

† The Hymn of Response

#229

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
There he lay, the Undefined, to the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Angles sang about his birth, wise men sought and found him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined, but no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;  
Praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

The Light has Come

John 1:9-13

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

The Sharing of the Light

*The ushers will bring the light to those sitting on the aisle. Please light the candle of the person sitting next to you, being careful to hold the lit candle upright and tip the unlit candle into the flame.*

† The Concluding Carol

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*Silent Night*

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! Shepherd's quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly host sing alleluiah;  
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.

† The Benediction

The Postlude

*An Evening Prayer*  
Chas. H. Gabriel Arr. by Gloria Roe

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This evening's offering will be given to the **PCA Ministerial Relief Fund**, which aids widowed and retired church servants across the denomination in times of severe financial need. For more information, please see the insert in your bulletin.

***Merry Christmas!***



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*"In Him was life, and this life  
was the light of men."*

*John 1:4*



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