

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025 9PM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ,
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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Prelude
Welcome

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Please stand as you are able

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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Prayer of the Day

. . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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Reading

Titus 2:11-14

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

Still. Still. Still.

Choir

Please stand as you are able

Welcoming the Gospel

"Once in Royal David's City" v. 1

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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.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter 2.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:1-20

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Gospel Response

To us is born a Savior.

Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Wade Crevier

Reflection Anthem

O Holy Night

Lori Dredske

Prayers

Petition response: **your mercy is great.**

. . . Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

Offerings Place offerings in the plate, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App.
Thank you for your financial support of God's ministry through Jefferson Prairie.

Presentation of Gifts

"What Child Is This" vs. 1

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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!

Offering Prayer

God of glory,

great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow.

Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Words of Promise

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. . .

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Please be seated

Communion All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-Free wafers are available by request.

Communion Songs

Mary's Boy Child
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Away in a Manger"

Andy Seeger
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Please stand as you are able

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Please be seated

Anthem

Songs of Joy

Choir

Please stand as you are able

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

. . . grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

Candle Lighting **John 1/Genesis 1 reading** *light candles when hear word "light"*
As the candles are lit and lights are turned out, we encounter the Word of God

Hymn of Light

"Silent Night"

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Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

"Joy to the World"

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Christmas Blessings!

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Worship Leaders

Mark Schneider--Livestream
Terry and Loretta Williams – Ushers/greeters
Jameson Dredske & Eli Ward – Acolytes
Bill Clark – Reader
Steve Mentele – Choir Director
Robin Hoefer – Pianist
Wade Crevier – Pastor

Special Thank you to those that gave musical offerings:

Jefferson Prairie's Vocal Choir
Lori Dredske and Andy Seeger – Vocalists
Henry Morelock—Coronet
Julie Peterson, Stephanie Schneider, Kent Williams & Loretta Williams— Hand Bell Ringers

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;

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!

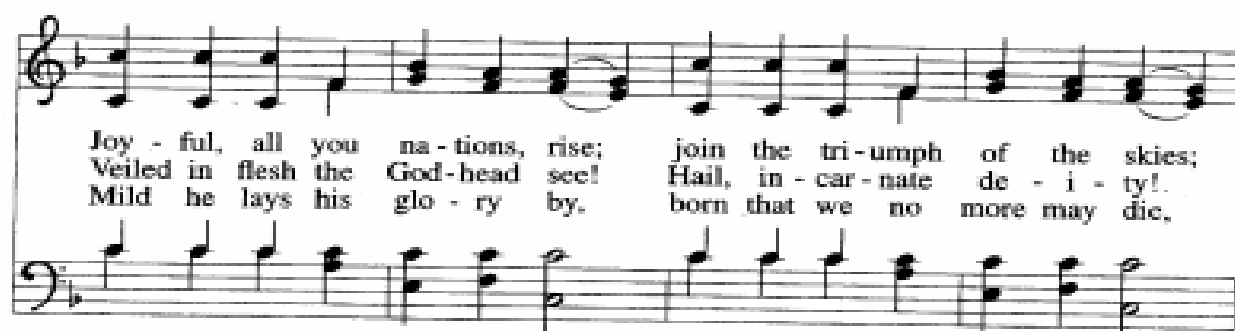
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



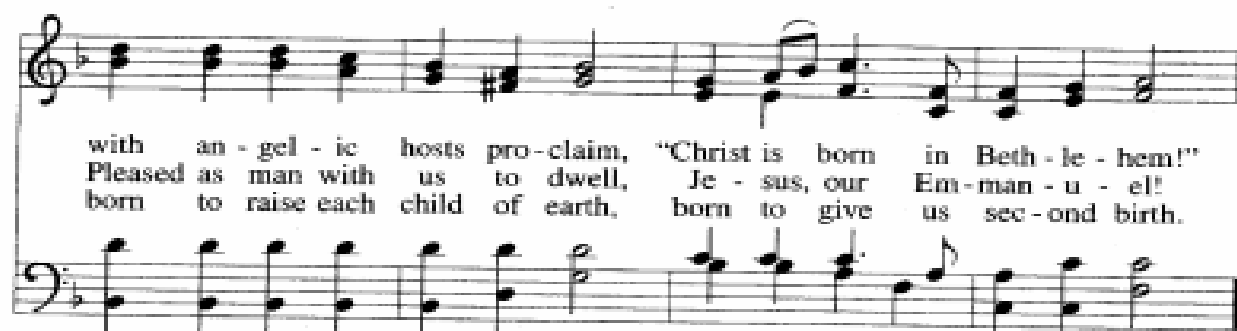
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



