

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2021

The Prelude *Joy to the World* arr. Mark Hayes

The Call to Worship Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Christmas Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High*
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the
mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say
what may the 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*
Traditional French carol

The Invocation Rev. Dean Williams

The Christmas Carol *Silent Night! Holy Night!*
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, heav'nly 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!
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Words by Joseph Mohr, 1818, Franz Gruber, 1818

The Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

The Offertory *Prepare Him Room* Brenda Alvis, vocalist

Words and music by Rebecca Elliott and Dave Fournier © 2014 Sovereign Grace Music

The Christmas Carol *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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 wond'ring love. O morning stars,
together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wond'rous gift is giv'n! So God imparts
to human hearts the blessing of His heav'n. 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.

Words by Phillip Brooks, 1868, music by Lewis Redner, 1868

The Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

The Sermon

Rev. CCangelosi

A Wise Response to the Birth of the King

The Christmas Carol

As with Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious God, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed, there to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore; so may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare; so may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day, keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down; there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

Words by William Dix, 1860, music by William Monk, 1861

The Benediction

Rev. Cangelosi

The Prelude

Go, Tell It on the Mountain arr. Mark Hayes