

Children's Christmas Worship



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Saints and Angel Hosts Rejoice

A Children's Christmas Service Focusing on the Songs of Luke's Gospel

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Processional Hymn

55 - Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1. Oh, come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come all ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the king of angels,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

(Interlude)

2. God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father.

Congregation sings

**Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

(Interlude)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest.

Congregation sings

**Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Congregation sings

4. **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.
Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

Invocation

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation Amen.

Call to Worship

selected verses from Psalm 95 and Luke 1

M Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

C **Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

M Let us come before him with thanksgiving

C **And extol him with music and song.**

M Come, let us bow down in worship,

C **Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

M The rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine light on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,

C **To guide our feet into the path of peace.**

M Unto us the Christ is born.

C **Come, let us worship him!**

Message

Reading

John 1:1-9,14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

6 - Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, O long-expected Jesus, Born to set your people free;
From our sins and fears release us By your death on Calvary.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, Hope to all the earth impart,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
2. Born your people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, Now your gracious kingdom bring.
By your own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone.
By your all-sufficient merit Raise us to your glorious throne.

+ **Introduction** + **Songs from Luke's Gospel**

Narration

At this time of year, we hear and sing a lot of special music that has been written and composed for the Advent and Christmas seasons—carols and hymns that celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. Tonight we will hear the verses of the very first Christmas, as recorded in the gospel of Luke. For centuries these words of God's saints and angels have been set to music and sung by believers. The songs remind us of the gift of God's Son, Jesus, as our Savior and the redeeming work he has done for all of us. Tonight we hear this message of comfort as these saints and angel hosts rejoice.

Baby Jesus, We Love You

Pre-K and K

What did the cow in the manger say
to Baby Jesus in the hay?
Moo, moo, moo, moo.
Baby Jesus, we love you.

Jesus was born on Christmas Day.
Mary laid him in the hay.
So little boys and girls may pray.
Jesus, Jesus, Baby Jesus we love you.

What did the sheep in the manger say
to Baby Jesus in the hay?
Baa, baa, baa, baa.
Baby Jesus, we love you.

What did the donkey in the manger say
to Baby Jesus in the hay?
Hee haw, hee haw.
Baby Jesus, we love you.

Jesus was born on Christmas Day.
Mary laid him in the hay.

So little boys and girls may pray.
Jesus, Jesus, Baby Jesus we love you.

Moo moo, baa baa, hee haw, Jesus.
Baby Jesus we love you.

Recitation

Pre-K

The angels sang out to the shepherds.
The angels sang over the field.
The angels sang out to the shepherds.
Go visit the baby and kneel.

The angels sang Glory to God.
The angels sang peace to the earth.
The angels sang Glory to God.
Tonight is our Savior's birth.

Hymn

Grades K-2; Grades 3-8

68 - Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

+ Part One +
Good News in the Old Testament

Narration

When God created the first humans, Adam and Eve, he placed them in the Garden of Eden. God told them they could eat from any tree in the garden except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. All of God’s creation was perfect and very good.

But then Adam and Eve sinned. The devil came to Adam and Eve in the form of a snake. He deceived Adam and Eve by raising doubts in their minds about what God had said. They ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, disobeying God.

Narration

Then Adam and Eve realized their sin. Because of their sin, they would experience consequences. Their work would be difficult; one of their sons would kill his brother; they would experience pain, hardships, and torment. And finally, they would die, turning back to the dust from which they were created. The same would happen to all of their descendants—to every human being ever born.

In his love for Adam and Eve and everyone who would come after them—in his love for you and me—God promised a Savior from sin. God would send his one and only Son to be their Savior and ours. This first promise of this Savior is found in Genesis chapter 3, when God tells the devil:

Recitation

Grades 1-2

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

Narration

God did not forget his promise. He spoke the promise again and again to his people, including his chosen servant Abraham:

Recitation

Grades 3-4

“I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:3)

Narration

To Judah, the son of Jacob:

Recitation

Grades 3-4

“The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.” (Genesis 49:10)

Narration

To his chosen prophet Moses, who led God’s people from slavery in Egypt to the land God promised them:

Recitation

Grades 5-6

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.” (Deuteronomy 18:15)

Narration

And in the darkest of times, God’s prophet Isaiah would remind God’s people that the Savior was coming and what he would accomplish for all people:

Recitation

Grades 5-6

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:2,6)



Hymn

47 - Behold, a Branch Is Growing

1. Behold, a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
3. The shepherds heard the story
Proclaimed by angels bright,

As prophets sang, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

How Christ, the Lord of glory,
Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found him,
As angel heralds said.

