



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve
December 24, 2010 at 11:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

Prelude on Divinum Mysterium

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INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

GATHERING SONG

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

1. It came upon a 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 all,
From Heav’n’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats
O’er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.
3. And you, beneath life’s crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours

come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! The days are hast’ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

DIALOGUE

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Gracious God of heaven and earth,
you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.

Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation.

Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life.

Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world
and in our hearts.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1–5, 14–18

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

FIRST CAROL

I Wonder as I Wander

Niles

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2–5a

²But 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. ³Therefore 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. ⁴And 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; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

SECOND CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!
3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
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, descent to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

THIRD READING: Luke 1:26–35, 38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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 will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then 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.

THIRD CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

FOURTH READING: Luke 2:8–20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

FOURTH CAROL

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations,
you have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.
4. All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One.
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worship Christ, the newborn king.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And 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.

FIFTH CAROL

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Wohlgemuth

HOMILY

“Evermore & Evermore”

HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

**cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty,
and hunger in the world.**

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

Amen.

OFFERING

Mary's Lullabye

Rutter

(Please pass the Fellowship pads at this time.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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;

and 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.**

THE COMMUNION

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

MacGimsey

The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!

Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

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BLESSING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshipping with thanksgiving.

We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Silent Night

1. 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.
2. 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!

3. 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.

SENDING SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High

(Congregation joins after introduction.)

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? (Refrain)

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

POSTLUDE

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CHRISTMAS PARTICIPANTS

11:00 p.m. SERVICE

Preacher	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Celebrant	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Celebrant	Intern, Jessica Daum
Organist	Rick Seaton
Chancel Choir	Director: Dan Grace
Soloists	Larry & Judith Glenn
Acolytes	Jessica Benson, Lindsey Romig
Communion Assistants	Brenda Greenwald, Jess Daum Lori Roenfeldt, Peggy Furgason
Altar Guild	Catherine, Douglas & Charlotte Jones
Sound Technicians	Laura Romig
Sacristan	Dave Malucky

BETHANY STAFF & LAY LEADERSHIP

Pastors

Ron Glusenkamp	Senior Pastor
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Paul Gilbertson	Visitation Pastor
Jessica Daum	Pastoral Intern

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Programmatic Staff

Rit Vogel	Faith Formation Minister of Youth & Christian Ed
Joni Grundman	Faith Formation Minister of Family Ministry
Kevin Dragseth	Faith Formation Minister with Youth

Music Staff

Rick Seaton	Organist
Dan Grace	Choral Director
Pat Guittar	Children's Music Director

Lisa Lewis	Bell Choir
Paula Wills	WOW Coordinator
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Zach Rodasti	Youth Choir Director
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Christmas Day Worship 10:30 a.m.

December 26 – 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. (No 10:30 a.m. Service)

Regular Sunday Worship Services beginning Jan. 2 at 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (resumes Jan. 5, 2011)

Service of Remembrance

January 2 at 12:00 noon. Join us for a reflective worship service where we remember those who have died this past year. Call 303-758-2820 or www.bethany-denver.org



