

Love Has Come

Love has come – a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See all heaven has come to proclaim it;
Hear now their song of joy arisen.
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Saviour.
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!



Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-7

Children's Message

Away in a Manger

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

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.

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Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Luke 2:8-14

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's glory,
Now proclaim Messiah's earth.

*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn king.*

Shepherds, in your fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines his infant light.

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.

Luke 2:15-20

Sermon

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth was hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;

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In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed.
The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

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 can I give him – give my heart.

Prayers

Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Offering

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strain.

Glo...ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo...ria in excelsis De...o.

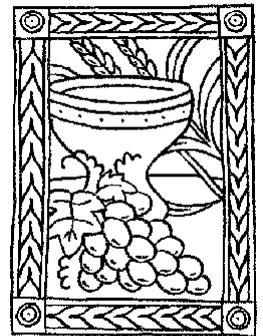
Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore, on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn
[king.]

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



Invitation

All Baptised Christians are invited to receive bread and wine – the body and blood of Christ - at a station at the head of the centre aisle, beginning on the right/organ side of the nave.

Communion Hymns

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Candle-Lighting

Silent Night

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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 host sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour, is born. Christ, the Saviour, 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.

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar
Holder Knabe im lakkigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.*

Blessing

P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Joy to the World

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Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her 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,

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

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found...

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love...

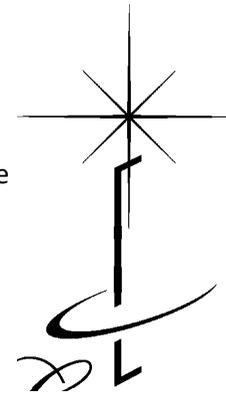
Dismissal

A Glory to God in the highest!

C **Peace to God's people on earth!**

A Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Please extinguish candles by blowing on them gently, and holding a hand behind the flame to catch spraying wax. Return them to the greeters' table as you depart.

Christmas Eve

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church

24 December 2019

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful & triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:

*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O 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!

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

Prayer

P Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

C **Amen.**

Isaiah 9:2-7

