

SYMBOLS OF THE SEASON



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
LIVING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
MONTGOMERY, TEXAS
DECEMBER 24, 2020
3:00PM**

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Pre-Service Music

Opening Song: "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Congregation

From heaven above to earth I come To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Where of I now will say and sing.

To you this night is born a child Of Mary, Chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth, Shall be the joy of all the earth.

Children Only

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A quiet chamber set apart For You to dwell within my heart.

Welcome

Invocation

P Let us begin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Children Only

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

Congregation

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

PART 1: TREE

Song: "The Tree of Life"

Solo by Lyric Morgan

The tree of life with every good In Eden's Holy orchard stood, and of its fruit so pure and Sweet
God let the man and woman eat. Yet in this Garden also grew another tree, of which they Knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned. What mercy God
showed to our race, A plan of Rescue by His grace; In sending One from woman's Seed, The One

to fill our greatest need For on a Tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would Die, Would drink the cup of scorn and Dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!

PART 2: STAR

Song: "I want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Children Only:

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both a like.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Congregation:

**I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both a like.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both a like.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

PART 3: ANGELS

Song: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Trio of Maya & Kenna Stille and Georgia Hegar

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King!

Congregation

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God head see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born King!**

PART 4: SWEETS

Song: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Congregation:

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In A believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, Heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole and Calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the Hungry soul and to the weary rest.**

PART 5: SANTA CLAUS

Song: "What Child is This"

Children:

**What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

Duet: Jewell and Kyle Steen

**Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

Congregation:

**So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

PART 6: GIFTS

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 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.

Song: "Away in a Manger"

Children:

Away in a manger no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in They tender care And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Luke 2:8-14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Congregation:

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing over the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains:
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria In excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her

heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Message: “The Best Symbol of All”

Isaiah 7:14 & Luke 2:10-12

Prayers

P Dear Lord Jesus, though You have existed forever in a rich, joyful, loving relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit, today we celebrate your coming to us and for us. You are the promised and much-longed-for Christ—the Messiah. Every promise God has made finds its fulfillment—its unequivocal “Yes!” in You. Thank You for making your sign known to us...

C **That our Savior has been born!**

P Dear Lord Jesus, with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven, we rejoice in the day angels sang, shepherds ran and Mary pondered. We exchange gifts and sing and celebrate and pray. Why? For You are our sign...

C **And the best gift of all.**

P Dear Lord Jesus, we praise You for being born in Bethlehem, the “house of bread,” for we were a famished people—yearning for hope and wholeness, safety, security and salvation. That is why You came as the Bread of Life, and You have brought the feast of the Gospel to our souls. We praise You, for You are more than just a Symbol.

C **You are the very One who gives us life.**

P Dear Lord Jesus, we thank You for entering our world in the town of David, Israel’s shepherd-king. For what King David could never be, You have become for us—the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep; and now You care for us with relentless tenderness and persistent kindness. Thank You for being our Shepherd...

C **And showing us the way.**

P Dear Lord Jesus, as the King of kings and Lord of lords, You are presently reigning over all things and working in all things, for your glory and our good. No other kingdom is everlasting but yours; no other king is as loving. Knowing these things to be true, we have a peace which passes all understanding, mercies which cannot be measured, and grace upon grace. Jesus, we pray in your tender and trustworthy name.

C **Amen.**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen! Glory to God in the highest! And peace to His people on earth!**

Closing Song: "Silent Night"

Kenna Stille with Children:

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.

Congregation:

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
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!**

**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.**

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

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