

# CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

PRELUDE

“Gesù Bambino”

-Yon

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

“Good news of great joy,”  
the angel said,  
“for to you a savior is born.”  
“Peace on earth,”  
the choir sang,  
“for God reigns in the highest.”  
“Follow me,”  
the star beckoned,  
“For Hope was born in Bethlehem.”  
As we light the Christ candle,  
**we watch for the Christmas story around us.**  
Emmanuel has come and is coming.  
**Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.**

OPENING SENTENCES

The people who walked in darkness have seen a  
great light,  
**for a child has been born for us, a son given  
to us!**  
Glory to God in the highest heaven!  
**Let us worship the Prince of Peace.**

Duet “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” -Pole/Wyle  
-Lauren & Kevin O’Brien

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O Christ, you were born in a humble stable,  
because there was no room for you in the inn.  
Forgive us when we foolishly think  
that there is no room for you in our lives.  
When we close the doors of our hearts to**

**your word,  
forgive us, and burst through them with  
your love.  
When we close the doors of our minds to  
your challenge,  
forgive us, and burst through them with  
your love.  
When we close the doors of our homes, our  
churches, and our cities  
to people you would have us welcome,  
forgive us, and speak your angel's words to us  
once more:  
"Do not be afraid." Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

SECOND READING: Psalm 96

O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but



to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

- Reverend W. James Hardy

Carol "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

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

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CAROL: "Silent Night"

- Gruber

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!  
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.

BENEDICTION

FINALE "Joy to the World"

- Watts

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing,

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,  
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