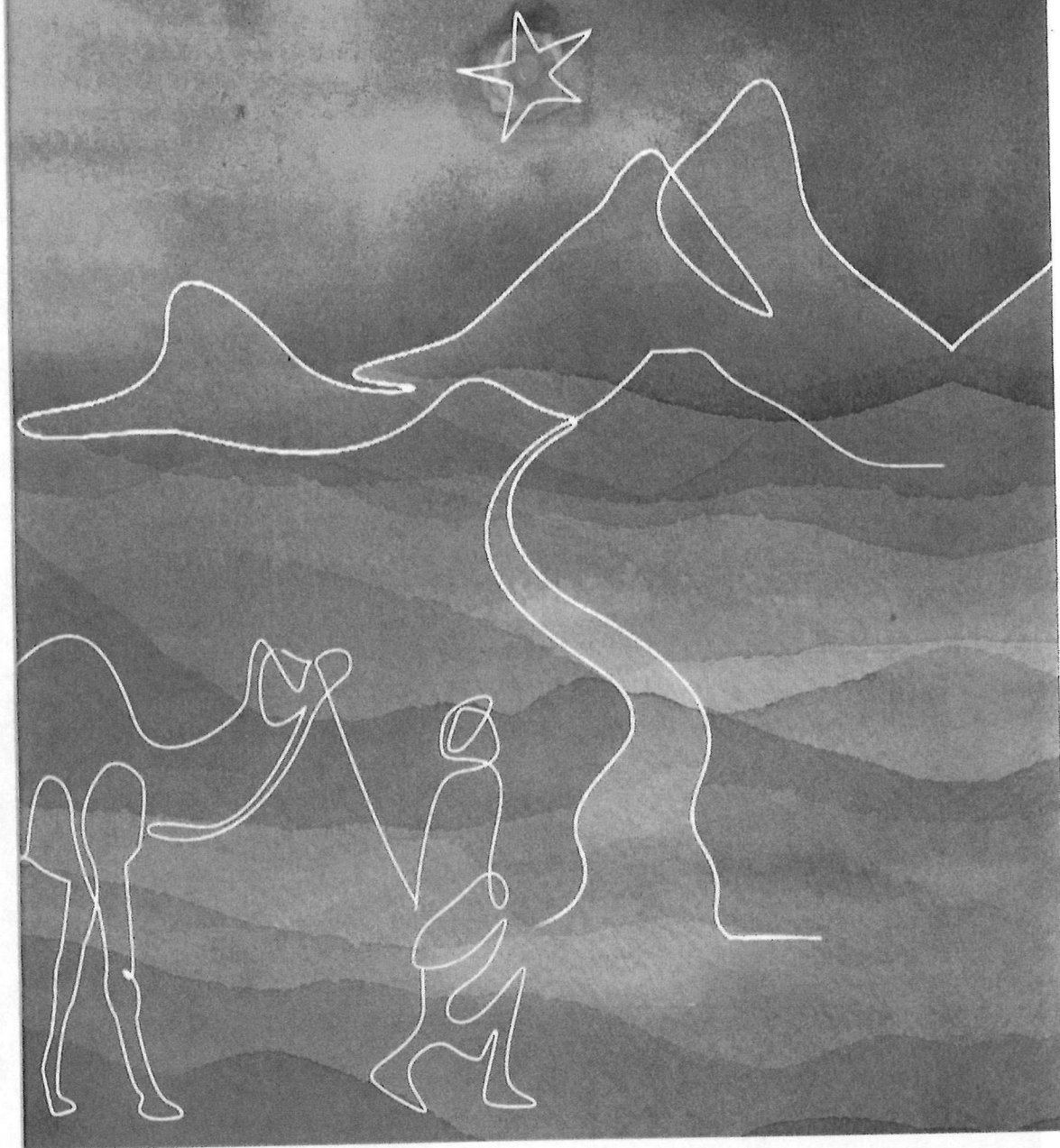


Prepare the way



**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*Chris Rothhapt, Senior Pastor, Stephanie Roth, Vicar*  
**The Nativity of Our Lord**  
*Christmas Eve*  
**5:00 P.M - DECEMBER 24, 2023**

**Prelude: In Dulci Jubilo**

**J. S. Bach**

*Lexi and Mikaela Tobash will sing first stanza in Latin as they process.*

*Congregation will then sing stanzas 1-4 as printed.*

**Entrance Hymn:** O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

**Greeting:**

P: A child has been born for us, a son given to us.

C: **He is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!**

P: Good news of great joy, light and life, grace and peace be  
with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great  
light.

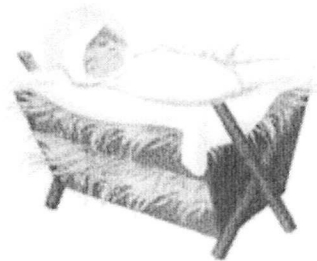
C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has  
not overcome it.**

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them  
light has shined.

C: **We have beheld the Christ's glory, glory as of the only  
Son from the father.**

P: To us a child is born; to us, a Son is given.