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



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

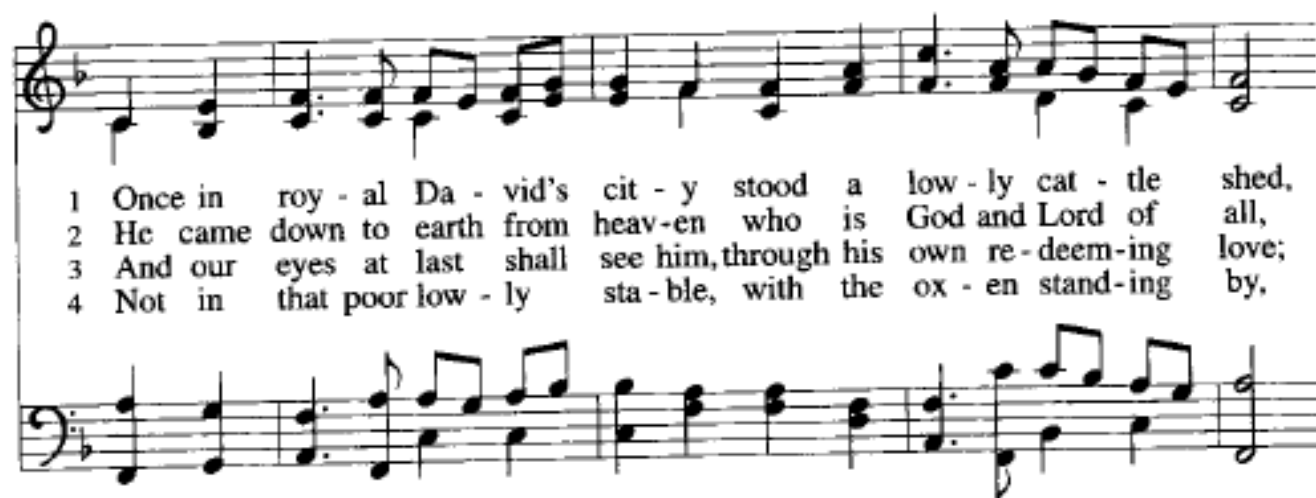
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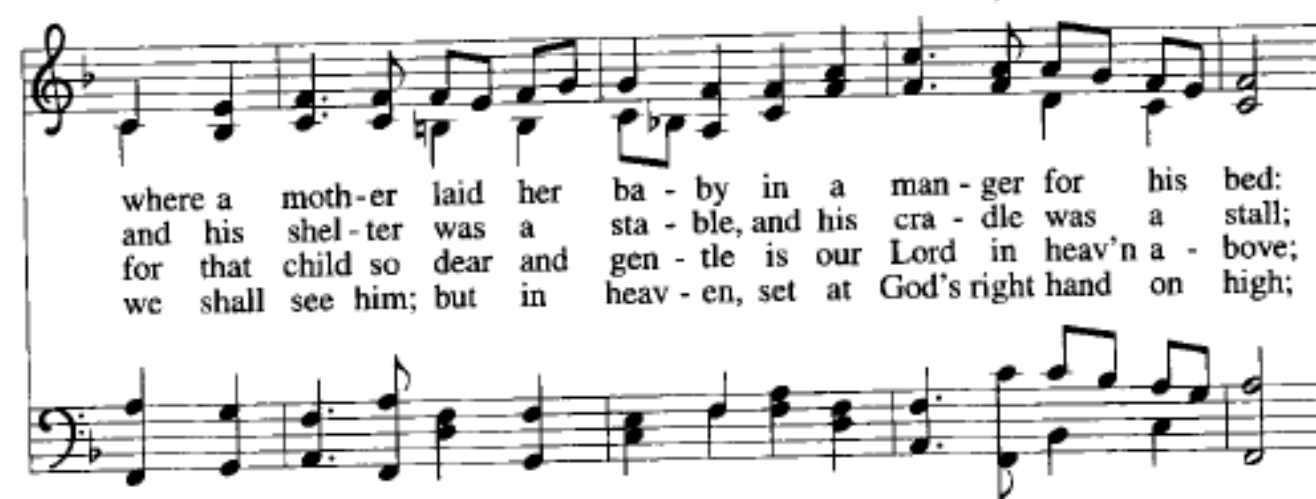
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Once in Royal David's City

