



PRELUDE

Gabe Livingston:French Horn
Lindsay McAuley:Piano

CHRISTMAS READING: ISAIAH 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – THE CHRIST CANDLE

P: With this lighting of the Christ Candle we rejoice with prophets, angels, and Mary and Joseph in welcoming Christ!

C: Our hope has arrived!

(Lighting of all 4 candles and The Christ Candle in the Advent Wreath)

P: Thank you God, for sending us your Son,

C: May this light remind us of the hope we all carry because you love the whole world!

GATHERING SONG

VERSE 1

Hark the herald angels sing!
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise;
Join the triumph of the skies.
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark the herald angels sing!
Glory to the newborn King!

VERSE 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord.
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity!

HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Pleased as man with all to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark the herald angels sing!
Glory to the newborn King!

VERSE 3

Hail the heav'n-born 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 all no more may die.
Born to raise us all of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

WELCOME

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

P: Out of the noise and glitter of the world's Christmas, we have come away, O God, into this hour in your presence.

C: Help us discover the true meaning of Christmas. Enable us to see your great love for us through the birth of Jesus. Give us wisdom and the faith to live out our lives daily accepting the gift of your presence anew. Amen.

READING: TITUS 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation

of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He 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.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (Hannah Monet & Tyler Babneau)

HALLELUJAH

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the

people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" [¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

L: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE MESSAGE

PASTOR MICHELENE VERLAUTZ AND LAURA BABNEAU

SONG OF THE DAY

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

**1 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?**

**2 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh.
Come peasant king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

Chorus 1

**This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing!
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

Chorus 2

**Raise, raise a song on high!
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe the Son of Mary!**

Chorus 1

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC (Laura Babneau)

2,000 DECEMBERS AGO

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (SPOKEN, PG.144)

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 our thanks and praise.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

You are welcome at the Lord's table, where by God's grace; we are fed, made whole, and strengthened to live

as God's disciples. We commune at stations, where you receive wine, bread, grape juice and/or gluten-free wafers.

COMMUNION SONG

- 1 **Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know
That your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you.**
- 2 **Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know
That your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod,
And when you kiss your little baby**

MARY, DID YOU KNOW

**You've kissed the face of God?
Oh, Mary did you know?**

Bridge

**The blind will see,
The deaf will hear,
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap,
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb.**

- 3 **Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know
That your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know
That your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb,
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I Am?**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The pastor will then light the usher's candles. They in turn will give light to the first person in each row, who will pass it on. *The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another!*

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG

- 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.

- 2 **Silent night, holy night!**
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,

SILENT NIGHT

- With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy
birth.
- 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!

BLESSING

(candles are extinguished after blessing)

POSTLUDE

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