

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2021



“Cantet Nunc Lo,” by Eric Gill, 1916

A Meditation for Christmas Eve

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the
brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the
revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly
glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.

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The Welcome

La Binevenida

The congregation stands and faces the back of the sanctuary. We begin with a
procession as the cross leads the way, representing our life in Christ – our journey
from death to life. Some bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of
salvation

Processional Hymn

O Come, all Ye Faithful (379)

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!**

**Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son 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!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, 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 glory giv'n!
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!**

Invocation and Confession

La Invocación Y La Confesión

En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo.

All Amen.

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

Christ the Light of the World has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the Light and confess our sins:

Silence is kept.

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

All Cristo, ten piedad de nosotros.

Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

All Señor, ten piedad de nosotros.

God our Father, you sent your Son full of grace and truth: forgive our failure to receive him.

All Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Savior, you were born in poverty and laid in a manger: forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

All Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of God, your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call: forgive the hardness of our hearts.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Prayer of the Day

All Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your Son to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill

our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Angels We Have Heard on High (368)

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.**

Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo.

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly
song?**

Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo.

**Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn
King.**

Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo. Glo---ri-a in excelsis Deo.

Isaiah 9:2-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them. You have given them great joy, LORD; you have made them happy... A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor", "Mighty God", "Eternal Father", "Prince of Peace".

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:1-14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory!

All Glory be to God in the Highest.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Creed

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Hark! The Herald, Angels Sing (380)

**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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second
birth.**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Children's Message

The First Noel

**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.
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. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star, Three Wise Men came from country far;

To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wherever it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

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. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

Sermon

Prayer

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.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos Santificado sea tu Nombre Venga a nosotros tu Reino Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia Perdona nuestras ofensas Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

The Offering

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The Liturgy of the Sacrament

La Liturgia del Sacramento

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

All glory and honor be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, was born of the Virgin Mary, and lived as one of us. In this mystery of the Word made flesh you have caused his light to shine in our hearts and have given us peace! Therefore, with the angels of heaven we lift our voices to shout the glory of your name and proclaim our joyful hymn of praise:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His

body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

All Amen!

The Consecration

The Acclamation and The Invitation

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

La paz del Señor sea con ustedes.

All Y también contigo.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Thank The Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; Tell everyone what He has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord, Rejoice, and proudly bear His name.

**He recalls His promises, and leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Prayer

All We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Spreading of the Light

Lighted candles will be brought down the center aisle so the person on the end of each pew can light his/her candle and then spread the light down the pew. Please take special care with the lit candles. When the song is finished, please extinguish.

Silent Night/Noche de Paz (363)

**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**

**Noche de paz, noche de amor, Todo duerme en derredor,
Entre los astros que esparcen su luz, bella anunciando al**

**niñito Jesús,
brilla la estrella de paz, brilla la estrella de paz.
¡Noche de paz, noche de amor! Oye humilde el fiel pastor
coros celestes que anuncian salud, gracias y glorias en gran
plenitud,
por nuestro buen Redentor, por nuestro buen Redentor
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!**

Announcements

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Joy to the World (387)

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King:
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And Heav'n, and Heav'n, and
nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs
employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the
sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, 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.**

Serving Today @ St. Paul

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Announcements

Christmas Gifts

As you depart, please grab a special gift at the door – a Christmas tree ornament. Thanks to Judy, Sharon, Claire, Kathy, Carol, and Judy!

Christmas Day Service

The celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus continues tomorrow, as we gather again for our Christmas day service @ 10:30a.m.

Epiphany Gift Giveaway

From now until next Sunday are collecting unwrapped toys and presents for needy families and children in our community. Then on January the 9th after the Sunday service we will gather to distribute gifts as a part of our Epiphany Giveaway. For more information, please see Joyce Bauer.

Seeking Volunteers

As we move into the new calendar year, we are planning on resuming bible classes and Sunday school. Beginning Sunday, January 9th we will be starting in person Sunday school again as well as resuming fellowship/coffee hour in room 6. We seeking people who can serve as fellowship helpers, to make the coffee and help with clean up. In addition, as we restart Sunday school, we are seeking teachers for four different classes: **age 3-K, 1st-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th.** Teaching kids the faith is a fun and meaningful way to guide the next generation, and no experience is necessary! If you have interest, please see Pastor Dave or Deaconess Claire.