Donations for Christmas Poinsettias

Arlis Adolf in honor/memory of her parents, Arthur & Elisabeth Adolf
Rick Ambrose in honor of his family, Kathy, Casey, Bret, Becca & Dan
Dennis & Barbara Ahlman in honor/memory of friends and family
Tom Ammentorp
Jim & Elly Andersen in memory of their daughter, Carol
Chris & Steve Barnard in memory of their fathers John M. Barnard & Fred J. Finch
Bayles/McLean family in memory of Jeff McLean
Jennifer & Derek Birznieks in memory of Baby Gunnar Birznieks
Linda & Richard Bryant in memory of Richard's father, Alfred Bryant and Linda's father, Bill Lichtenwalter
Bob & Judi Burchfield in memory of their parents, Lester Hofmann and Robert & Claire Burchfield
The Carr family, welcoming Marcia Frensley, Betty & Don Frensley and Katie Urice to our Denver family
Robin Chambers & Bernie Cone in memory of Dr. Ross B. Cone
Family of Homer Cleveland in memory of Homer
Debbie Colussy in honor of her mother, Kay Raiter
Scott & Melissa Daniel in memory of their grandparents
The Dempseys in honor/memory of their family and friends
The Engelbart family in honor/memory of Kay Engelbart
The Englund family in memory of Clete Distler and Dr. Garth Englund
The Farley family in memory of Ken & Kevin Farley and Mildred Svard
Lee & Karen Frey in honor and memory of their loved ones
The Gebhard family in honor/memory of Wayne & Dorothy Brown and Leo & Viola Gebhard
David & Kathy Gies in honor of their children and grandchildren, Jennifer, James, Bryn, Reese & Brian
Pastor Ron & Sue Ann Glusenkamp in honor of their children, Nathan, Noah & Hannah Grace and in memory of their parents
Frank & Levera Glusenkamp and Rev. William & Doris Friederichs
Angel Goodman and Brian Matthews in memory of Bea Lucas, Bob Boyer, Carl Alwine, Nathan Buckridge, Virginia Nigro, and Emily Bartolomucci
Ron & Anada Guse in honor of their children and grandchildren and in memory of Iona Guse
Christine Harrell & Elijah Lewis in memory of Gary B. Lewis
Tracy, Tim, Olivia & Sophie Henderson in honor/memory of Gene Bair, Tracy's father and Olivia & Sophie's grandfather
Bill & Diane Herrmann in honor of their children and mother, Marge Roberts
Vicki Hildner in honor/memory of Victor Hildner and Agnes Nuechterlein Hildner
Brian & Shelley Hook in honor of Brian's mom, Mickey & in memory of her husband, Marvin and in honor of Shelley's parents, Marlene & LeRoy
Duane & Judy Houchens in memory of their parents: William & Mary Ann Robinson and Charles & Ruby Houchens
Robert M. House in honor/memory of Hurchel & Emmabelle Edmonds and Robert & Florence House
The Janicek family in honor of the wonderful blessing of their families
Terry, Laurie & Katie Jeddelloh in honor of loved ones throughout their lives
Diane Johnson and Linda Johnson Garrett in honor of their mom, Carol and in memory of their dad, Bill
Tyson, Allison & Chase Jones in memory of Tyson's mother, Jan Jones
Elaine & Ron Kaminen in honor/memory of loved ones
Tom and Debbie Klein in honor/memory of loved ones
Deen & Karla Koogle in memory of Paul & Dot Koogle, LeRoy Krause and Dylan Grooters

Paul & Lynn Korus in honor/memory of Wilbert & Fern Korus and Bob & Liz South
Art, Michelle, Lauren & Joel Kraus in memory of all of our beloved grandparents, parents and aunts & uncles who rest in heaven
Idella Kuehn in honor of Barbara Laurie and Keith Johnson
Mark, Lynn & Parker Lacy in honor of Bill Lacy, Joe Morgan and Cyndi Pace
Tim, Sharon & Jacob Lambdin in honor/memory of Norma & Art Klute and John Lambdin
Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry in honor of her family and the members of Bethany
The MacKendrick/Kreischer family in memory of Gary Kreischer
John & Jeannie May in honor/memory of Walter & Flossie Carlson and J.W. & Jeanine May
Patrick & Catherine McCarter for blessings received
Irene McLean & Jennifer Brooks in memory of Jeffrey Alan McLean, beloved son, brother and father
Bruce & Terrie Miller in memory of Terrie's parents, Deward & Enid Finley and Bruce's parents, Harold & Christine Miller
Lynnette Morrison in memory of Doug Morrison
Pat & Tom Morton in memory of Margaret Many
Will & Beth Narva in honor of their children & grandchildren and in memory of their parents & brother
Robert & Judi Newman in honor/memory of their parents and grandparents
Marilyn Ogden in honor of her children and their families
The Okes family in memory of Mary Okes
Arden & Audrey Olson in honor of Jessica, Justin, Caya, Noah & Emily March
Alissa & Josh Plumley in honor of their future grandparents-to-be, Boo & Tex Plumley
Katherine Romano in honor of her sisters, Carol Wentzel and Ellen Joy Drabik
Jonathan, Melissa, Jennifer & Christine Russ in appreciation of the prayers and thoughtful acts during the convalescence and healing of their mother and grandmother, Darlene Haines
Gary and Suzan Schlatter in honor of Amanda, Gary & Nicole and in memory of J.D. Schlatter
Jean & David Scott in honor/memory of loved ones
Gwen Smith & Lee Waters in honor/memory of their families
Jane & Lars Soderberg in honor/memory of Albert Gravenhorst
Bob & Cindy Stef in honor/memory of Shirley Marie Stef
Mel Stolzenburg & Rose Martinez in memory of Joe & Flora Martinez and Eib Stolzenburg and in honor of Pat Stolzenburg
Ronald Swanson in memory of Helen & Earl Swanson
Deborah & Erica Urban in honor/memory of beloved husband and father, Eric Urban
Cassie Valdez (Bergo) in honor/memory of Rita Bergo
Forrest & Laura Vaughan in honor of Camilla as she celebrates Christmas
Tim & Cheryl Whitecotton in honor of Salma & Pedro
Joan & Brad Whittlesey in honor & memory of their parents
Barb & Al Youngdahl in honor/memory of Carl & Rosella Youngdahl and Al Sanborn