

FROM FEAR

to Love



Christmas Eve Family Carol Service

December 24, 2020

5 pm

Prelude

A Christmas Carol Medley
Lynn Liepold, organ

Jerry Van Der Pol

The prelude is a time for quiet reflection.

Welcome

Rev. Adam Blons

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#234

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

The Christmas Story

Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis and Christine Ford

“Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem” (Luke 2:1-7)

Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#230

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.

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 on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

“And in that region, there were Shepherds” (Luke 2:8-9)

Carol

The First Noel

#245

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. (refrain)

And by the light of that same start
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. (refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. (refrain)

“The angel said to them, ‘See, I am bringing you good news.’” (Luke 2:10-14)

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

#238

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er 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 strain prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

“They went with haste and found Mary and Joseph” (Luke 2:15-20)

Carol*Away in a Manger*

#217

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 thy tender care,
 and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Response

From Heaven Above
 Chapel Choir

Nancy Lancaster

From heaven above to earth He comes. Alleluia.
 To bring good news to everyone. Alleluia.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hope and Matt Walburn, Aria, Noah, and William

Carol*Joy to the World*

#246

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven, and heaven and nature
 sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
 Let all their songs employ;
 while fields and floods,
 rocks, hills and plains
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

repeat the sounding joy,
 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 nor thorns infest the ground;
 he comes to make his blessings flow
 far as the curse is found,
 far as the curse is found,
 far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and
 grace, and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness,
 and wonders of his love,
 and wonders of his love,
 and wonders, wonders of his love.

Invitation to the Christmas Offering

George Mackey

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Offertory

Polish Lullaby

Nancy Grundahl, arr.

Chapel Choir • Lynn Liepold, piano

(b. 1946)

Lullaby, Jesu, be peacefully sleeping.
Lullaby, Jesu, and hush now your weeping.
Lullaby, baby, God's great love has sent you.
Mother will sing and so gently will rock you.

When you awaken, sweet Jesu, my dear one,
Mother will give you sweet raisins and almonds.
Lullaby, baby, God's great love has sent you.
Mother will sing and so gently will rock you.

Hush! Now he sleeps while the star shines above us,
Brighter than sunshine is my baby Jesus.
Lullaby, baby, God's great love has sent you.
Mother will sing and so gently will rock you.

Doxology

In excelsis Deo

GLORIA

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Christmas Prayer

Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

#239

During the introduction to the hymn, we invite you to find a candle at home to light. If it is safe to turn off the other lights, we invite you to hold your candle in the dark and sing.

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.

Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly 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.

Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Christmas Blessing

Postlude

Joy to the World
Lynn Liepold, organ

Diane Bish
(b. 1941)

Chapel Choir

Isa Blons, Satya Blons, Emmett Sackett, and Amelia Tesdahl