

Christmas Eve Worship on Zoom

5pm

Thursday, December 24th 2020

VIDEO MONTAGE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GREETING

The grace and peace of our Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit fill you with peace and joy! **And also for you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PROCLAMATION

The Twenty-fifth Day of December,
when ages beyond number had run their course
from the creation of the world,
when God in the beginning created heaven and earth,
and formed humanity in God's own likeness;
when century upon century had passed
since the Almighty set the rainbow in the clouds after the Great Flood,
as a sign of covenant and peace;
in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith,
came out of Ur of the Chaldees;
in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses
in the Exodus from Egypt;
around the thousandth year since David was anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two
since the foundation of the City of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus,
the whole world in semblance of peace,
JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father,
desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and when nine months had passed since his conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah,
and was made human:
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

PRAYER

Let us pray: **God incarnate, you come again to us on this blessed night, to take our form and live among us. Bring us to awe and wonder before your holy nativity and be born anew in our hearts. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

PSALM 96

SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

A reading from Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

HOMILY

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.
Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.

Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.
Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day † through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Stay safe and be safe. Share the gift of Jesus. Merry Christmas!
Thanks be to God! Merry Christmas!

You are invited to go outside of your dwelling and sing with a lit candle, the hymn Silent Night. The words are written below

CAROL

Silent Night

#281

**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 your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**