

Silent Night, Holy Night

1818 by Franz Xaver Gruber to lyrics by Joseph Mohr

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,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
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.

Call to Worship: Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 10

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

All: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God

Leader: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and the person of Christ.

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Thy Love & Thy Power

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O, Lamb of God, for sinners slain,
I read my pardon in Thy wounds,
In chapters flowing from Thy veins.
Love and power prevailing for me,
O, Thy mercy and Thy justice –
Perfectly met upon that tree.

Alleluia, I believe –
Thy love and Thy power prevailing for me,
Thy love and Thy power prevailing for me,
Prevailing for me, prevailing for me.

Withhold Thy grace and I shall die,
My best efforts all are vain,
Justly condemned, both out and in;
Love and power prevailing for me,
O my Hope, Thy promise mine –
In Thee I rest forever free.

Prayer of Confession

All: *Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.*

(Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook, 2004, CRC Publications)

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. *Matthew 1:21*

O Come All Ye Faithful

Words & Music: John F. Wade, 1743.

O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, Born the king of angels

CHORUS:

O come let us adore Him, Oh come let us adore Him,
Oh, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above
Glory to God, In the highest glory (Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing (Chorus)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Lyrics written by James Chadwick, 1862, to the tune of a French song *Les Anges Dans Nos Campagnes*.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo
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Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

†Pre-K and early elementary children can go with their teachers for a children's lesson. Please check them in if you did not do so before the service.

Sermon: "The Story of Mary"
Luke 1:26-55
Rev. Mike McBride

The Son Forsook the Father's Home
Words: Samuel J. Stone, 1866; Music: Bruce Benedict, 2010.

The Son forsook the Father's home
for mercy to lost man,
And did not scorn the Virgin's womb
to bear the sinner's ban.
Meekly the Maiden pure believed
the great Archangel's word,
And by the Holy Ghost conceived
the Savior Christ the Lord.

The Word made flesh creation sees,
it's mighty God in Man,
Great mystery of mysteries
since ever time began!
That we might gain a second birth
the Holy Son was given,
Twas God Himself came down
to earth to win us back to heaven.

Lord, we believe with love and praise
this wondrous truth of Thee,
Thereby in all our troublous days
how strong henceforth are we!
So near art Thou, so strong are we,
for now, if we are Thine,
Our Brother in humanity, Thou makest us divine!

We see with peace in times of fear
serene Thy human form,
Thy human voice with joy we hear,
sweet-toned above the storm.
So dread we not the deathly strife,
knowing that Thou hast died,
It can but bear us into life, since nearer to Thy side.

Pastoral Prayer: Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Supper
†Juice is in the outer ring, wine in the inner rings

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Words: Various Latin antiphons, 12th century; Music: *Veni Emmanuel* arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856.

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

CHORUS:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Drive away the shades of night,
Pierce the clouds and bring us light
(Repeat Chorus)

O come, O come, Thou Rod of Jesse free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave
(Repeat Chorus)

Benediction
† We invite you to stretch out your hands as you receive the Lord's blessing



Parkside
CHURCH

Sunday Worship
December 23, 2018
10:00 AM

Welcome to Parkside Church
We're glad you're with us today. Our hope is that through worship today you will meet with the Living God. As God has called us his children, we also hope you will experience the Parkside community as you would a friendly family who has invited you for a holiday meal. Whether you are a longtime member of the family, or curious and coming with questions and skepticism, welcome.

Children and Childcare
We love children at Parkside and welcome some added noise from little ones in the worship service as they learn to sing, listen, and participate in the service. Our first half hour of worship is for all ages and all peoples. During the second half of the service we have:

- A video feed of the service in the picnic pavilion
- A children's lesson for preschool and early elementary students in the picnic pavilion
- A note page for older students, and discussion questions for adults and youth

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