



Glory to God

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December 24, 2021

KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve

HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory | #114

INVOCATION

Isaiah 60:1–3

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

C: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

P: For darkness shall cover the earth,

C: And thick darkness the people;

P: But the Lord will arise upon you,

C: And his glory will appear over you.

P: Nations shall come to your light,

C: And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

HYMN

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come | #123: v. 1–4

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26–35

²⁶In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

²⁹But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with

God. ³¹Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

ANTHEM

A Stable Prayer

*Infinite Lord, my infant King,
Throned in humility;
Your only robes—your swaddling clothes;
Crying—your first decree;
Your grand domain, your crown and train—
Darkness and dust and sheep.*

*Jesus, in dust and hay I kneel,
Stabled in deepest need;
My only robes—your righteousness;
Mercy—my only plea;
My light—your gaze;
My song, your praise;
My hope and prayer—your peace.*

*Infinite Lord, my infant King,
My hope and prayer—your peace.*

THE NATIVITY

Psalm 123:1–9

P: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

P: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

C: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

P: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

C: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

P: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High | #116

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³And everyone went to register, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the town of Nazareth, into Judea, to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the house and family line of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, his wife, who was pledged to him in marriage and was expecting a child.

⁶And so it was that while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

THE ADORATION

Psalm 98

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

C: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P: The Lord has made his salvation known.

C: And revealed his righteousness to the nations.

P: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C: Burst into jubilant song with music;

P: Make music to the Lord with the harp.

C: With the harp and the sound of singing,

P: With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn –

C: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

P: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever.

C: Holy and awesome is his name.

P: Let the sea resound, and everything in it,

C: The world, and all who live in it.

P: Let the rivers clap their hands.

C: Let the mountains sing together for joy;

P: Let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8–20

⁸There were in the same country shepherds staying out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to 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 behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which will be for all people: ¹¹Today in the town of David, a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude from the heavenly army, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward mankind.”

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Now let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they told others the message they had been told about this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it were amazed by what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

SERMON

PRAYER

P: Heavenly Father, thank you for all the good things you continue to provide for us. Don't let us take your gifts for granted or abuse them. Instead, help us always to rely on you in faith. Use us and what you have given us for your good purposes. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that light, we may also behold him in all his glory in the life to come; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

HYMN

Silent Night | #140

(as needed)


Hark the Glad Sound | #109

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice | #134

O Come, All Ye Faithful | #133

BENEDICTION

P: May Christ the Son of God give you joy and peace by his presence with you; and the blessing of almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be with you always.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

HYMN AT MIDNIGHT

Joy to the World | #138



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