



7:00 and 9:00 Services
December 24, 2018 + Christmas Eve

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

Themes and keywords: wait, king

Prelude

God's promises prepare us to worship

(7:00) Charles and Pam Godwin,
Elizabeth, Thomas, Katherine, and Amy Claire
(9:00) Randy, Sharon, and Justin Mayfield

Reader: Tonight is Christmas Eve, the final evening of anticipation of the coming of Jesus, our King and Lord incarnate, God with us. Tonight we light the final candle, the Christ candle.

Reader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reader: Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Reader: This is God's word.

All: *This is our story. Thanks be to God!*

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

Chancel Choir

Text: Paul Gerhardt
Music: Johann Georg Ebling

All my heart this night rejoices as I hear,
far and near, sweetest angel voices:
'Christ is born!' their choirs are singing,
till the air everywhere now with joy is ringing.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger, soft and sweet,
doth entreat: 'Flee from woe and danger!
Brethren, come! From all doth grieve you, you are freed;
all you need I will surely give you.'

Come, then, let us hasten yonder!
Here let all, great and small, kneel in awe and wonder!
Love him who with love is yearning!
Hail the star that from far bright with hope is burning!

Thee, dear Lord, with heed I'll cherish,
live to thee, and with thee dying, shall not perish;
But shall dwell with thee forever, far on high,
in the joy that can alter never.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
**All: *the Second Adam and image of God,
Emmanuel, God with us.***

Liturgist: Give glory to God in the highest through Jesus, our Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
**All: *For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
and through him to reconcile to himself all things in heaven and earth.***

We praise God

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Text: John Francis Wade 1751

tr. Francis Oakeley 1841

Tune: John Francis Wade, *Cantus Diversi* 1751

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O come ye, O
2. True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, be - hold, he comes
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;— sing, all ye
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;— Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
forth from the vir - gin's womb, Son of God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted.
ci - ti - zens of heavn' a - bove: Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est.
thee be all glo - ry giv'n, Word of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

We pray for God to help us worship

Liturgist: Merry Christmas!
Jesus the Christ has come!

All: *Christ has come indeed!*
Hallelujah!

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We confess our sin

Liturgist: God our King, whom the angels announce and worship with joy,
you have come to earth to reveal your glory,
to lift our heads in hope,
and to lead us in the life of your kingdom.

All: *But we too easily think and live
as if your kingdom is not real
and has no power to conquer the evils of this world.
We often look away from your glory
and close our ears to your heavenly word.
So our faith often withers when we face trouble
and problems too big for us to solve or manage,
and we are prone to sinful fear,
to anger that leads to fighting,
and to despair that leads to harmful habits of escape.
Savior, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Heavenly Father, open our eyes to behold our Savior's glory;
and open our hearts to receive him with joy,
that we might worship with the angels
before the throne of Christ our Lord
and follow our King by the power of your Spirit.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from John 1:14, 16

Liturgist: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace, undeserved help to meet our greatest need.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Hymnal #133

Text: Charles Wesley 1739
Tune: Felix Mendelssohn 1840

We confess our faith in God

The Nicene Creed

All: *We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.*

*We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all ages,
God from God, light from light, true God from true 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 sits on the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the 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 forgiveness of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come.*

We prepare for the ministry of God's word

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Chancel Choir

Text: Traditional Polish Carol
Music: arr. Mack Wilberg

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new,
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you.

God instructs us in scripture reading

Luke 2:8-21
(pew Bible p. 857)

God instructs us in preaching

"Waiting with the King"
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

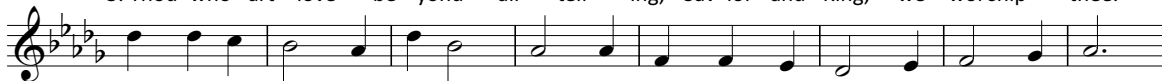
Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

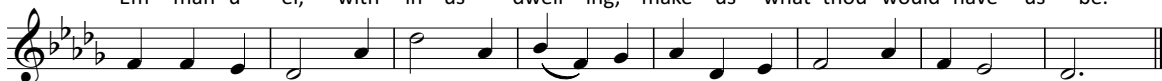
Text: Frank Houghton
Tune: Traditional French carol



1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - came so poor.
2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - came a man,
3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we worship thee.



Thrones for a man - ger did sur - ren - der, sap - phire paved courts for sta - ble floor.
stoop - ing so low, but sin ners rais - ing heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan.
Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing, make us what thou would have us be.



Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - came so poor.
Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - came a man.
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we worship thee.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

*Choir: Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear thy servants when they call.*

Liturgist: O eternal Son of God, without beginning and without end,
you are the mighty Word by whom all things were made,
and you sustain all things by your power.
Fill our hearts with awe and wonder at your majesty.
Kindle your light in our hearts,
that your glory may shine forth in our lives
and drive away the darkness of our shame and the shadow of death itself,
for you are the Light of Life.

All: *Lord, save us by your mercy and power.*



Choir: Thou, grieving that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, didst come to save our fallen race by healing gifts of heav'nly grace.

*Liturgist: O Lord our Healer,
open our hearts to your healing grace.
Heal the hurt that curses our lives with ruin and revenge.
Lead us to repent and turn again to you
with hope for another new beginning and sustaining grace that is new every day.
Open our lives to your presence and power,
so that we will follow you fully on the long healing path
until the day we arrive at home when you return to restore all broken things
and resurrect your creation into immortal glory,
through Jesus Christ our Savior."*

All: Lord, save us by your mercy and power.

Choir: At whose dread name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things celestial thee shall own, and things terrestrial, Lord alone.

*Liturgist: O Christ, King and Lord of nations,
you rose from the dead, and your kingdom will have no end;
you will give eternal life to all who believe and follow you.
Send the good news to the farthest corners of the earth
so that people from every family and nation
will come to know you, bow before you,
and receive the salvation you offer us freely.
Help us all to trust you as our Savior with great joy
and to entrust our lives to you as our Lord and King with great reverence and awe.
Fulfill our truest longings and hopes in the life of the age to come,
so that we will enjoy eternal life with you in this world made new at your return.*

All: Lord, save us by your mercy and power. Amen.

Choir: To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, laud, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

We praise God (by candlelight)

Silent Night

Text: Joseph Mohr 1818

Tune: Franz Gruber 1818

First sung on Christmas Eve in 1818, tonight is the 200th anniversary of this carol.

Stil - le Nacht, hei - lie - ge Nacht, Al - les schläft; ein - sam wacht
1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight.
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light,

Nur das trau - te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar. Hol - der Knabe im lock - i - gen Haar,
'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far; heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
rad - iant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh! Schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh!
sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born, Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord at thy birth!

God blesses us and sends us out

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729

J. S. Bach

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