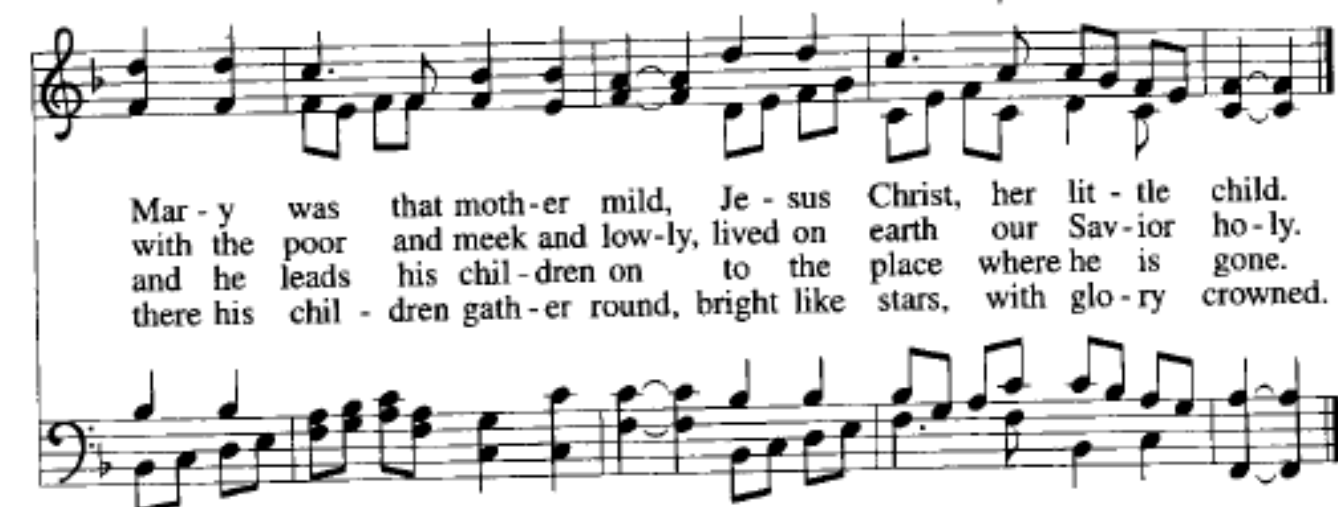
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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

