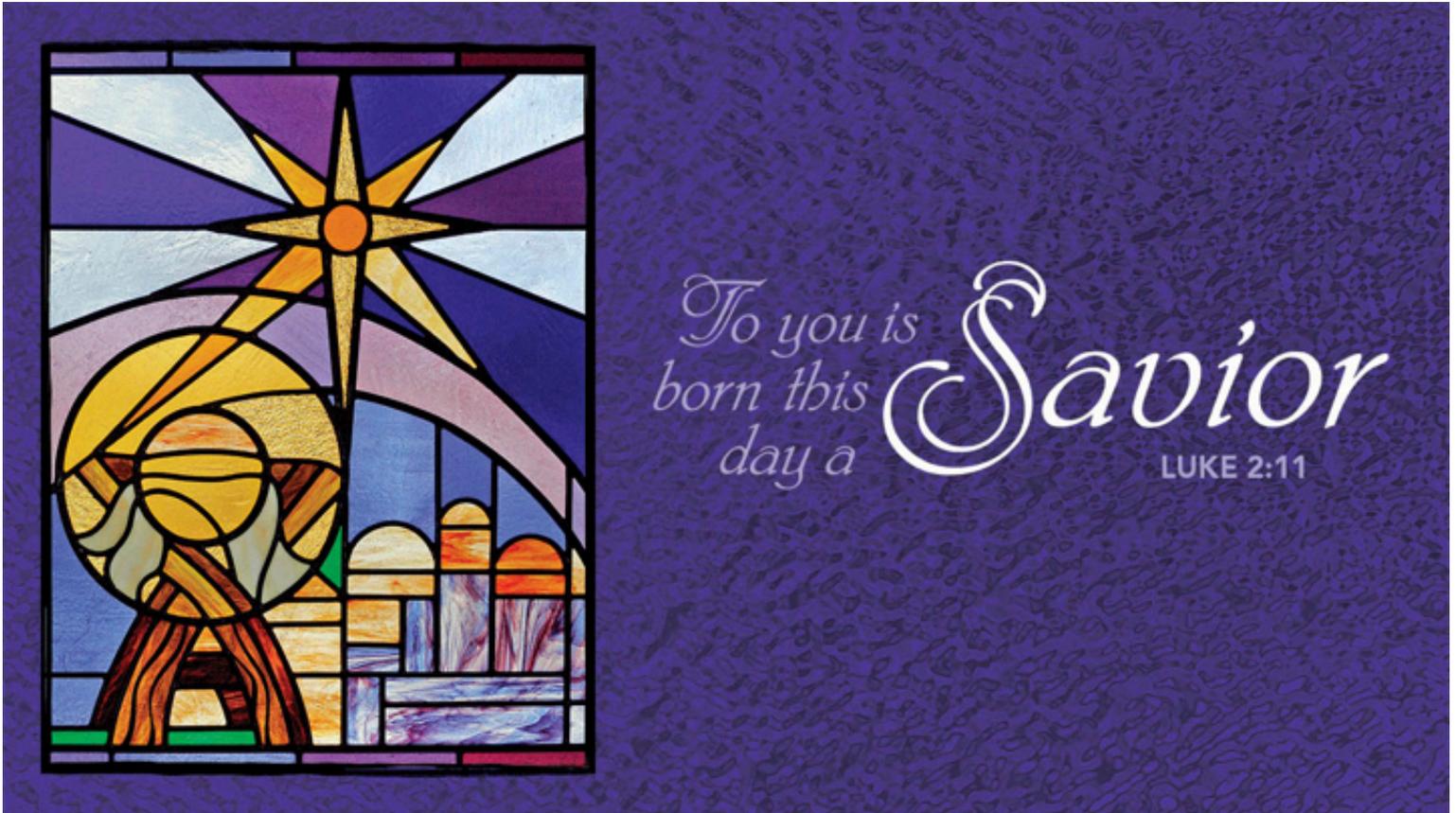


# CHRISTMAS EVE

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## Candlelight Worship



**December 24/25, 2020: ON-DEMAND, ONLINE**

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L: Leader    C: Congregation

## Prelude Music

### Greeting

Mike Gollmar, Council President

### Processional Hymn

### *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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!

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***

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

### Christmas Litany

L: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And hope to every discouraged heart.**

L: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And peace to every conflicted soul.**

L: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And joy to every downcast spirit.**

L: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: And love to everyone.**

L: Holy God of Love, there is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness.

**C: Amen.**

**Children's Message**

The Legend of the Candy Cane

**Hymn**

***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.

***Refrain***

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song.

***Refrain***

***Old Testament Reading***

Isaiah 9:2-7

## Hymn

## ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

### ***Refrain***

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

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of  
righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in  
his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may  
die, Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second  
birth. ***Refrain***

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:1–14

## **Christmas Message**

The Rev. Michael Lee

## **I Am with You**

(<https://www.theworkofthepeople.com>)

## **Special Music:**

The First Noel

## **Prayer for Christmas**

(From **Gathered Magazine** Women of the ELCA)

## The Peace

L: Glory to God in the highest,

**C: and peace to God's people on earth.**

L: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## Offering/Offertory

## *What Child Is This*

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!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to  
own him. The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts  
enthroned him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her  
lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

# 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

## Hymn

(Guitar vv. 1-2; Flute v. 3)

## *Away in a Manger*

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

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
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.

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.

# Light your Candle for the Hymn of Light

## Hymn of Light

## *Silent Night, Holy 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, heav'nly 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 your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming  
grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

## Christmas Benediction

L: Almighty God,  
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,  
proclaimed joy through the angels,  
sent the shepherds with good news,  
and led the magi by a star,  
bless you this day through the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen**

## **Hymn of Joy**

## ***Joy to the World***

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n & nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n & nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the  
sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the  
sounding joy.

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.

## **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Sending Blessing**

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!