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## *Prayers, Pageant, & Cards*



### Christmas Eve

4:30 PM ✚ December 24, 2020

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.

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Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

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## Welcome

*Officiant* Alleluia. Unto us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

*Officiant* The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given (*Isaiah 9:2,6*).

## Prayer for Light

*Officiant* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## Hymn 115: What child is this (vs. 1)

*Unison or harmony*

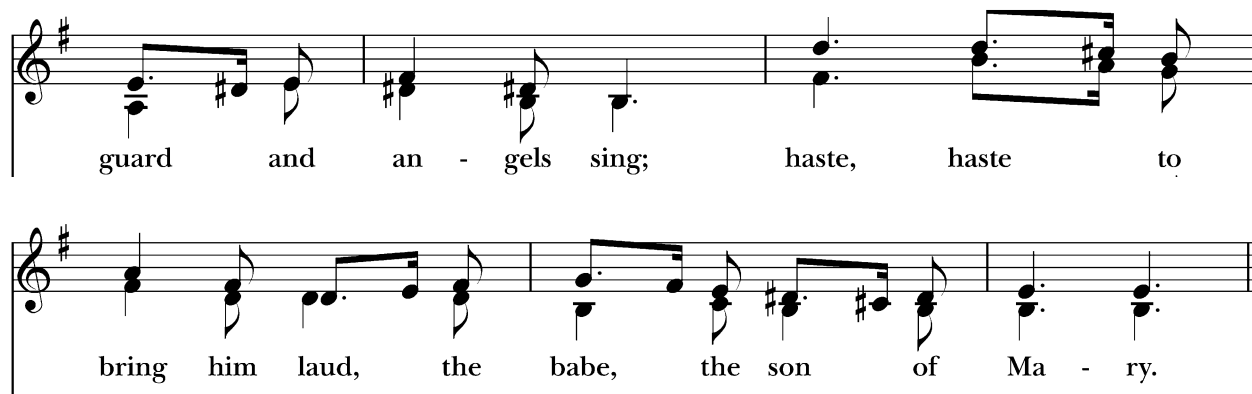
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds



## All Saints' Christmas Pageant

Welcome to our telling of the Christmas Story. We will be telling our story with scripture and song and some dance. The words of the pageant are included in your bulletin if you would like to read along.

### FIRST ACT: THE WORD

A reading from John, Chapter 1, verses 1-5.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

### SECOND ACT: THE ANNUNCIATIONS

**Narrator:** A reading from Isaiah: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

**Narrator:** The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a young woman who was engaged to a man by the name of Joseph. The woman's name was Mary. The angel came to her.

**Gabriel:** Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

**Mary ;** How can this be, since I am not yet married?

**Gabriel :** 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 holy; he will be called Son of God.

**Mary:** Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me.

*Hymn 265, “Most Highly Favored Lady” verses 2 & 3 sung by Soloist.*

**Narrator:** When Mary was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.

**Gabriel:** Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

**Joseph:** Let it be according to your word.

**Narrator:** The Angel Gabriel had told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, had conceived a son in her old age, as proof that nothing was impossible with God. So Mary set out to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went to Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth.

**Mary:** Dear Cousin! I’ve come to visit!

**Elizabeth:** Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should I be honored with a visit from the mother of the Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes! Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.

**Narrator:** Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months, and then went back home.

### THIRD ACT: THE BIRTH

**Joseph:** I am glad that you are home, for I have heard that there is a decree from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be counted. We must go now to Bethlehem, for my family is of the house of David, where we will register for the census.

**Mary:** But I am with child, and Bethlehem is so far away. How will we manage?

**Joseph:** We have a donkey to carry our things and if you tire, you can ride on him. We can travel slowly, and I will help you.

**Narrator:** And so they set out on their long journey.

**Narrator:** Because of the census, all of the Inns were full when Mary and Joseph arrived.

**Joseph:** Excuse me, Innkeeper, we have traveled all day, and the night is coming. Do you have a room for us?

**Innkeeper:** My Inn is full. I'm sorry, but you will have to go somewhere else.

**Mary:** But we have been to all the other Inns, and no one has a room. Is there no place we can stay?

**Asst. Innkeeper** (to the Innkeeper): There is room in the stables, with the animals. It's not much but it is shelter...