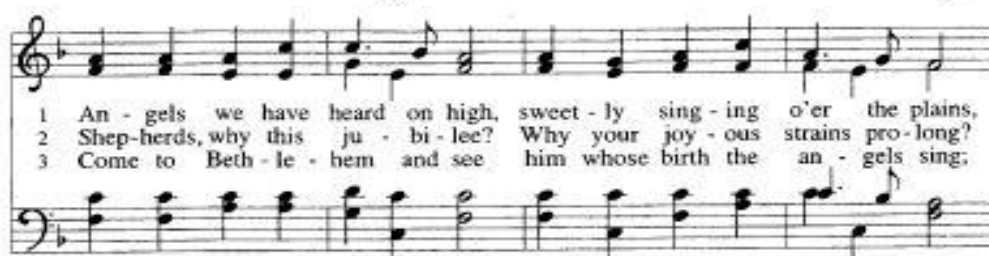


where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

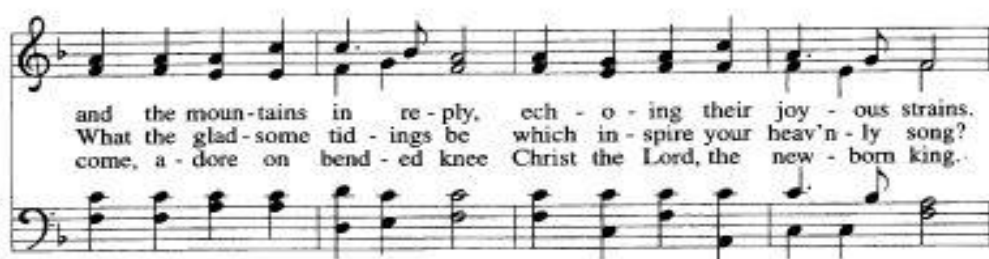


Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Angels We Have Heard on High



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.



Refrain
Glo ri - a



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



in ex - cel - sis De - o.

What Child Is This



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



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



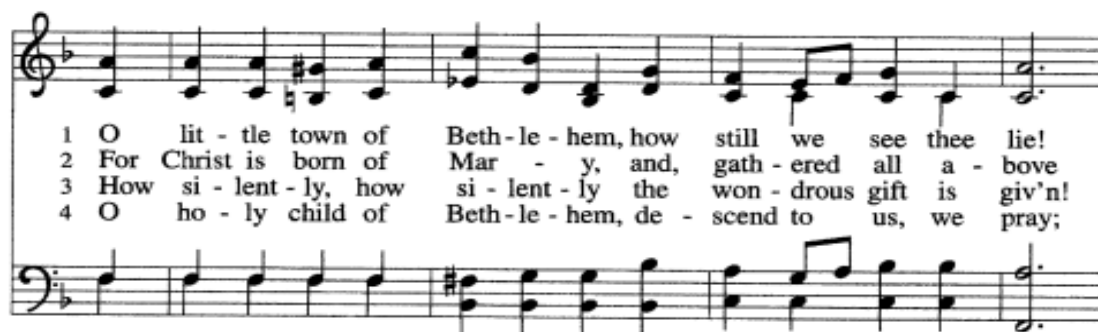
This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



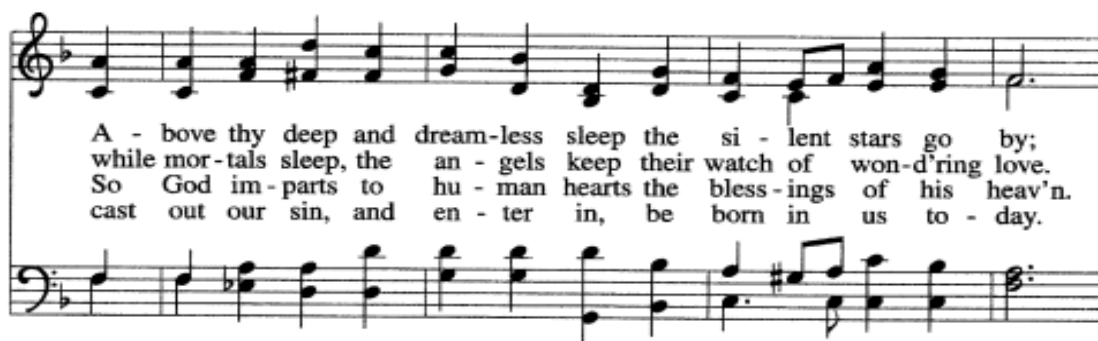
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



