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#### A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

# 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.** 



Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

A Christmas Pageant

O Zoom All Ye Faithful

written by The Rev. Corey Turnpenny

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.



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#### Postlude

#### Joy to the world! the Lord is come Bruce Dearnaley, tower bells

George Frideric Handel

#### **Participants**

Clergy The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector

The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector

Minister of Music Rodney Ayers

Choir Members of the St. Cecilia Choir

Tower Bells Bruce Dearnaley Christmas Pageant Players Victoria Cormier

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Catherine Pilkington

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