

Joy to the World

Words: Isaac Watts; Music: George Frederick Handel

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth, the Sav-ior reigns! Let men their songs em-
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions

King; let ev-'ry heart pre-pare him room and
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re-
 ground; he comes to his make his bless-ings flow far
 prove the glo-ries of his righ-teous-ness and

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

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

CHRIST THE KING

CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019 6:00 PM
LESSONS & CAROLS

Benediction

The nursery will be available this evening if parents need to take children out of the service.

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Prelude

O Come, All Ye Faithful
CTK Children's Choir

J.F. Wade

Please stand.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Words: Liturgy of St. James, Gerard Moultrie;
Music: French Melody, Arr. By Ralph Vaughan Williams

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

scend - - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - - - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - - - ish as the dark - ness clears a way.
 lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Silent Night

Words: Joseph Mohr;
Music: Franz Gruber

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight!
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing - al - le lu - ia,
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sa - vior, is born! Christ, the Sa - vior is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Please be seated.

John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Please stand.

Please be seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Genesis 3

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: Latin hymn, trans. by John Mason Neale;
Music: 13th Century Plainsong, arr. by Thomas Helmore

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Sa-tan's
 4. O come, thou Day-spring, come cheer our spir-its by thine
 5. O come, thou Key of David, come and o-pen wide our

6 Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give - ile in
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save, and
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and

11 til the Son of God ap - pear.
 cloud and maj - es - ty and the awe.
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u -
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 close the path to mis - er - y.

17 el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Words: Charles Wesley;
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, arr. by William H. Cummings

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'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

5 peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb,
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

9 Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

13 with th'an gel - ic host pro claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

17 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

Please be seated.

Matthew 2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Genesis 22

And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

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All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Words: Charles Wesley, Mark Hunt;
Music: Rowland H. Prichard

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a lone;

25 dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Words and Music: Traditional French Carol

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 back 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.

9 Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

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

Luke 2

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Please be seated.

Isaiah 9

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Words: Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius;
Trans. by John Mason Neale and Henry W. Baker;
Music: 12th Century Plainsong, arr. by Charles Winfred Douglas

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 3. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him, an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing,
 4. Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he,
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of our race;
 pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un - wea - ried prais - es be;

of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 and the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words: Phillips Brooks;
Music: Lewis H. Redner

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

bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by; yet
 mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love. O
 God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n. No
 out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day. We

in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light; the
 morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth! And
 ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
 hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O

hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 come to us, a - bid with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Savior of the Nations, Come

Words: St. Ambrose and Martin Luther,
trans. by Calvin Seerveld;
Music: Johann Walther



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; show your - self, the
2. Not by hu - man pow'r or seed did the wo - man's
3. Christ laid down his ma - jes - ty, passed through dark Geth -
4. Praise to you, O Lord, we sing. Praise to Christ, our



vir - gin's son. Mar - vel heav - en, won - der earth,
womb con - ceive; on - ly by the Spi - rit's breath
se - ma - ne. Though he left his Fa - ther's home,
new - born King! With the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, one,



that our God chose such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh.
Christ now sits on God's own throne.
let your last - ing king - dom come.

Luke 2

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 11

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

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Please stand.

What Child Is This?

Traditional English Carol;
Adapted by William C. Dix

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

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

10 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;

14 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.

Please be seated.

Luke 1

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."
And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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