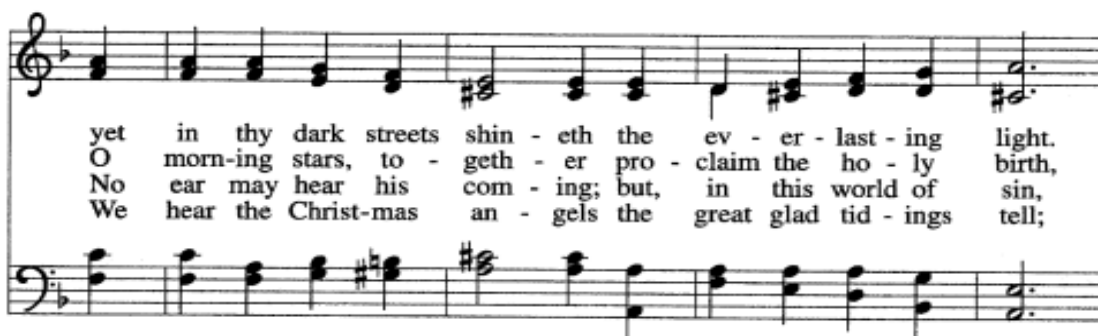
O Little Town of Bethlehem



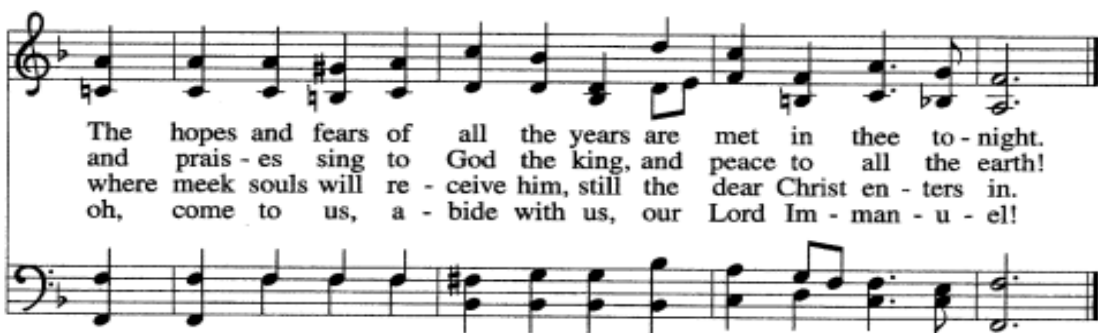
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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.