2. Isaiah had foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.

- Congregation sings*
4. **This flow'r, so small and tender,
With fragrance fills the air;
His brightness ends the darkness
That kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man,
He came to save his people
From earth's dark night of sin.**

- Congregation and children sing*
5. **O Savior, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woes,
O Savior, King of glory,
Who conquered all our foes,
Bring us at last, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.**

Narration

Later, God proclaimed his promise again through the prophet Jeremiah:

Recitation

Grade 7

“In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”
(Jeremiah 33:15,16)

Narration

Finally, four hundred years before the Savior was born, the last prophecy was given through Malachi:

Recitation

Grade 8

“For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays.”
(Malachi 4:2)

Narration

God repeated his promise of a Savior throughout the time of the Old Testament, and God would keep his promise!

Anthem

Cherub Choir

Bethlehem Night

Words and music by Terry Taylor

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1. On this night a King is born in a cattle shed.
Swaddling clothes will keep him warm in his manger bed.
What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night?
2. Shepherds watching flocks at night in the fields nearby,
See an angel in great light! Glory fills the sky!
What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night?
3. Hear the angel share the news, tidings of great joy;
“Now a Savior comes to you, in this baby boy.”
What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Love is come, our God is with us, on this Bethlehem night.
Love is come, our God is with us, on this Bethlehem night.



+ Part Two + The Song of Zechariah (“Benedictus”)

Narration

When the time was right, God continued with his plan of salvation. At that time there lived a priest of the Lord whose name was Zechariah. He was married to Elizabeth. While serving in the temple, the angel Gabriel came to Zechariah and announced that he and his wife would have a son. They were to name him John. The child would be great and prepare the way for the Lord. This child was John the Baptist.

Because Zechariah and his wife were older, he doubted what Gabriel said. Because of Zechariah's doubt, Gabriel told Zechariah that he would not be able to speak until their child was born.

Listen as we hear about the birth of John the Baptist, recorded in Luke chapter 1:

Reading

Grades 5-6

“When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, ‘No! He is to be called John.’ They said to her, ‘There is no one among your relatives who has that name.’ Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, ‘His name is John.’ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, ‘What then is this child going to be?’ For the Lord’s hand was with him.” (Luke 1:57-66)

Narration

Grades 7-8

Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave a prophecy. This prophecy is called the “Benedictus,” a Latin word that means “blessed.” This song reminds us of the work of God’s promised Savior and how John the Baptist would prepare the people for the coming of the Savior.

Hymn

Grades 1-8

275 - Blessed Be the God of Israel

1. Blessed be the God of Israel,
Who comes to set us free;
He visits and redeems us;
2. He from the house of David
A child of grace has giv’n;
A Savior comes among us

He grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
Of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill his promise
And bring his people peace.

To raise us up to heav'n.
He guides the feet of pilgrims
Along the paths of peace.
Oh, bless our God and Savior
With songs that never cease.

+ Part Three + The Song of Mary (“Magnificat”)

Narration

God sent the angel Gabriel to another person, to a young woman in Nazareth named Mary. She was engaged to a man named Joseph. The news Gabriel told Mary was incredible: God had chosen her to be the mother of the world’s Savior.

Mary was amazed at this news since she was a virgin. However, Gabriel told her that through God’s power she would become pregnant and her child would be the Son of God. In faith, Mary accepted this news.

While visiting her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist, Mary praised the Lord with what has become known as the “Magnificat,” a Latin word from the beginning of this song. We find Mary’s words recorded in Luke chapter 1:

Recitation

Grades 3-4

“At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!’ And Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord.’” (Luke 1:39-46)

Mary praised the Lord for the great things he had done for his people in the past and the greatest thing he would do for his people in the future by sending the Savior.

