



**“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE
WORLD THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES
IN HIM SHOULD NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE
EVERLASTING LIFE.”
JOHN 3:16 NKJV**

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**CHRISTMAS EVE
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Processional: *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

1 On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

2 Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin He set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

3 When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place,
When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

4 All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night,
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men
Now and forevermore. Amen."

Pastor: invocation/Prayer

**Part 1: John Announces the Light of God's Love
Recitations from John 1:1-18**

**Part 2: The Fulfillment of the Promise
Recitations from Matthew 1:1-16; Luke 1: 5-25**

Prayer – Benediction – Announcements

Conclusion: John 3:16 NKJV

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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.

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.

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. Amen

Special **thanks** to all who helped with this service especially Michaela Winters who stepped in to direct at the last moment and Stephanie Goodrie for all the musical arranging and playing.

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**Please join us for tomorrow's
Christmas Day Song Service at 9:00 and 10:30**

May the joy of knowing that this Child is the Son of God
fill your hearts with unending Christmas joy and love
throughout your years.

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Children's Song: *Father Welcomes*

- ref Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.
- 1 Little children, come to me, 2 In the water, in the Word,
For My kingdom is of these. In His promise, be assured:
Life and love I have to give Those who are baptized and believe
Mercy for your sin. Refrain Shall be born again. Refrain
- 3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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CHILDREN SONG: "The Angel Gabriel from God was sent to Galilee"

The Angel Gabriel from God
Was sent to Galilee,
Unto a Virgin fair and free,
Whose name was called Mary.
And when the Angel thither came,
He fell down on his knee,
And looking in the Virgin's face,
Said, Hail, All hail, Mary.

Chorus:
Then, sing we all, both great and small,
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell.
We may rejoice to hear the voice
Of Angel Gabriel.

Mary, he said, be not afraid,
But do believe in me:
The power of God the Holy Ghost
Shall overshadow thee;
Thou shalt conceive but not to grieve
As the Lord told to me;
God's own dear Son from Heaven shall come,
And shall be born of thee. Chorus

Recitations from Matthew 1:19-25

CHILDREN'S SONG: Away in a Manger

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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Congregational Hymn: A Great and Mighty Wonder

- 1 A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant
With virgin honor pure!
- Refrain: Proclaim the Savior's birth:
"To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth!"
- 2 The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky. Refrain
 - 3 While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,
And oceans, clap your hands. Refrain.
 - 4 Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em,
The Savior and the Lord. Refrain.
 - 5 All idols then shall perish
And Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter,
Decreeing endless peace. Refrain.

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One small child in a land of a thousand, One small dream in a people of might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, One small Savior of life.

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Part 5: A Royal Star Announced the Birth of God's Love for the World: Recitations from Matthew 2: 1-11

Congregation: As with Gladness Men of Old

- 1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before
Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.
- 3 As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

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ALL: 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!

Luke 2:8-20 NKJV

Congregation: refrain 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.

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**Part 4: The Lord's Temple is Filled with His Glory
Recitations from Luke 2:21-38**

Children's song: One Small Child

One small child in a land of a thousand, One small dream of a Savior tonight,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, One small city of life.

One king bringing his gold and riches, One King ruling an army of might,
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight, One King bringing us life.
See him lying a cradle beneath him. See him smiling in the stall.
See his mother praising his Father. See his tiny eyelids fall.

One small light from the flame of a candle, One small light from a city of might,
One small light from stars in the endless night, One small light from a face.
See the shepherds kneeling before him. See the kings on bended knee
See his mother praising his Father. See the blessed infant sleep.

Christmas Prayers Pastor Eichstadt

Congregational Hymn: Silent Night, Holy 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 Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!	3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, loves pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
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**Part 3: The Christmas Story
Luke 2:1-7 NKJV**

Congregation verses 1 and 4; children verses 2 and 3

CONGREGATION: 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.

CHILDREN: 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!

CHILDREN: 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.