

**THE EVE OF
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 2017

Plano, Texas

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Divine Services: Sunday 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.; Wylie 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.; Wylie 11:15 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

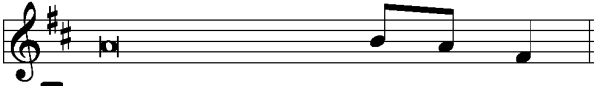
Opening Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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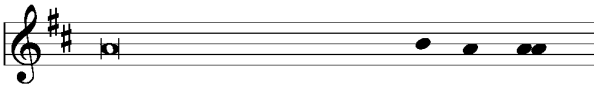
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Psalm 24

(Psalm 24:1, 3-5, antiphon: Psalm 2:6-7)



- P The Lord | said to me,*
“You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- C As for me, I have | set my King*
on Zion, my | holy hill.”**
- P The earth is the Lord’s and the full- | ness thereof,*
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- C Who shall ascend the hill | of the Lord?***
And who shall stand in his | holy place?
- P He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*
Who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear de- |
ceitfully.
- C He will receive blessing | from the Lord*
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.**
- C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P The Lord | said to me,*
“You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- C As for me, I have | set my King*
On Zion, my | holy hill.”**

Sit

Office Hymn: “*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

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Readings

Reading from Isaiah 9:2-7

After each reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: “*Once in Royal David’s City*”

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Reading from Titus 2:11-14

Choral Response: “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*”

Reading from Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: “*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*”

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stz. 1-5, 13-15 congregation

Reading from Luke 2:8-20

Hymn: “*Angels We Have Heard on High*”

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Sermon

Stand

Hymn of Response: “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”

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Sit

Offering

Prayer

Lighting of Candles

(The Pastor will light his candle from the Christ candle in the Advent wreath, symbolizing the Light of Christ going out to the ends of the earth through the preaching of the Gospel. The ushers will light their candles from the Pastor’s candle. The usher will then light the candle of the worshiper in each pew nearest the center aisle. When lighting your candle, please dip the unlit candle toward the lit candle, always keeping the lit candle upright. This will avoid dripping hot wax on the floor, pews, or on your hand. Parents, please carefully help any young children with their candle.)

Stand

Litany

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P God the Father in heaven,

C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit,

C have mercy.

P Be gracious to us.

C Spare us, good Lord.

P Be gracious to us.

C Help us, good Lord.

P From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and
from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from
everlasting death:

C Good Lord, deliver us.

P By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity;

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat;

By your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

C Help us, good Lord.

P In all time of tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the sick, the homebound, the poor, the weakhearted and the distressed with the peace of our newborn King:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

P Christ the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Salutation



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

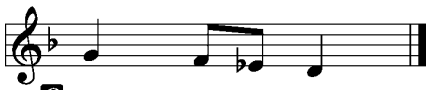
Additional Prayers

Collect for Peace

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.

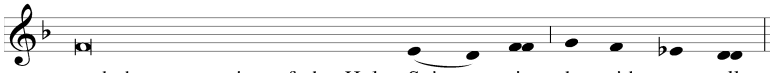


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
L The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



C A - men.

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

**Closing
Hymn:**

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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 Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

(Following the hymn, the candles are extinguished. Please return the candles and worship folders to the ushers.)

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