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# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP DECEMBER 24, 2020

# Pre-Service Music 12:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm

O Come Little Children O Holy Night Ding Dong Merrily On High O Christmas Tree O Little Town of Bethlehem God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen A Great and Mighty Wonder Once in Royal David's City Angels from The Realms of Glory Away In A Manger German Carol Alphonse Adam Thoinot Arbeau German Carol Arranged: Joeline Mayes English Carol Cologne Gesangbuch Henry Gauntlett French Carol James R. Murray

#### 10:00 pm

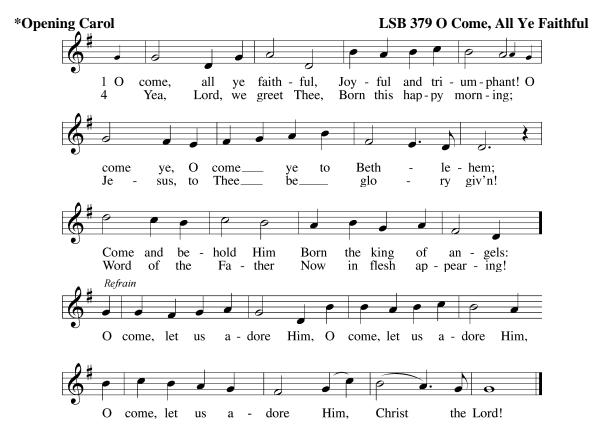
Wachet Auf (Sleepers Wake) Concerto Grosso Opus 6, Number 8 I. Allegro II. Adagio - Allegro - Adagio III. Allegro What Child Is This? Gesu Bambino O Holy Night For Unto Us A Child Is Born from MESSIAH J.S. Bach Arcangelo Corelli

GREENSLEEVES/John A. Behnke Pitro Yon Alphonse Adam G. F. Handel

<u>CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD</u>, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions! Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

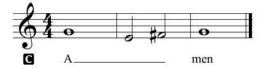
# SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

# **Opening Voluntary**



#### \*Invocation

 $\mathbf{P}$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### \*The Confession

- **P** We confess our sins to God. Merciful Father,
- **C** We confess that we have sinned against You and against one another. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do sincerely repent of our sins and ask Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, to

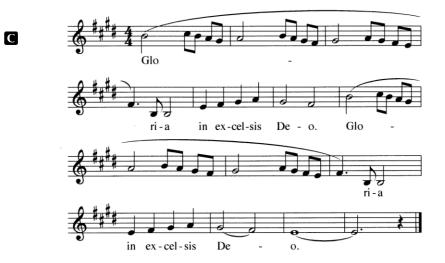
grant us forgiveness. Give us the will and desire to amend our sinful lives by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we come to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

\*The Absolution

**C** Amen.

#### \*Gloria In Excelsis

A Joyful Christmas Gloria Jeanne Cotter and Tony Alonso Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and on earth peace, peace to people of good will.



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

# 🖸 🎜 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

C 🤇 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

# C 🧳 Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## **The Proclamation**

▶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

# **First Reading**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy— the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.



#### John 1:1–5; Isaiah 40:9

#### Luke 1:26–38

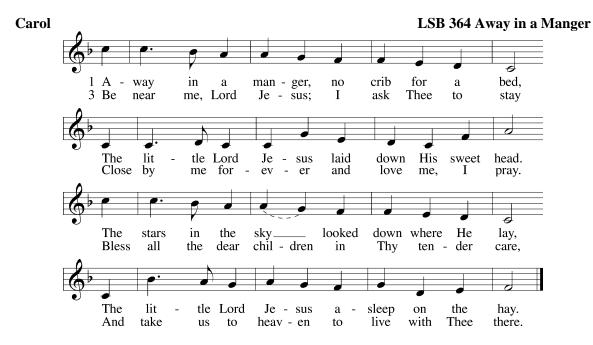


#### Second Reading

Luke 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who

was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



#### **Third Reading**

Luke 2:8–12

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

 Anthem
 The Shepherds' Nowell
 Anna Laura Page

 Little lambs lay sleeping, shepherds watch were keeping;
 Suddenly a starry host appeared in the sky.

 Alleluias singing, gladsome tidings bringing; On this night the Savior Jesus is born!
 Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.

Have no fear, but hurry to the manger lowly; There you'll find the newborn King asleep on the hay. Bow down before Him, worship and adore Him; On this night the Savior Jesus is born! Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Shepherds sing Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.

#### **Fourth Reading**

<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"



#### \*Fifth Reading

*Matthew 2:1–11* 

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

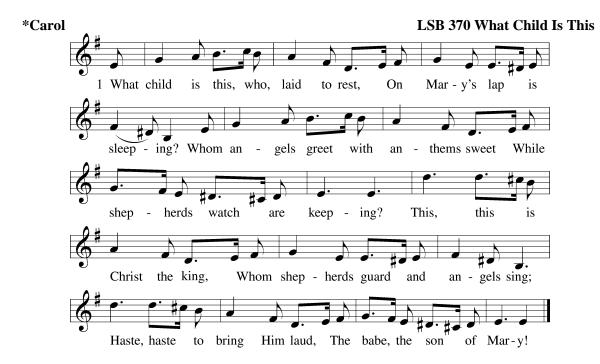
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler

who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they

had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.