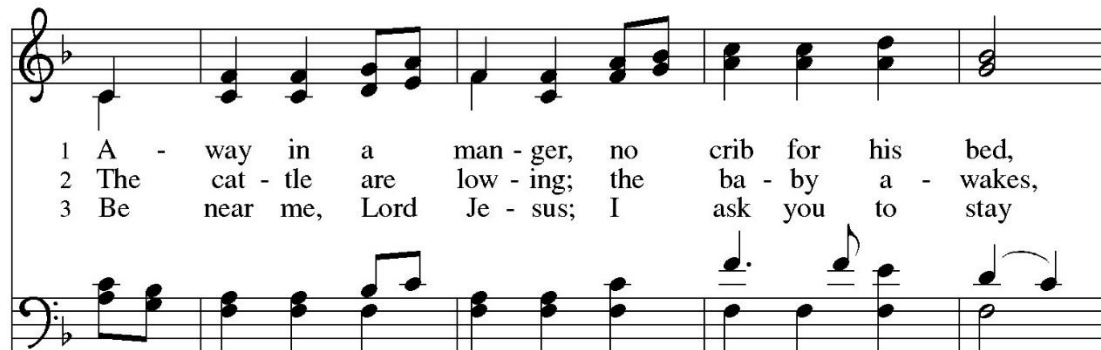


yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

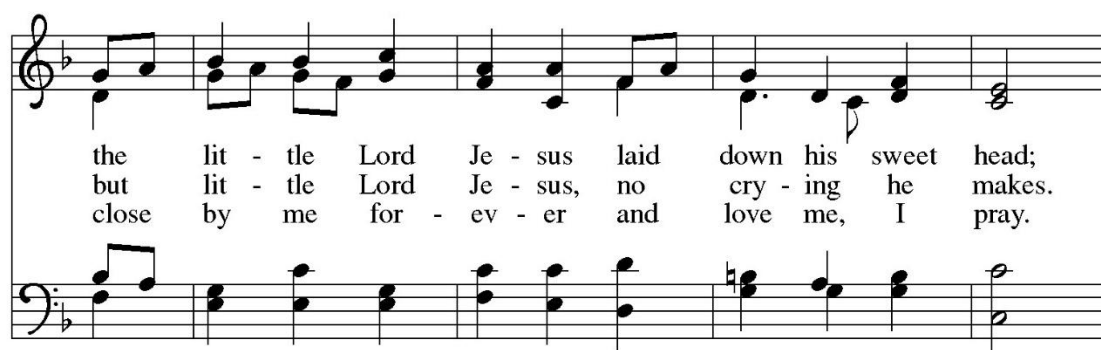


The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you 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 you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your 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 you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: CRADLE SONG, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921; arr. David Willcocks, b. 1919

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Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 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,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 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 - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 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

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

Joy to the World

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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 sound-ing joy.
 love, and won-ders, won-ders of his found.

heav'n and na-ture sing.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

ANTIOCH
CM and repeat

Thank you for giving poinsettias in honor and memory of loved ones this Christmas

Red Poinsettias placed:

To the Glory of God by Jim & Vicky Cleland

In honor of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren by Jeani & Marty Damman (3)

In memory of Joe & Theresa Raupp by Ginny Erickson & family

In memory of Don & Meredith Zahler, Virginia McKean by Ginny Erickson & family

In memory of Malvin & Anna Rossing by Brett Erickson & family

In memory of Ernest & Doris Erickson by Brett Erickson & family

In memory of Don Hale by Kay Hale

In memory of Jean & Art Ligman by their children

In honor of Terry Pearson by Kris & Tom Sanderson

In honor of our grandchildren-Emma, Elissa, Lidija and Valdon by Gary & Teresa Sommers

In honor of Pastor Wade by Kris & Tom Sanderson

In memory of Loretta's children by Terry & Loretta Williams

In honor of Meredith Williams for all she does by Randy

In honor of Randy and Meredith Williams by their grandchildren

In honor of the Williams, Morelock and Moore families by Meredith & Randy Williams (2)

In honor of our nieces and nephews by Terry & Loretta Williams

In honor of our church family by Terry & Loretta Williams

In honor of Ginny for all the work she does for us by Terry & Loretta Williams

In honor of Terry and Loretta Williams from their nieces & nephews

Marble Poinsettias placed:

In memory of Shirley and Bill Carlson by Mark & Stephanie Schneider

In memory of Richard and Ardis Knutson by Mark & Stephanie Schneider

In honor of Connie Cole by Dale & Marilyn Peterson, Maureen Shull & Ron Higgins

In memory of Roland, Marion and Jerry Higgins by Maureen Shull, Marilyn & Dale Peterson,
& Ron Higgins

In honor of our grandchildren-Samuel, Emma and C.J. by Carl & Kathy Martin

In honor of Dale Peterson by Marilyn Peterson, Maureen Shull & Ron Higgins

In memory of William and Dolores Schneider by Mark & Stephanie Schneider

In honor of Mark and Brooke Shull, Jadyn Shull by Maureen Shull, Marilyn & Dale Peterson, &
Ron Higgins

Pink Poinsettias placed:

In memory of Uncle Justin by Hattie & Bodhi Erickson & family

In memory of Christopher Bendixen by Hattie & Bodhi Erickson & family

In memory of George & Doris Ferger by the Erickson family

In memory of Tim, Helen and Ken Peterson by Dale & Marilyn Peterson

White Poinsettias placed:

In honor of Mary Carlson by the Erickson family

In honor of Brett & Ginny's anniversary

In honor of Carrie Morelock, Sarah Williams, Ginny Erickson and Robin Hoefer for sharing
their time, gifts and love with our youth program.

In memory of parents and grandparents by Terry & Loretta Williams