A silhouette of a nativity scene is centered on a dark blue, starry night sky. The scene depicts the Virgin Mary kneeling on the left, the infant Jesus lying in a manger in the center, and the three wise men kneeling on the right, one holding a gift. A bright star is visible in the sky above the manger. The entire scene is framed by a white grid pattern.

*Candlelight Service
Of
Carols and
Holy Communion*

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Hawaii*

December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Carols & Holy Communion Order for Worship

*Processional Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla - tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry; now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon-der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

*Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord, Jesus the Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise

Oh Come All Ye Faithful

1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,

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

**Prayer of the Day*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P 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.

First Lesson

Isaiah 9: 2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been

born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.

hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the
 you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Second Lesson

Titus 2: 11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who

gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

***Musical Response It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 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:
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all-gracious king.”
 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-emn still-ness lay to hear the 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.

***The Gospel**

Luke 2 : 1-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
 C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made

known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Gospel Response*

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.

Sermon

*The Sermon Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit-tle town of Beth-le-hem, how still we see thee lie!
 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;
 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.
 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.
 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!

***Christmas Prayers**

- P Rejoicing in God's gift of gentle grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all on whom the light of Christ shines.
- A Wonderful Counselor, you increase our joy as the church gathers on this holy night to sing of our dear Savior's birth. May the story of salvation live in the hearts of all who sing of its wonders. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- A Mighty God, you have broken the yoke of sin's burden through the birth of your Son. Comfort those whose burdens distract them from the deeper peace of this holy night and grant them a restful mind. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- A Everlasting Father, uphold all who are in sorrow or need of your divine goodness and mercy. We remember with thanksgiving all who have died and who now rest in your peaceful light. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- A Prince of Peace, may your reign be known in all places that know fighting and unrest, and grant resolution to conflicts throughout the world. God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
- P Hear our prayers, gracious God, and bathe us always in the light of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

The Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you.
P Let us share the peace of the Lord.

C And also with you.

Offering & Offertory Hymn

What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

**The Offertory Prayer*

P God of time and eternity,

C you have given your only Son, born of Mary, to save and redeem us. Bless us with all good things, that the works of our hands through all the years of our lives may proclaim the news of your redeeming love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**The Great Thanksgiving*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

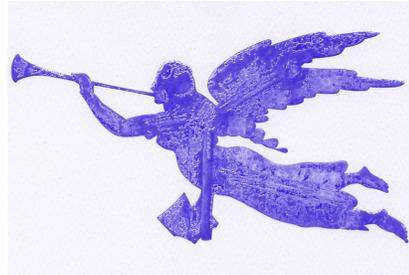
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you. Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. It is he who, handed himself over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death - to break the bonds of the evil one - to crush hell underfoot - to give light to the righteous - to establish his covenant - and to show forth the resurrection. It is he, who:

Took bread and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper he took the cup, when he had given thanks, he 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me. "

Remembering then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. And we ask you: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C Amen



**Christmas Lord's Prayer*



Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your name! Your Kingdom a-
The bread that we yearn for, Pro - vide us each day: As we forgive
For yours is the Kingdom; O'er all things You reign, And yours is the



mong us, Your will done the same. By mortals and angels; Come,
others, Our sins take a - way. In times of temp - ta - tion, to
power; All things you main - tain. To you be the glory, Re-



Lord, reign a - lone: Oh, hear us and bless us, From heaven's high throne.
lead us be near; From ev - il de - liv - er, Your children most dear.
sound - ing a - gain, From all of cre - a - tion, For - ever. A - men

The Distribution

Communion has been prepared and blessed. It is ready for your reception. The thin layer on top can be removed to receive the body and the thick tab can be removed to receive the blood.

After communion, you are invited to light a candle.

The light symbolizes the gift of love we receive from our God this night. May Christ's presence be a blessing to you as he comes to us not only as a babe in Bethlehem, but as our Lord in bread and wine.

Communion Hymns

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 poor ba - by wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

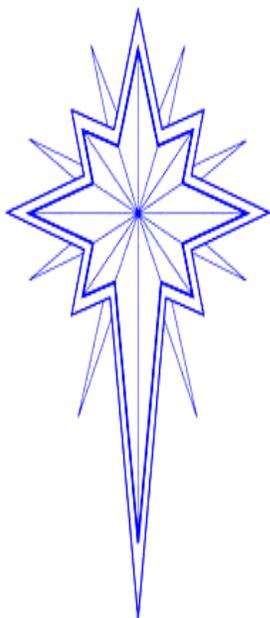


Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the sky looked
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



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.

The First Noel



1 The first No - el 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 .

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

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the

Refrain
 night that was so deep.
 tin - ued both day and night. No - el, No - el, No -
 star wher - ev - er it went.

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

Hark the Herald

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!"

**The Blessing*

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

**Post Communion Carol*

Silent Night, Holy Night

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,

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.

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

peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

**The Recessional Hymn*

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive its King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
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
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

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

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