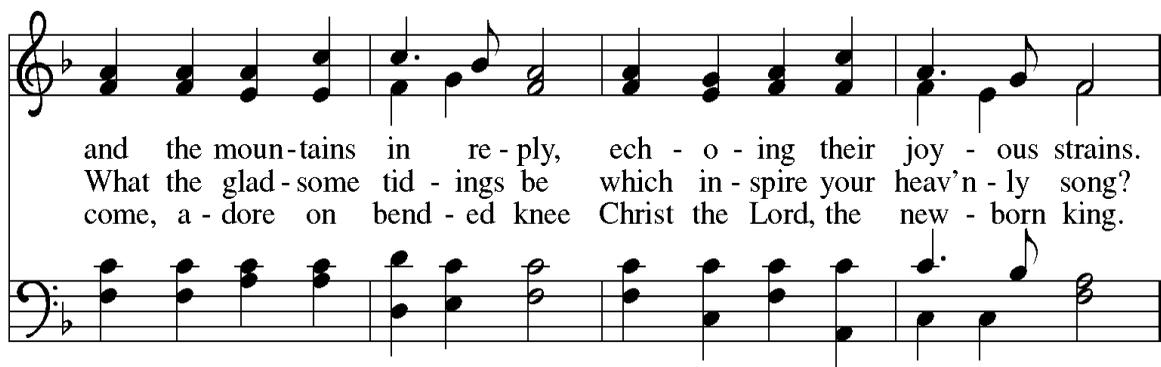
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Angels We Have Heard on High

sing verses 1 & 2



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.

continued on next page



Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-20

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



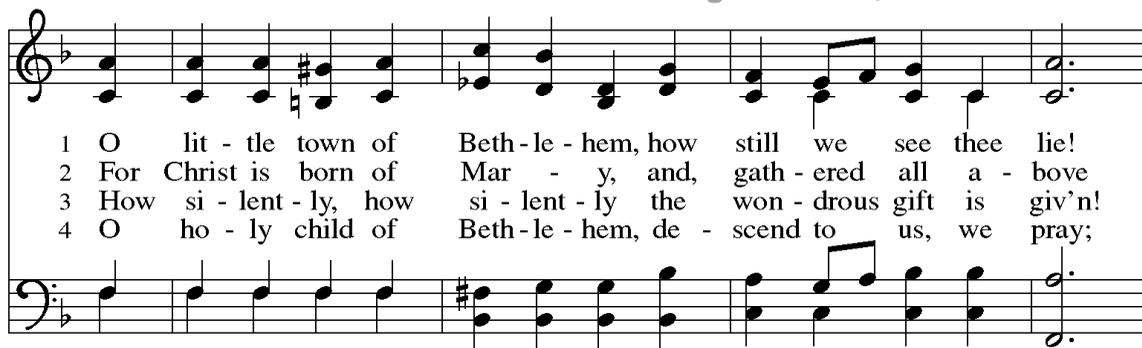
be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Sermon

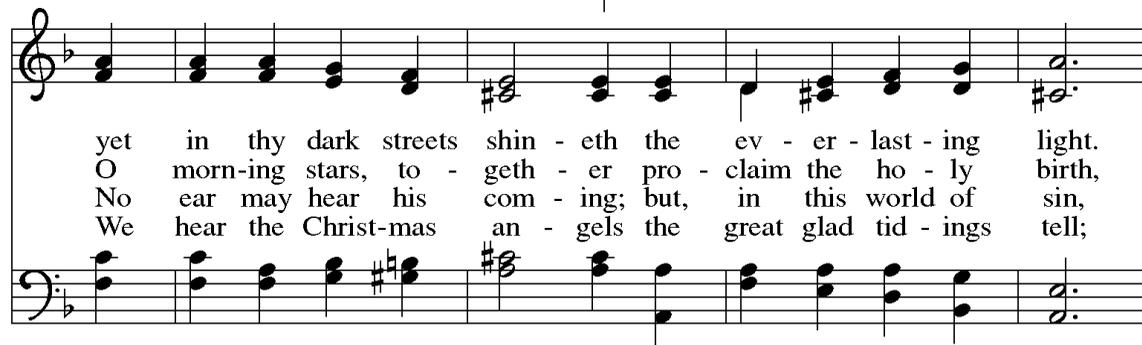
O Little Town of Bethlehem *sing verses 1, 2 & 4*



