

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Online Worship Service



GATHERING MUSIC

Who Comes this Night
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Price

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful, verses 1, 3, 6

**O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye
to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him
born the King of angels;**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest; [refrain]**

**Yea, Lord we greet thee,
born this happy morning.
Jesus to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father
now in flesh appearing; [refrain]**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-4

**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.**

Luke 2:5-7

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

Luke 2:8-14

**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 angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!**

Luke 2:15-20

**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.**

SERMON

Rev. Adam Kelchner

RESPONSE

*"I Wonder As I Wander"
Gayle and Mickey Cates*

Appalachian carol

INVITATION

CONFESSION

Loving God,
it is so hard for us to remember that you are Emmanuel,
God is with us.
We hear the Christmas carols and see the busy people,
and we miss the peace that you offer to us in Jesus,
God is with us.
We get so excited about getting and giving presents
that we forget that the real present is you, Emmanuel,
God is with us.
When the presents are unwrapped and the food is eaten,
and the excitement of the season fades,
help us to remember and rejoice,
that at Christmas and in every day,
you are always Emmanuel,
God is with us.

All offer their individual prayers of confession in silence.

Leader: God is with us,
tonight and all nights,
loving and forgiving.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us,
you are forgiven.
**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us,
you are forgiven.**
All: Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord our God is with us.
Lift your hearts and voices high.
Let us give thanks to the Lord
everywhere and at all times:
**All (sung): O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

Leader: God, all glory be to you
at this blessed Christmas time,

for the gift of your own Son,
born a poor child, peasant King.
For the love you sent us,
for the life he shared with us,
for the sacrifice he made,
Lord of lords, King of kings.

All (sung): **O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

Leader: On the night he was betrayed
the Lord Jesus took the bread,
blessed it and broke it as he said,
"Take and eat, this is my body."
After supper, he took the cup,
gave you thanks, and giving it, said,
"Drink this cup, it is my life,
poured out for you and everyone."

All (sung): **O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

Leader: When we eat this holy bread,
when we drink this holy cup,
we his presence sense anew,
and his victory await.
We remember and proclaim
what your Son has done for us,
in his life and in his death,
as he rises and ascends.

All (sung): **O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.**

Leader: Now accept our sacrifice
as we surrender ourselves.
Send your Holy Spirit down
on us here and on our gifts.
Help us through this bread and wine
know the presence of our Christ.
Make us one with him today

All (sung): and with humankind, we pray.
O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
O, come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD "Some Children See Him" English Carol
Anne Hook

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Thank you, God, for being present to us in the bread and cup,
because they remind us that you are Emmanuel,
God is with us.
Now that we have received your gifts,
give us strength and courage to go out into the world
and be your people,
showing everyone we meet that we believe in you, Emmanuel,
God is with us. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

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"Silent 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.**

**1 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 and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**2 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.**

**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, wonders of his love.**

DISMISSAL

CLOSING MUSIC

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