



Light
for Our
Darkness



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A Christmas Service about Jesus, the Light of the World

Pre-service Music and Carol Sing— *Please join in after the organ introduces each hymn*

“On Christmas Night”

On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring:
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News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King’s birth.

When sin departs before your grace, Then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before your grace, Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and saints with joy may sing All for to see the newborn King.

From out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night:
From out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore. Amen.”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain: Glo-ria, in excelsis Deo; Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

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

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

“God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray,
Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

(continued)

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. Refrain

“Fear not,” then said the angel, “let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior, the true and radiant light,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan’s pow’r and might.” Refrain

“Go Tell It”

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev’rywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth. Refrain

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. Refrain

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, Born the King of angels.
Refrain: Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father. Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above.
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest. Refrain

Processional Hymn: **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** *with*
“A Glory Fills the Midnight Sky” (Christian Worship: a Hymnal #357)

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.

A glory fills the midnight sky and splendors blaze abroad,
a herald sent from God on high, the angel of the Lord;
the shepherds tremble at his voice and terror-struck are dumb,
but at his news let earth rejoice, her promised King has come.

This homeless child to shepherds shown, an infant king newborn,
has come to make a cross his throne, his crown a crown of thorn;
the Son of God to save us all, to bear our earthly pains,
this child within the cattle-stall as King of glory reigns!

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;
Oh come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

Introduction by the Pastor

Opening Dialogue of Praise (from Psalm 89)

- M: I will sing of the LORD’s great love forever;
C: **with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**
- M: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
Gr. 2-8: that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
- M: You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
C: **I have sworn to David my servant, ‘I will establish your line forever**
Gr. 2-8: **and make your throne firm through all generations.’”**
- M: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
C: **love and faithfulness go before you.**
- M: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
All: **who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.**

Prayer for Christmas Eve:

M: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that light, we may also behold him in all his glory in the life to come; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

5K-Gr. 8 song: "Joy Has Dawned"

~ ~ Part 1: We Are Lost in Darkness ~ ~

Narrator

Gr. 8 Recitation

Gr. 7 Recitation

Narrator

Gr. 6 Recitation

Narrator

Gr. 6-8 Recitation

Narrator

Please stand

Confession

All: Almighty God, you created us to enjoy the light of your truth and life, but we have loved the darkness of sin. We have filled our lives with all kinds of evil. We cannot even count our sins, and by our inherited nature we try to hide from you. For these sins we are guilty and deserve to be condemned, but we appeal to your mercy. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

Absolution

M: God knew that we were lost in the darkness of sin and death. But he did not leave us lost, hopeless, and terrified. He sent light to shine in our darkness that we would be forgiven and saved. The light from heaven is Jesus Christ, God's only Son. He came into our world to be the light of God's forgiveness. Because of Jesus' perfect life and death for us, God declares that we are not condemned for our sins. Rejoice! Your sins are forgiven!

Hymn of Praise: "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

CW #34

- 1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**
- 2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto thee! Draw me unto thee!**
- 3 Now through his Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death o'er us had reigned Through sin and vanity;
He for us obtained Eternal joy on high.
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!**
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all his saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!**

Be seated

~ ~ Part 2: The Light Comes into the Darkness ~ ~

Narrator

5K-Gr. 2 Recitation

Gr. 6-8 Recitation

Narrator

Gr. 3-5 Recitation

Narrator

Congregation: In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

Women: (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

Congregation: And everyone went to their own town to register.

Men: 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.

Congregation: He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

5K-Gr. 8 Recitation

Gr. 6-8 Song: "All Praise to You"

~ ~ Part 3: God Sent Christmas Lights ~ ~

Narrator

Gr. 1 Recitation

Solo Recitation

5K Recitation

4K-Gr. 2 Recitation

Gr. 2 Recitation

Narrator

5K Recitation

Gr. 1-2 Recitation

Narrator

Hymn: “Silent Night”

CW 60

5K-Gr. 8: Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! Alles schläft, einsam wacht
Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.

Congregation: 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.

Gr. 3-8: On this silent night, on this holy night
All the world is calm, all the world is bright.
Round the Son of God, love’s pure light is beaming.
From his holy face, radiance is streaming.
As he sleeps in heavenly peace,
Go to sleep, sleep in peace.

Congregation: 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.

4K Recitation

4K-Gr. 2 Song: “Jesus Is Born, Let the Earth Rejoice”

~ ~ Part 4: We Too Are Lights ~ ~

Narrator

Gr. 5 Recitation

Narrator

Gr. 4 Recitation

Gr. 3 Recitation

Narrator

4K-Gr. 8 Recitation

Narrator

Gr. 5

Gr. 3-5

Narrator

Gr. 3-5 Song: "Let Me Shine"

Responsive reading from John chapter 1:

M: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

C: He was with God in the beginning.

M: Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

C: In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

M: The light shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness has not overcome it.

M: There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

C: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

M: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Chancel/Cherub Choirs Song: "Christ is the World's Light/Hold Thou Thy Cross"

Please stand

Prayer:

M: Shine forth, dear Jesus, Light of the world, on all who walk in darkness. Grant us your grace to be your torchbearers telling the world of your love. Open the eyes of all to see your light and follow you to eternal glory. We ask this for your love's sake, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.

Benediction:

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Be seated

5K-Gr. 8: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

Recessional Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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

Refrain:

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

2 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 th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!

Refrain

3 Hail, the heav'nly 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 we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

Refrain

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Glory to God Alone

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Friday, December 24, 10:00 pm at David's Star.

CHRISTMAS DAY FESTIVAL SERVICES

Saturday, December 25, 7:45 & 9:30 am.

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 26, 7:45 and 10:15 am.

*No Fellowship hour or Bible Study.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICES

Friday, Dec. 31, 3:45 & 6:30 pm.

with Holy Communion

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

Saturday, January 1, 9:30 am.

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January 2, 7:45 - 10:15 am.

with Holy Communion

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