\*Christmas Creed

**I** believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent His Son as my Savior.

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die, and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under Him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

"The Beginning of the End" Luke 2:1-12

Sermon

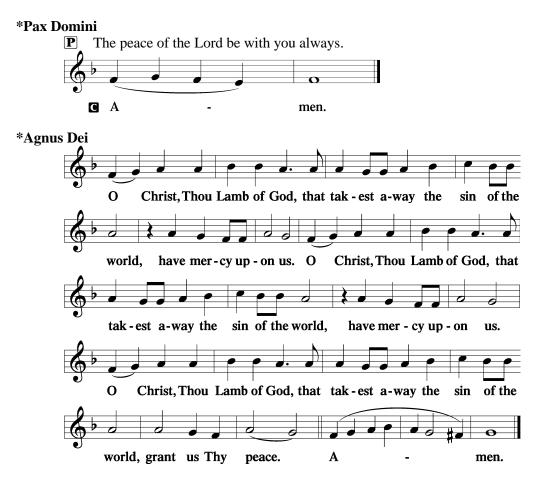
#### Interlude Quem Pastores Laudavere

# \*Prayer of the Church

# \*Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

# \*The Words of Our Lord



**Distribution Carol** 

LSB 361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

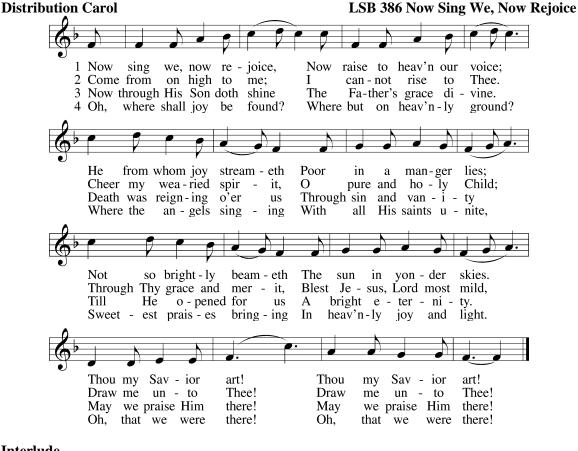


#### Interlude

In the Bleak Midwinter

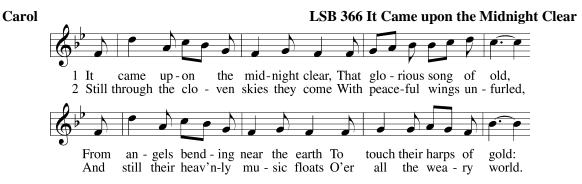
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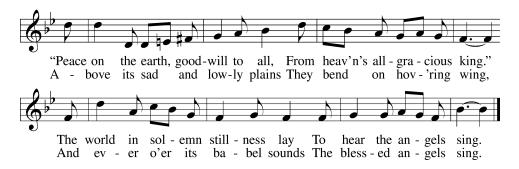




#### Interlude

12:00 pmCome, Jesus Prince of PeaceDiane Hannibal3:00 and 5:00 pmAll Is WellArranged: Lloyd Larson7:00 and 10:00 pmPavane for a Silent NightArranged: Patrick Liebergen





#### \*The Dismissal



#### \*Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the Virgin Mary. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

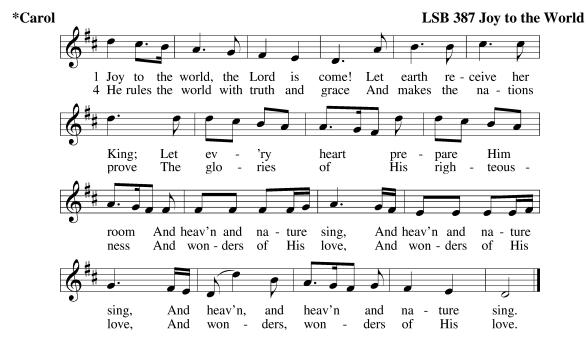
#### \*Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen! Glory to God in the highest! And peace to His people on earth!



### \*Silent Prayer

### **Closing Voluntary**

Good Christian Folk, Rejoice

Traditional German Tune

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PIANO: Vernon Saunchegrow (12:00 and 3:00 pm)

ENSEMBLES: The Chancel Schola (12:00 pm)

The Chancel Voices (3:00 and 5:00 pm)

The Chancel Singers (7:00 and 10:00 pm)

The Bells of Peace

The Winds of Peace

The Strings of Peace (10:00 pm)

# **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion** 

Friday, December 25, 2020 9:30 am

New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday, December 31, 2020 6:00 pm

# **Epiphany Worship**

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 7:00 pm