



Christmas Day Worship

Lessons and Carols

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
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Sunday, December 25, 2020 | 10:45 AM

LESSONS AND CAROLS

GATHERING MUSIC String Ensemble *Heaven and Nature Sing*
Arr. Matthew Naughtin

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN #283 *O, Come, All Ye Faithful*

FIRST READING... Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NRSV)

SONG OF RESPONSE Bell Choir *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Arr. Brian Middleton

SECOND READING... Micah 5:2-5a (NRSV)

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

SONG OF RESPONSE #279 vs 1,2 & 5 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

THIRD READING... Luke 1:26-35, 38 (NRSV)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "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 said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born^[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

SONG OF RESPONSE String Ensemble and Bob Cannon

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

FOURTH READING... Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she 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 and said, "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." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

SONG OF RESPONSE String Ensemble

Away in a Manger

FIFTH READING... Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

SONG OF RESPONSE #270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

SIXTH READING... John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

CHRISTMAS PEACE

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

To give, go to shephills.org and click on Give Here or
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UPBRING: Our Christmas offering will go to support our ministry partner Upbring, specifically the care of children. Upbring is a changemaking organization whose mission is to create a world where all children are cherished. 100% of your generosity will go to New Life Center in Canyon Lake and BeReal Program in Austin/San Marcos. To learn more go to Upbring.org

Thank you for creating a neighborhood for these children through your special offering!

OFFERING MUSIC #296 vs 1 & 3 *What Child Is This*

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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;

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.

COMMUNION

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.

Bread/cracker -

“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Wine/juice -

“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

COMMUNION MUSIC

BLESSING

COMMISSIONING SONG #289 *Joy to the World

***COMMISSIONING...John 1:1-5, 14 (NRSV)**

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POSTLUDE

Musicians:

Director of Worship/Arts

Kevin McClure

Piano

Maria Lyapkova

String Ensemble

Bruce Colson

Kathryn Orr

Shawn Somerville

Shawn Sanders

Josue Martinez

Trumpet

Bob Cannon

NEW YEARS EVE WORSHIP

Thursday, December 31
5:30 pm in the Courtyard

COME AND REFLECT ON THIS PAST YEAR AND START 2021 IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY!

Join Us after Christmas!

Worship

5:30 pm Saturday, December 26 in the Courtyard
8:15 am Sunday, December 27 in the Courtyard
10:45 am Sunday, Livestream www.shephills.org/watch

Christmas Blessings!



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