C: **In Him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**



## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise: join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

*Refrain*

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

**Prayer of the Day:**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth, we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through Your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**Candle lighting Ceremony** *Ushers light Christmas Candles*

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**It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

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1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,

from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world.  
 who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev-er-cir-cle years shall come the time fore-told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gra-cious king."  
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol-enn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.  
 and ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.  
 oh, rest be-side the wea-ry road and hear the an-gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 9:2-7  
No Golden Carriage, No Bright Toy

Gilbert M. Martin

Lexi and Mikaela Tobash

**Second Lesson:** Titus 2:11-14

**Gospel Acclamation: Gloria** (*Will be sung first by cantor, then by congregation 2 times through*)

**Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 2:1-20

**Children's Message**

**Christmas Message**

Pastor Chris

**Hymn of the Day: Angels We Have Heard on High**

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### Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing:

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Refrain*  
Glo ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o: glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**Offering**

And the Angel Said

Russell Nagy

Lexi and Mikaela Tobash

**Offertory Response: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

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**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

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1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## Prayers:

P: Gathered in the joy of promises fulfilled, let us bring our needs and our thanksgivings to God.  
We pray for... God of grace and peace,

C: **Hear our prayer.**  
*(Prayers continue until final petition)*

P: Hear all our prayers, gracious God, and receive them in the name of the Word made flesh,  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection open to us the way of ever lasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



**Peace:**

P: Unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given.

C: **And His name is the Prince of Peace.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Greet one another in the peace of our newborn King.

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**Away in a Manger**

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

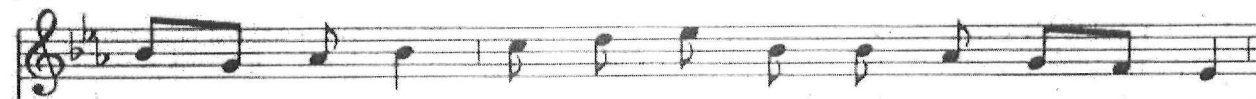
Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
ev - er and love me. I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

## Of the Father's Love Begotten



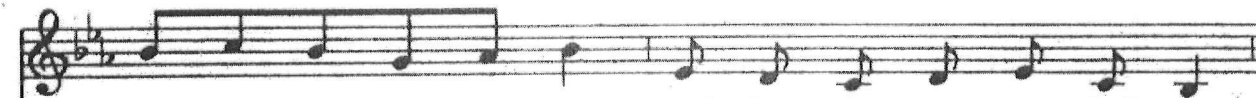
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is he whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; An - gel hosts, his




gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing; Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him



He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word; Now he shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King; Let no tongue on earth be



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,  
 deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face,  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring



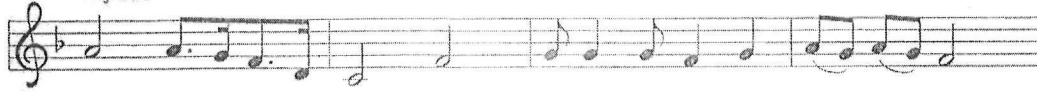
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men

- 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
 And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
 And unwearied praises be:  
 Honor, glory, and dominion,  
 And eternal victory  
 Evermore and evermore! Amen

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

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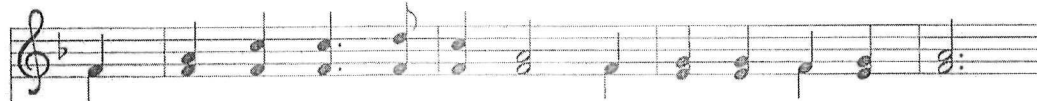
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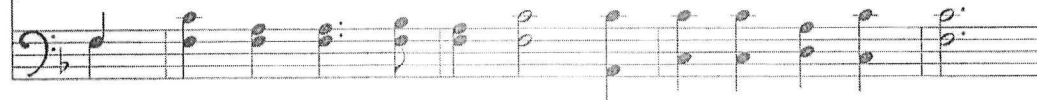
Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



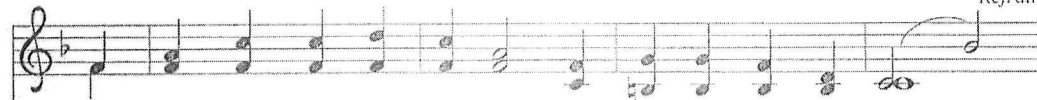
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



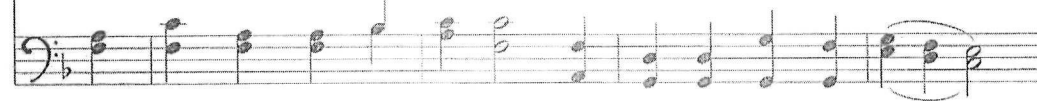
- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: African American spiritual

GO TELL IT  
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1 The first Noel the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three, full . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond them far; and to the  
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave great light, and so it con -  
 king was then in tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop and stay right o - ver the  
 there in his pres - ence their gold, . . . and

night that was so deep,  
 tin-ued both day and night  
 star where - ev - er it went  
 place where Je - sus lay  
 myrrh, and frank in - cense

*Allegro*

No - el, No - el, No -  
 el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el,

Pastor

May the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Strengthen You and Keep You in His Grace. Amen.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Christmas Candle lighting**

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light.

C: *Thanks be to God for His marvelous gift!*

P: Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, which will come to all the people.

C: **Christ is the Light of the world.**

P: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is  
Christ the Lord.

C: **Christ is the Light of our lives.**

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### O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray:

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by:  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love,  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n,  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light,  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night,  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in,  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893  
Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

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# Silent Night, Holy Night!

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*

*Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

*ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.*  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

*Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher*  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace. Je - sus, Lord, at your

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

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885  
 Music: Franz Gruber, 1787-1863

STILLE NACHT  
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## Blessing

P: May you glory in the birth of the Son of God, may you walk in the Light of Christ, and may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Recessional Hymn:

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## Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re-  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1671-1748  
Music: English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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C/M and repeat

**Postlude:** Now is Born the Devine Christ Child

Mike Kiehner

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