

Order of Worship

Gathering Song

"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

Verse 1

Sing we the song of Emmanuel This the Christ who was long foretold Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem Promise of dawn now our eyes behold

God Most High in a manger laid Lift your voices and now proclaim: Great and glorious! Love has come to us! Join now with the hosts of heaven

Verse 2

Come we to welcome Emmanuel King who came with no crown or throne Helpless he lay the Invincible Maker of Mary now Mary's son O what wisdom to save us all Shepherds, sages before him fall Grace and majesty! What humility! Come on bended knee, adore him

Verse 3

Go spread the news of Emmanuel Joy and peace for the weary heart Lift up your heads for your King has come Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark

> Glory shining for all to see Hope alive, let the gospel ring God has made a way! God will have the praise! Tell the world his name is Jesus

Welcome

Christ Candle Reading & Lighting

José González & Rachel Johnson

Responsive Reading (congregation read the bold)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the light of the world.

C: We are here to worship God—and his Son Jesus—born this night in Bethlehem of Judea.

L: We light the candle of hope to remind us of the promises made by all the prophets that God would raise up a savior for his people Israel.

C: Christ is our hope and our salvation. He calls us to share our hope in him with each other.





L: We light the candle of peace to remind us that it is only with God and by following in his path that true peace can be found.

C: Christ brings the peace of God to us. He calls us to share the peace he gives with each other.

L: We light the candle of joy to remind us that God gives joy to every heart that abides in him.

C: As Mary rejoiced in the birth of Jesus—so his birth in us brings us joy. God calls us to share the joy he gives with each other.



L: We light the candle of love to remind us that Jesus is God's gift of love to us - and that in him, the light of love triumphs over darkness.

C: Love never fails—it transforms all those who give it and receive it. God calls us to share his love with each other.



L: We light the Christ candle to remind us that the light of the world was born this night.
C: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

L: You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.

C: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.



L: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
C: He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

L: Let us hear these words of scripture:

Simeon took Jesus in his arms and blessed God and said "Now Lord, you have let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples. A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed...And the word became flesh and dwelt among us and we behold his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the father, full of grace and truth."

Luke 2:28-34; John 1:14

L: Let us all pray aloud together:

C: Almighty God—you have made this night holy by the gift of your son, born of the Holy Spirit and of Mary. Upon him rested all your grace, through him has come all your mercy. Let his light shine within our hearts tonight even more brightly than it shines from the candles in this place. Help us to hear your word and to celebrate your everlasting love through him. Amen.

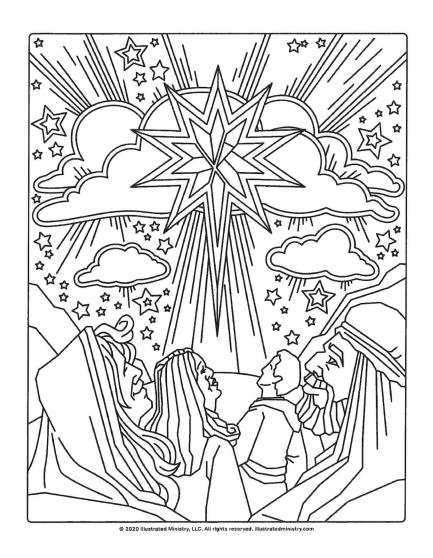


Mutual Blessing

Group 1: The Lord be with you! Group 2: And also with you!

Special Music

"O Holy Night" (arr. Gary Lanier) Emily Lee, Satoshi Kamei, Vera Vasilenko



Scripture

José González

Luke 2:1-14

Reflection

José González

"Everything Has Changed"

Special Reading

"Joy to the World! Christ Has Come!" Alexa Smith, Mikayla Smith, Emma Smith, Molly O'Hara, Jack O'Hara

Congregation:

Joy to the World! Christ Has Come!

Carol Sing

O Come, All Ye Faithful (CHW #147)

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 heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest (TO REFRAIN)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, O Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing (TO REFRAIN)

Angels We Have Heard on High (CHW #162)

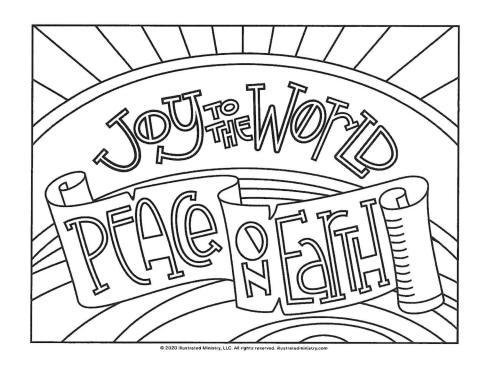
Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain

GLO—RIA in excelsis Deo, GLO—RIA in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song (TO REFRAIN)

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King (TO REFRAIN)



Joy to the World! The Lord is Come (CHW #146)

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 sing,

And heav'n and nature sing!

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!

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make his blessings flow

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 foundl

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!

Sending / Lighting of the Candles

*Please be careful holding your candle!

Silent Night, Holy Night (CHW #172)

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!
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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

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Thank you to all those serving in our worship!

	Christmas Eve	This Sunday 12/28
Officiant & Preacher	José González	José González
Worship Team	Vera Vasilenko, Rachel Johnson, Jan Dwight, James Williams	Rachel Johnson, Vera Vasilenko, Mary Lynn Dornfeld
Scripture Reader	José González	Sunny McKee
Greeter	Kristin González	Joanne McCollim
Usher	David Dwight	Laurie Johnson
A/V	N/A	Olga Vasquez
Kids' Sunday School	N/A	Rachel Johnson, Beth Olson
Counters	N/A	Kris Gallegos Dwight Johnson
Hospitality	N/A	
Communion Servers	N/A	N/A

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