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## Children's Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2012

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* LSB 379 Vs. 1-3

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;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!  
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,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God In the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

**Welcome**

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus* LSB 338 High School Girls

# The Birth of Jesus Foretold

## Luke 1:26-33 (ESV)

**Narrator:** <sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said,

**Angel 1:** "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

**Narrator:** <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her,

**Angel 1:** "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

## *Lift Up Your Heads* LSB 341 Vs. 1 & 5

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.

Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.

## Mary Visits Elizabeth

### Luke 1:39-45 (ESV)

**Narrator:** <sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry,

**Elizabeth:** "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!  
<sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For

behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

### ***Hark the Glad Sound LSB 349 Vs. 1 & 4***

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne And ev’ry voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav’n’s eternal arches ring With Thy beloved name.

## **Mary’s Song of Praise**

### **Luke 1:46-56 (ESV)**

***Narrator:*** <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” <sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

***The Magnificat*** Women of St Peter Choir

## **The Birth of Jesus Christ**

### **Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)**

***Narrator:*** <sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,

***Angel 2:*** “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

*Narrator:* <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

*Angel 2:* <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” ...

*Narrator:* <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB 357 Vs. 1, 3, 5***

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

**Transition/Scene Change  
Stable to Manger**

***O Little Town of Bethlehem LSB 361 Vs. 1 St Peter's Little Lambs***

**Vs. 2-4 Congregation**

For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

## **The Birth of Jesus Christ**

### **Luke 2:1-7 (ESV)**

**Narrator:** <sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*Away in a Manger LSB 364 St Peter's Little Lambs*

## **The Shepherds and the Angels**

### **Luke 2:8-21 (ESV)**

**Narrator:** <sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them,

**Angel 3:** “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

**Angel 4:** <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Angel 5:** <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

**Narrator:** <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

**Angels/Children Sing:** <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

**Narrator:** <sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

**All Shepherds:** “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

**Narrator:** <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. <sup>21</sup> And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

***Angels We Have Heard on High LSB 368 Vs. 1*** Shepherds

**Vs. 2-3** Congregation

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Glo-ria in excelsis Deo. Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Glo-ria in excelsis Deo. Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

**The Return to Nazareth**

**Luke 2:39-40 (ESV)**

**Narrator:** <sup>39</sup> And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

***Joy to the World LSB 387 Vs. 1 & 4***

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.

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.

## **The Visit of the Wise Men**

### **Matthew 2 (ESV)**

**Narrator:** <sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

### ***As With Gladness Men of Old Wise Men***

**Narrator:** <sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

## **The Flight to Egypt**

**Narrator:** <sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

**Angel 6:** “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”

**Narrator:** And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

## **The Return to Nazareth**

**Narrator:** <sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying,

**Angel 6:** “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.”

**Narrator:** <sup>21</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

## **Benediction**

St Peter Choir

The Candles are lit in preparation for the closing hymn. As the ushers go down the aisle, please light your candles by tipping the unlit candle to light off of the burning candle to help prevent burns from the hot wax.

### ***Silent Night LSB 363***

**Verse 1** the children of St Peter will sing in English as well as sign the words.

**Verse 1** the children will sing in German.

**Verse 3** *As the lights are dimmed, the Congregation will sing.*

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.

## **Recessional**

At the close of the service, please extinguish your candle and leave it in the box as you exit the Sanctuary.

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Morning: 10:00 a.m. Nativity of Our Lord  
Sunday the 30th: 10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing  
Monday the 31st: 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Service

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### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Music:	Joanne Brower and Glenda Roth	
Narrator:	William Pickett	
Mary:	Maci Ferguson	
Baby Jesus:	Archer Ferguson	
Elizabeth:	Aubrey Gill	
Joseph:	Travis Fechtler	
Angel 1:	Shelby Horton	
Angel 2:	Mary Atkinson	
Angel 3:	Tori Lasch	
Angel 4:	Kasey Romine	
Angel 5:	Sarah Horton	
Angel 6:	Lauren Gill	
Heavenly Host:	Emma Lasch Kaylie Starr	
Shepherds:	Adam Pickett Sid Mayfield Cooper Hammer	Josh Knobloch Dalton Fechtler
Animals:	Monty Mayfield Chase White Aiden Henry Jessie Mayfield	Corbyn White Reegen Ferguson Ailey Pickett
Wise Men:	Waldo Roth Grant Roth	Cade Roth Jimmy Little
High School Girls:	Lily Gill Whitney Roth Emmie Knobloch	Emily Roth Amanda Wilson
Animal Shepherds:	Jessie Roth Hattie Hammer	Maddie Kurz
Costumes:	Donna Roth Wendy McCarty	Doris Long Jennifer White