



THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

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A Service of Christmas Festival of Readings and Music
for

January 1st, 2023

A Bidding for Christmas

One My sisters and brothers in Christ, in this season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the angels and go in heart and mind to Bethlehem to see the Son of God lying in a manger With joy in our hearts, let us hear again the story of the birth of Christ, and join with Mary and Joseph, with shepherds, and with all our forebears in faith in offering our worship.

Silence is kept before the first reading.

The Readings

Reading: Genesis 2.4–9,15–25

All Creating God, you call us to live in harmony with nature, with one another, and with you. Now fix our eyes upon the one in whom your purpose for our world has been revealed, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: In the Bleak Midwinter CP 122

Reading: Isaiah 40.1–11

All God of freedom, give the strength of hope to those who suffer oppression in body, mind, or human dignity. Let them hear the vanguard of your coming grace, and give them the wholeness you intend for all your children. We ask this in the name of your Servant, Jesus Christ, the sign of your presence and the pioneer of our salvation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming CP 117

Reading: Isaiah 64.1–9a

All O just Judge of all the world, when the dark power of evil threatens your creation, may we, through your strength within us, maintain the sure knowledge of your love and mercy, which we see in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel CP 189 v. 1, 2 7

Reading: Micah 6.6–8

All God of our longing, we cannot earn the wholeness we desire, nor win your healing grace by offering back the bounty we receive. Give us, we pray, hearts to learn your will, and wills to do your pleasure in works of justice and of peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Hymn: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear CP 140 v. 1,4,5

Reading: Luke 1.5–25

All Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: O Come Little Children CP 127

Reading: Luke 1.26–38

All Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns

with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing CP 138

Reading: John 1.1–18

All: Eternal Wisdom, creating, ordering, and saving, we give you thanks that we have seen you in the selfless love of Jesus Christ. Now reign within our minds and hearts, and mobilize our will, that by your power and through our hands this world may be re-made to be the garden and the city of your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: Hymn: Joy to the World CP 154

The Incarnation Litany

Response: Lord, grant us peace.

The Collect

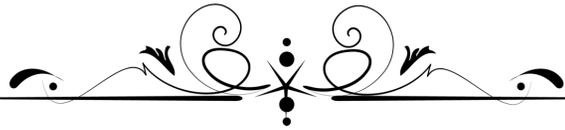
The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

One May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten our hearts with holiness;

All Amen.

Closing Hymn: ELW 290 Go Tell It On The Mountain



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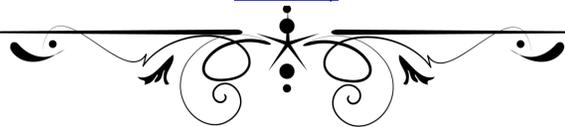
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Hymns

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In the Bleak Midwinter

CP 122

1 In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2 Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

3 Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

4 What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him –
give my heart.

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

CP 117

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

3 O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour
the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

CP 89 v. 1, 2 7

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace.

Refrain

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CP 140 v. 1,4,5

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, to all good will
from heaven's all-gracious king!"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

4 And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow;
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing.

5 For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold:
when the new heaven and earth shall
own
the Prince of Peace their King,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

O Come Little Children

CP 127

1 O come, little children,
O come, one and all,
look into the manger in Bethlehem's
stall
for there, little children,
on this holiest night,
our God send from heaven his Son,
your delight.

2 He lies there before you,
asleep on the hay,
with Mary and Joseph,
to guard him and pray.
The wondering shepherds look in at the
door,
and seeing the infant,
they kneel and adore.

3 Adore like the shepherds!
Your glad voices raise
with those of the angels
who sing in his praise.
Your chorus will echo
from earth to the sky,
with "Glory to God in his
heaven most high".

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CP 138

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! [Refrain]

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen 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]

Joy to the World

CP 154

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad 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 wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin 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, wonders of his love.

Go Tell It On The Mountain

ELW 290

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]