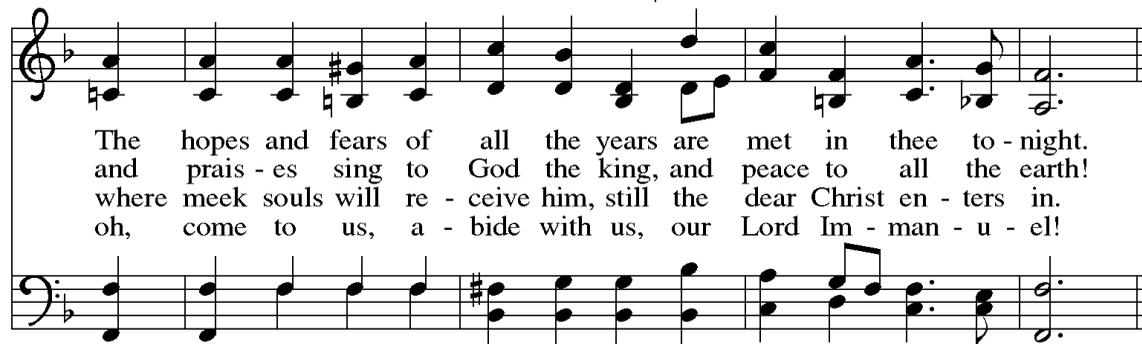
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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!

Offering

As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available on our website.

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the heart that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

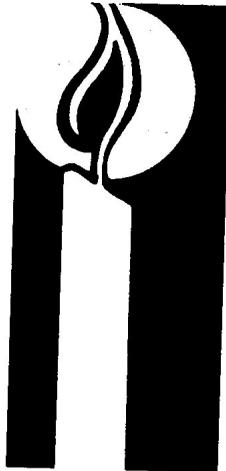
The Prayers

P: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

Candlelight Ceremony

*Please pass the light to those around you.
(Tip only unlit candles.)*

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-14



Night of Silence with Silent Night

Worship Choir:

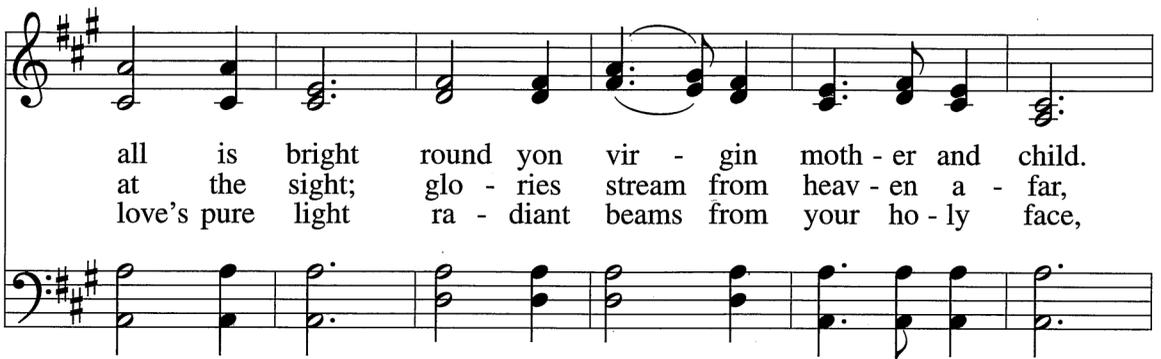
*Voice in the distance, call in the night:
on wind you enfold us, you speak of the light.
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly
rumors of a dawn so embracing;
breathless love awaits darkened souls;
soon will we know of the morning.*

*Spirit among us, shine like the star;
your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar
shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
rising in the warmth of the Son's love;
star unknowing of night and day;
Spirit, we wait for the loving Son.*

Congregation:



