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Christmas Eve Service  
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# THE CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

## SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

### The Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

**The Prelude** - *from* Canonic Variations on "Vom Himmel Hoch"

(Trinity Hymnal #220), BWV 769

J. S. Bach

### The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, who has given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit, which we beseech You to send forth more and more into our hearts, as a testimony of Your fatherly love to us, and to fill us with fervent love towards You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### + The Welcome and Announcements

+\* **The Hymn** - #208 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

### \* The Invocation and Prayer of Praise

#### \* The Nicene Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### \* The Christmas Gloria Patri

Puer Nobis

All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee,  
Whose advent sets Thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost forevermore. Amen.

### The Christmas Prayer

**The Reading of Scripture** - Matthew 1:18-2:15 (pew Bible p. 807-808)

\* **The Hymn** - #205 "Away in a Manger"

Cradle Song

### \* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Collection

**The Anthem - In dulci jubilo**

arr. Robert Lucas Pearsall

*The Sanctuary Choir*

*Text:*

In dulci jubilo [in sweet jubilation]  
Now sing with hearts aglow:  
Our heart's joy reclineth  
In praeseptio, [in a manger]  
And like a bright star shineth  
Matris in gremio. [in His mother's lap]  
Alpha es et O. [He is Alpha and Omega]  
O Jesu parvule, [O tiny Jesus]  
For Thee I long alway.  
Comfort my heart's blindness,  
O puer optime! [O best of children]  
With all Thy loving kindness,  
O Princeps gloriae! [O Prince of Glory]  
Trahe me post te. [Draw me toward yourself]

O Patris caritas, [O love of the Father]  
O nati lenitas, [O gentleness of the Son]  
Deeply were we stained  
Per nostra crimina; [through our sins]  
But Thou for us hast gained  
Coelorum gaudia. [the joys of heaven]  
O that we were there!

Ubi sunt gaudia, [Where are joys]  
If they be not there?  
There are angels singing  
Nova cantica; [new songs]  
There the bells are ringing  
In regis curia: [in the court of the King]  
O that we were there!

— German carol, 14th c.

- \* **The Psalter** - Psalm 98:4–9 (*Psalter*, Page 83~see insert) Lyngham

**The Sermon**

Mr. Terry Johnson

“EMMANUEL”

- \* **The Benediction**

- \* **The Hymn** - #195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” Antioch

*Recessional begins during the first stanza.*

**Recessional to Front Lawn for Caroling**

After the ministers recess, carolers may exit the building and proceed to the front grass area for the lighting of the candles.

## ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

1. Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own  
redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.*
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn  
King.

## ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING

1. On Christmas night all Christian sing, to hear the news the  
angels bring; (2x)  
News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful  
King's birth.
2. Then why should men on earth be sad, Since our Redeemer  
made us glad; (2x)  
When from our sin he set us free, All for to gain our liberty.

## THE FIRST NOEL

1. The first Noel, the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*
5. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly  
Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

## SILENT NIGHT! HOLY 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 at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
3. 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.
4. 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!

## 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 earth! 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 comes 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, and wonders of His  
love.

## 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 ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
*Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*
4. Come, Desire of nations, come; fix in us Thy humble home;  
Rise, the woman's conquering seed, bruise in us the serpent's  
head.  
Adam's image now efface, stamp Thy image in its place.  
O to all Thyself impart, formed in each believing heart.

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

1. 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.
4. 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.

## 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. 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.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN

born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
 in the high - est;  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Latin hymn  
 Attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751  
 Tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; alt.

ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6.ref.  
 John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

## Away in a Manger

*She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7*

Capo 3: Unison F(D)

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes;  
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

Chords: F(D), C(A), F(D), G(E), G7(E7), C(A), F(D), Am(F#m), D(B), Gm(Em), C(A), F(D), Gm(Em), C7(A7), F(D)

# Psalm 98:4-9

1. <sup>4</sup>O all the earth, sing to the LORD And  
 2. <sup>5</sup>With harp make mu - sic to the LORD; With  
 3. <sup>7</sup>Let seas in all their vast - ness roar, The  
 4. <sup>9</sup>Be - cause He comes, He sure - ly comes The

make a joy - ful sound, And make a joy - ful  
 harp a psalm O sing! With harp a psalm O  
 world, its liv - ing horde, The world, its liv - ing  
 judge of earth to be! The judge of earth to

sound. Lift up your voice a - loud to Him;  
 sing! <sup>6</sup>With horn and trum - pet raise a shout  
 horde. <sup>8</sup>Let ri - vers clap, let moun - tains sing  
 be! With jus - tice he will judge the world

Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!  
 Be - fore the LORD, the King,  
 Their joy be - fore the LORD!  
 All men with e - qui - ty,

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 Be - fore the LORD, the King.  
 Their joy be - fore the LORD!  
 All men with e - qui - ty.

re - sound! Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!  
 the King, Be - fore the LORD, the King.  
 the LORD! Their joy be - fore the LORD!  
 qui - ty, All men with e - qui - ty.

## Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

*Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4*

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

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

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,

Based on Psalm 98  
Isaac Watts, 1719ANTIOCH C.M.rep.  
George Frederick Handel, 1742  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836