

Christmas Day

9:00am, 25 December 2020

In person at the church, and also available by

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Welcome

Acknowledgment of Country

Call to Worship

We sing: Hark, the herald angels sing (TiS 303)

1. Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all you nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

Hark the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King.

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased in human flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hark the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King.

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings:
mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more need die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Hark the herald angels sing
glory to the new-born King.

Prayer

Early Word – Hannah

We sing: Away in a manger (TiS 318)

1. Away in a manger,
no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down
his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay

2. The cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying
he makes,
I love you Lord Jesus;
look down from on high,
and stay by my side
until morning is nigh

Bible reading: Luke 2: 1-20

Song on video: Angels we have heard on high

Bible reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

Sermon

We sing: O little town of Bethlehem (TiS 316)

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet, in your dark streets shining
the everlasting light,
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all on earth.

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask you to stay
close by me for ever,
and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children
in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven,
to live with you there

3. How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4. 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
their great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel.

Prayers of the people

The 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.

Notices

Blessing

We sing: Joy to the world (TiS 268)

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive its king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ;
while fields and streams, rocks, hills and
plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.