Canticle

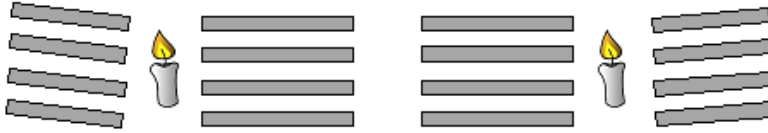
Grades 3-8

Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

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will call
The
has
things for me,
and holy is his name.



this day all
generations
me blessed.
Almighty
done great

He has mercy on those who fear him
in ev'ry generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent a way empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise made to our fathers, to Abraham,
and to his children forever. Amen.

+ Part Four + The Song of the Angels (“Gloria in excelsis Deo”)

Narration

When all things were ready, God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the Savior of the world. This event, the greatest in the history of the world, took place in humble circumstances.

Hymn

60 - Silent Night! Holy Night!

Alumni are asked to walk forward with their candles and disperse along the two side aisles during the prelude to “Silent Night.” A faculty member will initiate candle lighting in each aisle and alumni are asked to carefully continue the lighting of candles down the aisle during “Silent Night.” When the song is complete, please blow out your candles as you walk back to your seats. Please place your candles in the box in the narthex at the end of the service.

Pre-K-8 (sung and signed in sign language)

1. 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.

Pre-K-8 and alumni sing

3. Silent Night! Holy Night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Interlude: Alumni walk forward on side aisles with lit candles.

Pre-K-8 and alumni sing

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht,
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

Pre-K-8, alumni and congregation sings

4. **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.

Musical Interlude as Alumni return to their seats.

Recitation

Grades 3-4

“In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.” (Luke 2:1-7)

Anthem

Junior Choir

Sleep, Holy Babe

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| <p>1. Sleep, Holy Babe!
 Upon your Mother's breast;
 Great Lord of earth and sea and sky,
 How sweet it is to see you lie
 In such a place of rest,
 In such a place of rest.</p> | <p>3. Sleep, Holy Babe!
 While I with Mary gaze
 In joy upon that Face divine,
 Whose smile redeems this heart of mine.
 Oh, here the Christ child lays,
 Oh, here the Christ child lays.</p> |
| <p>2. Sleep, Holy Babe!
 God's angels watch around.
 All bending low with folded wings,
 Before th'incarnate King of kings,
 In rev'rent awe profound,
 In rev'rent awe profound.</p> | <p>4. Sleep, Holy Babe!
 A star shines bright above,
 Too quickly will your slumbers end,
 For you were sent the world to mend.
 Come fill us with your love,
 Come fill us with your love.</p> |

Narration

Grades 7-8

The humble circumstances didn't diminish the importance of this event. And God wanted people to know about it! So he sent an angel to tell local shepherds that the world's Savior had been born and how they would recognize him. Then many angels appeared to proclaim peace to all people because the Savior had come.

Recitation

Kindergarten

“There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

Grades 1-2

But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” (Luke 2:8-14)

Narration

Grades 7-8

The name of this song, taken from the angels' Christmas proclamation to the Bethlehem shepherds, is “Gloria in excelsis Deo.” This Latin phrase means “glory to God in the

highest.” The song reminds us of the peace that now exists—not an earthly peace but peace between God and all human beings. Jesus would fulfill every part of the law, which we could not do. Jesus would save all people from their sins! Praise and honor, glory and thanks, be to God for this great love shown to sinners!

Song

61 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all you nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’ angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Refrain
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

Grades 1-8 and congregation sing

2. **Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th’ incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!**
Refrain
**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

Grades 1-8 and congregation sing

3. **Hail, the heav’nly Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.**
Refrain
**Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”**

Recitation

Grades 3-4

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us

about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. (Luke 2:15-20)

Song

Joy Has Dawned

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1. Joy has dawned upon our world, promised from creation –
God’s salvation now unfurled, hope for ev’ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory;
But a humble gift of love – Jesus born of Mary.
2. Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels.
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother’s breast, vuln’rable and helpless.
3. Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold – a King is born today, Incense – God is with us,
Myrrh – His death will make a way and by His blood He’ll win us.
4. Son of Adam, Son of Heav’n, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst’ry!
Once a Babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist’ry.



