

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Glendora

Christmas Eve 2023

Children Sing of Christmas

Invocation

The Call to Sing of Christmas

Pastor: Come to see the Savior, sent from up above,
Lying in a manger, miracle of love!

Congregation: Heaven touches earth in this Baby Boy,
All God's children, sing for this, our greatest joy!

Processional Hymn 379, "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the king of angels: *Refrain*

*ref O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

- 2 Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, In the highest: *Refrain*

- 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Text: tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.; John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786
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Part One: Children Sing of Promise

Children's Recitations

Hymn 359, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" vs. 1 & 3

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, From tender stem hath
sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming
As prophets long have sung, It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter, When half-spent was the night.
- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender, With sweetness fills
the air, Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere. True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us, And lightens ev'ry load.

Text (st. 1): German, 16th cent.; (st. 1): tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.; (st. 3): Friedrich L. C. Layriz, 1808–59;
(st. 3): tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth, 1845–1925
Text: Public domain

Children's Recitations

Part Two: Children Sing of Love

Children's Recitations

Hymn 361, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1&4

- 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.
- 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, The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–93
Text: Public domain

Children's Recitations

Hymn 374, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" vs. 1 & 3

- 1 Gentle Mary laid her child, Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undefined, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race, Who have found His favor.

- 3 Gentle Mary laid her child, Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined, But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1859–1933
Text: Public domain

Responsive Reading

Children’s Hymn 364, “Away in a Manger”

Children’s Recitations

Hymn 387, “Joy to the World”

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
Text: Public domain

Part Three: Children Sing of Joy

Children’s Recitations

Hymn 380, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host
proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” *Refrain*

ref Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

- 2 Christ, by highest heav’n 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 as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! *Refrain*
- 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris’n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
Text: Public domain

Children’s Recitations

Hymn 388, “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

*ref Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!*

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching, O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*
- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo, above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth. *Refrain*
- 3 Down in a lonely manger, The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation, That blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain

Children's Recitations

Children's Song: Happy Birthday, Lord

Pastor's Message

Offerings

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn 363, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

(Before we sing Silent Night, the Elders will be lighting your candles from the Christ Candle on the Advent Wreath. The candles that you received will be lit by an Elder on the end of the pew. Please light the person's candle next to you all the way down your pew. Keep the lit candle upright and light the unlit candle from that. Please extinguish the candles after the song and return them after the service on your way out.)

- 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,
Heav'nly 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 Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85
Text: Public domain

Benediction

Recessional

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN – Alison Beck, Henry Belanger, Aria Bickel, Sawyer Conway, Luke Hildebrand, Paige Hildebrand, Madison Hischke, Athena Lange, Isabella Lange, Devin Lawson, Paul Liebich, Addilyn Norris, June Palleschi, Nicholas Palleschi, Sam Schutze, Cameron Seyfred, Colton Seyfred, Peyton Seyfred, Colton Smith, Domenick Wallace, Emery Wallace, Harvey Weich, Madalyn Weich, Melanie Weich, Miranda Weich, Jaxson Winter

ENSEMBLE: Alison Beck, Abigail King, Elizabeth King, Benjamin Liebich, Paul Liebich, Susan Videnovich

ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR: Megan Trojan

ORGANIST: Ann Barz

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS – Sally Gooding, Debbie Mazurik, Debbie Schmaltz, Megan Trojan, Sue Weikel

DIRECTOR: Becky Liebich

COSTUMES – Andria King

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS – Sarah Beck, Rachel Palleschi

AUDIO TECHNICIAN – Bob Mann

VIDEO TECHNICIANS – Joe and Gavin Trojan

ELDERS – Kevin Arend, Steven Lange

PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Liebich

GREETERS – Don & Carolyn Schmaltz

ALTAR GUILD – LaVerne Trapp & Kathy Long

THE BOARD OF ED – Would like to thank the people who donated items for the gift bags for the children.

SPECIAL THANKS – To everyone who helped with the program this year.

ALL CHILDREN – After the service please pick up a bag of candy that will be distributed by the Board of Christian Ed. Thank you to Sarah Beck, Sally Gooding, Andria King, Becky Liebich, Rachel Palleschi

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP – Join us tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. Service will be with Holy Communion.