Glory to the Newborn King!

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS
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STORIES, SONGS, AND PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
December 24, 2020

The people’s responses are in bold.

Prelude  
*He is born the divine Christ-child*  
French Carol  
arranged by Albin C. Whitworth

**Opening Acclamation and Collect of the Day**

**Leader**  
Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy.  
For unto you is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.  
For unto you a child is born.  

**People**  
Unto us a Son is given.  

**Leader**  
What shall his name be called?  

**People**  
His name shall be called wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Let us pray.

Most merciful and loving God, you have made this day holy by the incarnation of your son Jesus Christ, and by the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Grant that we your people may enter with joy into the celebration of this day, and may also rejoice for ever as your adopted sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Hymn 83 stanzas 1-3 sung by all

Adeste fideles

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
2. God from God, Light from Eternal,
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
4. See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
5. Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,

1. Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
2. Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
3. Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
4. Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5. We would embrace thee, with love and awe;

1. Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
2. Only be gotten Son of the Father;
3. Glory to God, glory in the highest;
4. We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
5. Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him. Christ the Lord.

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A Christmas Pageant  O Zoom All Ye Faithful  written by
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Anthem  The Angel Gabriel from heaven came  Basque Carol

The Nativity Story  Book Illustrations by Julie Vivas
read by The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

Christmas Prayers of the People  written by The Rev. Dr. Ted Loder

Lord God, in the deepest night
there rises the star of morning,
of birth,
   the herald of a new day you are making,
a day of great joy dawning
   in yet faint shafts
   of light and love.

Welcome Lord Jesus, Welcome!

We hear whispers of peace in the stillness,
fresh breezes of promise
   stirring, winter sparrows chirping of life,
a baby’s cry
   of need and hope--
   Christmas!

Welcome Lord Jesus, Welcome!

In the darkness we see the light
   and find in it comfort,
   confidence, cause for celebration,
for the darkness cannot overcome it;
and we rejoice to nourish it
   in ourselves, in other people,
in the world
for the sake of him
   in whom it was born
   and shines forever.

Welcome Lord Jesus, Welcome! Amen.
The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
    hallowed by 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,
    for ever and ever. Amen

Anthem

The holly and the ivy
English Carol
arranged by Richard Shephard

The Christmas Blessing

May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ-child be God's gift to you this Christmas time and always. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the news of our newborn Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Go Tell It on the Mountain

1. While shepherds kept their watch over their flocks by night,
   Be-thought of the sight that God was about to make.

2. Then the angels said, “Hark! you with lowly race;
   God has sent salvation in a time of peace and grace.

3. Go tell it on the mountain, from the mountain top;
   Christ has risen, angels’ chorus, to all men stops.

Repeat Refrain

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Postlude

Joy to the world! the Lord is come

George Frideric Handel
Bruce Dearnaley, tower bells

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