

AND 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

& TRUTH.

JOHN I: XIV

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24th, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. (online)

Introit

“On Christmas Night”

Hal Hopson

Lighting of the Christmas Candle *(responsive)*

Behold, I bring you good news of great joy; for to you is born in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord! Jesus has arrived in grace and mystery, renewing faded hopes and announcing peace to a weary world. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors! Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our lives. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corners of our world. *(Light the Christ candle.)*

Let us pray:

God of grace and glory, as we celebrate this Christmas, transform our hearts and our lives so that your Good News is not an old story but a fresh truth lived out every day through the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn 133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELES

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

LESSONS AND CAROLS

God's promise to Abraham—Genesis 22:15–18
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"—88 (*stanzas 1, 5, and 6*)

Dwight Christenbury

A great light in the darkness—Isaiah 9:2, 6–7
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"—123 (*stanzas 1, 2, and 5*)

Norie Sanchez

A little child will lead them—Isaiah 11:1–4a, 6–9
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"—129

Duane Johnson

An angel appears to Mary—Luke 1:26–35, 38
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"—119

Kathy Madigan

Mary gives birth in Bethlehem—Luke 2:1–7
"Away in a Manger"—115

Myrl Jean Hughes

Angels announce the Messiah—Luke 2:8–16
"Angels We Have Heard on High"—113

Landen Gailey

Magi come from the East—Matthew 2:1–11
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"—151 (*stanzas 1 and 5*)

Sally Beghtol

And the Word became flesh—John 1:1–14

Mark Stanley

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THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

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Closing Hymn 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

Blessing and Charge

May the Christ, who, by his incarnation,
gathered into one the things of heaven and earth,
fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Alleluia!

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Choral Response

"Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child"

Postlude

"Glory Be to God in the Highest"

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