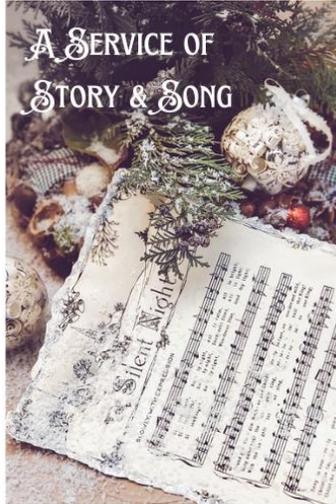


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Christmas Day
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Welcome

Candle Lighting Litany

This is a season of hope...**we wait in hope.** [light the first candle]

This is a season of peace...**we wait in peace.** [light the second candle]

This is the season of love...**we wait in love.** [light the third candle]

This is the season of joy...**We wait in joy.** [light the fourth candle]

Story

Under the Night Sky – A Christmas Poem
By Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Song

What Child is This LBW 40

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?

(Refrain) 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. (Refrain)

[light the fifth candle) Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with us, now is born...
God's gift to all the world! The savior born a baby.

(Refrain) This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful and unseen God, **the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of hopelessness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

The Very First Christmas

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Story

**Christmas Poem
By Mary Oliver**

Song

Away in a Manger LBW 67

Away in a manger; no crib for his 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.

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.

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.

Story and Song in video

O Holy Night
By Gentri A Gentleman's Trio

Scripture

Luke 2:8-14

Story

How the Light Comes
By Jan Richardson

Song

The First Noel LBW 56

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)

(refrain) Noel, noel, noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel.

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)

And by the light of that same star three wisemen came from country far; to seek
for a king was their intent and to follow the star wherever it went. (refrain)

This star drew near to the northwest, over Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it
did both stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay. (refrain)

Then entered in those wise men three, fully reverently upon their knee, and
offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh and frankincense. (refrain)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, **receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, wondrous God, **for Jesus, Immanuel, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

Scripture

Luke 2:15-20

Story

**Love
by Rachel Hackenberg**

Blessing

May the Lord God, who has called you into the light, grant you the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child. In the name of Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Song

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful LBW 45

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him born the king of angels:

(Refrain) Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest! (Refrain)

Dismissal

Go in peace in awe of the Christ child! **Thanks be to God!**