

WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2020
Christmas Eve

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

CANDLE OF HOPE

Prayer of Invocation

Candle Lighting:

We hope for an end to the darkness and for the beginning glimpses of light. We hope expectantly as those who wait for a promise that is coming. We light this candle of hope.

Song: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (vs 1&4)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth,
good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to
hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when the new heav'n and earth shall own The Prince of Peace their King, and the whole
world send back the song which now the angels sing.

CANDLE OF LOVE

God's Greeting

Candle Lighting:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). On this Christmas night, we
celebrate God's gift of love, seen in the birth of Jesus Christ. We light this candle of love.

We Greet Each Other

Song: "What Child is This" *LUYH #95* (vs 1&3)

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with
anthems sweet; While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King; Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring
Him laud; The Babe, the Son of Mary!
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him. The King of kings
salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the
babe, the son of Mary.

CANDLE OF PEACE

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1–11

Candle lighting:

The words of the prophet Isaiah remind us of a coming kingdom where peace will reign
and all will be well. Because of the birth of Jesus Christ, we can anticipate peace on earth
and pray for the ability to be peacemakers until he comes again. We light this candle of
peace and then bow our heads in prayer to pray for the world that God so dearly loves

Song: "O Holy Night" (vs 1&3)

O holy night the stars are brightly shining. It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining. Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices. For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees; O hear the angel voices; O night divine; O night when Christ was born; O night O holy night; O night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace; Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother; And in His name all oppression shall cease; Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise His holy name; Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever; His power and glory; Evermore proclaim; His power and glory; Evermore proclaim

CANDLE OF JOY

Candle lighting:

We light this candle of joy. Emmanuel is born! Rejoice! Rejoice! Hear now the story of the birth of our Savior.

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1–20

Meditation: "Be Not Afraid"

Prayer of Reflection

CANDLE OF LIGHT

Scripture Reading: John 1:1–5, 14

Candle lighting:

As we light this white center candle, for Jesus Christ, we invite you all to light your candles, for the Light of the World has been born for us.

Song: "Silent Night! Holy Night" *LUYH #85 (vs 1-3)*

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; Oh sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night; Shepherds quake, at the sight

Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing alleluia

Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night; Wondrous star, lend thy light

with the angels let us sing; Alleluia to our King

Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born

PARTING BLESSING

* Postlude

* Please stand if you are able

Message: Rev. Randy Raak

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