**Innkeeper:** They wouldn't want to stay in there. It's not very clean.

**Asst. Innkeeper:** [shrugging his shoulders] It's something...

**Innkeeper:** [to Joseph] If you would like, you can stay in the stables.

**Joseph:** Thank you. We will stay there.

**Innkeeper:** Very well, I will lead you to the stables, while my cousin gets you a blanket.

**Joseph** (to Mary): I am sorry I could not get us a room in the Inn.

**Mary:** Don't be sorry. We have shelter, and the animals will help us to stay warm. It is enough.

**Innkeeper** (sticking head back out): Come now, for I am a busy man!

**Narrator:** Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

**Shepherd:** The stars are so bright tonight, but it is also so cold!

**Shepherd:** Have you noticed that we have more than just sheep in our flock tonight?

**Shepherd:** Are you sure? Can all of the animals come forward and join us on the steps?

**Shepherd:** You are right! We have all kinds of animals in our flock.

**Narrator:** Then an angel of the Lord, with a multitude of angels, stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

**Gabriel:** Do not be afraid, for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people!

**Angel:** To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

**Angel:** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.

**Shepherd:** Look! A star is rising in the East! No, really, look behind you...a star is shooting across the sky!

**Angel:** "Follow the star to see the newborn Christ child. Bring your flock with you."

### FINAL ACT: THE LIGHT

**First King:** When wise men from the East saw the star rising, they rejoiced, for they had heard of the prophecies of the birth of the Messiah and they set out at once to follow the star.

**Second King:** For it was said, "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them." They traveled many miles to see him. But that is a story for another day.

**Third King:** The Christmas story is not about a baby who grows up to be God, but about the God of Israel who enters creation as the helpless child of Mary, becoming like us, so we may become like him, the Beloved Children of God.  
*AMEN.*

### The Prayers

*Officiant*                      The Lord be with you.

*People*                         **And also with you.**

*Officiant*                      Let us pray in the words that Christ taught us.

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant*

O God, whose fatherly care reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth: We humbly ask you graciously to behold and bless those whom we love who cannot be with us this Christmas. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to you, may be bound together by your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. *Amen.*

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lighting of the Candles**

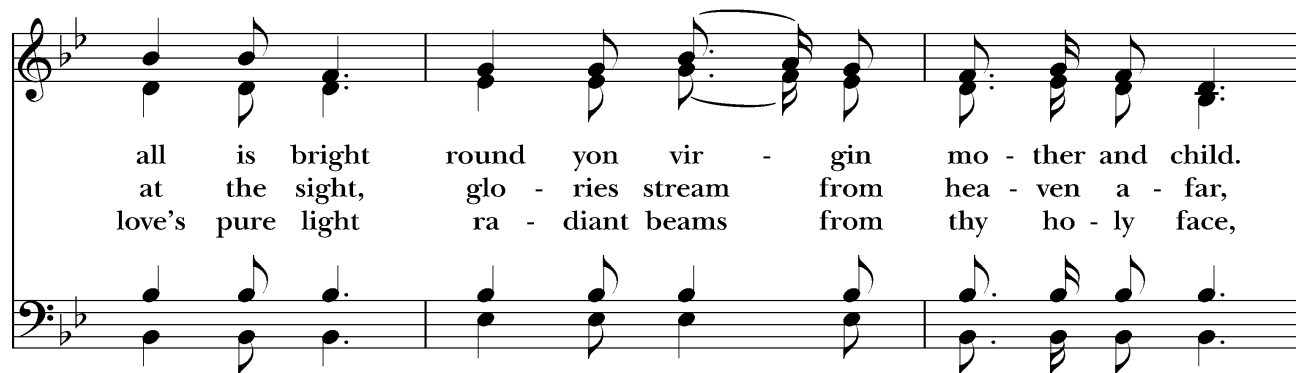
(At this time turn on your 'candle', place the candle and sand in the luminary bag and place on the hood of your car, then sit back in your car to sing the Hymn *Silent Night*.)

# Hymn 111: *Silent Night*

*Stille Nacht*



Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts — sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.



*Officiant* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### **Ministers for Tonight's Service**

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

Choirmaster and Organist: Dr. Carl Klein

Pageant Cast: The Children of All Saints'

Pageant Directors: Laura Barry and Laura Marshall

Cantor: Katie LaRochelle

Ushers: Steve Sullivan, Andrew Barry, and Cole Garrigan

Hosts/Decorations: Emily Strunk and Rohini Pola

Cameraman & Logistics: Brian Hunter