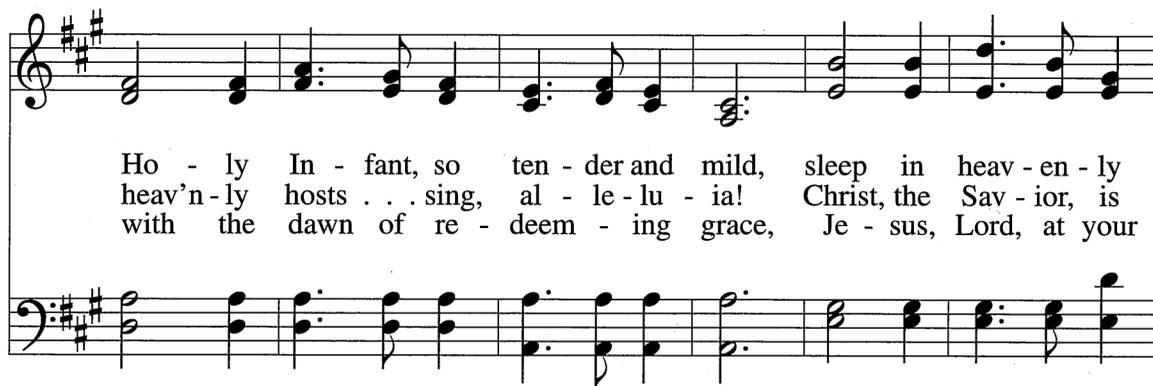
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



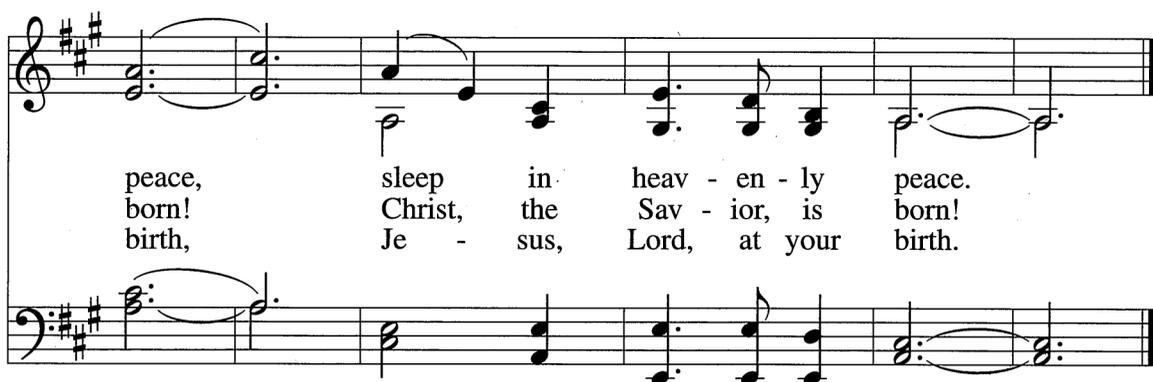
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - dian't beams from your ho - ly face,

continued on next page...

...continued from previous page



Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, tr. John F. Young
Music: Franz Gruber



The 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

Please extinguish your candle.

Based on Psalm 98

L: Sing to God something brand new!

C: For God has done wonderful things!

L: God has not forgotten to love us all!

C: Even the ends of the earth have heard!

L: Make a joyful noise!

C: Break forth in song!

L: With strings and horns,

C: sing praise to the Holy One!

L: With the roaring sea and everything in it!

C: With all the land and everything in it!

L: The floods clap their hands.

C: The hills sing for joy.

L: Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:

C: Justice for everyone, everything fair.

L: Sing to God something brand new!

C: For God has done wonderful things!

Joy to the World

(adaption of Psalm 98)

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



Thank You

to all who shared their gifts in today's services, including:

Acolytes:	Confirmands
Organ:	Pat Becker
Piano:	David Mitchell
Violin:	Callum Mitchell
Vocalists:	David, Alastair and Callum Mitchell
Trumpets:	Paul Berg, Dave Hauf
AV Techs:	Grayson Wagner, Cole Berg
Special Music:	Worship Choir
Guitar:	Dwayne Heinsen, Paul Berg
Greeter:	Alan Fingler
Ushers:	Owen Mitchell, Barb Anderson
Readers:	Neil & Angela Querengesser
Candles:	Doug Sime & Orleen Pearson



Merry Christmas



The service this afternoon will be both recorded and live streamed.
This can be accessed on our website, glorylutheran.ca.

Copyright information: Text of Worship adapted from: Sundays and Seasons 2022, Year C ©2021 Augsburg Fortress. Used with Permission under License # SB167593.

All music and lyrics under copyright protection are used by permission under CCLI License #2540115 ONE LICENSE #A-707263.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI with license # CSPL 165542 and ONE LICENSE # A-707263. All rights reserved.



22577 Highway 16
Sherwood Park AB
T8A 4T7

Pastor Markus Wilhelm

Phone: (780) 416-9594

E-mail: glory.office@glorylutheran.ca

Check out our Website: www.glorylutheran.ca