+ Part Five +

The Song of Simeon (“Nunc Dimittis”)

Narration

Our final song is based on the words of an old man. This man, Simeon, had been told by God that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Christ. Forty days after the birth of Jesus, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to fulfill those portions of the law that required the firstborn son to be presented to the Lord. Listen as we hear what took place in the temple that day, recorded in Luke 2:25-33. Simeon's words of praise are known in Latin as the "Nunc Dimittis," the first words where Simeon states he can now depart in peace. Simeon had seen the salvation that God had promised for his chosen people—and for all people.

Reading

Grades 5-6

"There was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.' The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him." (Luke 2:25-33)

Song

Junior Choir

All is Well

Words and music by Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick, arranged by Lloyd Larson

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| 1. All is well all is well
Angels and men rejoice
For tonight darkness fell
Into the dawn of love's light
Sing Ale
Sing Alleluia | 2. All is well all is well
Let there be peace on earth
Christ's come go and tell
That He is in the manger
Sing Ale
Sing Alleluia |
| 3. All is well all is well
Lift up your voices and sing
Born is now Emmanuel
Born is our Lord and Savior
Sing Alleluia | 4. Born is now Emmanuel
Born is our Lord and Savior
Sing Alleluia
Sing Alleluia
All is well |

Sing Alleluia
All is well

Narration

All of these songs thank God for the great gift he has given us in sending his Son to be our Savior from sin. In our worship today we sing many songs to the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In these songs we thank our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sanctifier for preserving us, redeeming us, and both bringing us to faith and strengthening our faith. May our songs, like those we heard tonight, thank God for the Gift of gifts—Jesus, God’s Son, our Savior!

Song

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Vs. 1, James Montgomery; vs. 2-5, James Tiefel

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Once you sang creation’s story;
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.
2. Mary, hear the angel’s message
Trusting it as God’s own Word.
Lift your heart in holy wonder;
Magnify your gracious Lord.
Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.
3. Come, O blessed Zechariah,
Mute in doubt, but now in song
Raise a hymn for God’s long promise
To destroy the devil’s wrong.
Refrain: Congregation sings
**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**
4. Simeon, hopeful all your lifetime
For the coming of the King,
Sing your prayers in peaceful wonder;
Light and glory he will bring.
Refrain: Congregation sings
**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**
5. **Saints and angels, now and ever,
Raise a song of glorious praise.
In your hymns proclaim the message,
Sing the gospel all your days.**
Refrain:
**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Offering

Please stand

Prayer for Christmas Eve

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

M The bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
C Amen.

Please be seated

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World

- Congregation sings*
1. 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.
 3. **No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
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 found.**

- Congregation sings*
2. **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.
 4. *Congregation sings*
**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.**

Special Thanks...

Ms. Dawn Aswege Director
Mrs. Tania Kopplin Organ
Mrs. Sarah Schemm Piano
Mr. John McCarthy/Mr. Rick Jackson Audio/Visual

Join us for worship at Calvary

December 24	Christmas Eve Festival of Lessons and Carols.....	7:00 PM
December 24	Christmas Eve Compline Service	11:00 PM
December 25	Christmas Day	9:30 AM
December 31	New Year's Eve.....	5:00 PM

Candy Bags

Children are invited to take a candy bag from the ushers as they leave church. Calvary students will receive their bags from their teachers following the service. Please accept this candy bag as a gift of our congregation. We ask that you do not open the candy bags until you are home so that we can keep our facilities clean.

No photography during worship

Our children have prepared to lead worship tonight – not a play or program. It is the prayer of our faculty and students that the focus of our worshippers’ attention will not be the children, but the Christ child in the manger.

We ask that there be
NO PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE SERVICE.



The service will be made available on our church website and will also be made available on DVD when students return from Christmas Break. You may take pictures with your children after the service.

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