

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION - 2021

PRELUDE & WELCOME STATEMENT

The Nativity of Jesus Christ is proclaimed - **Luke 2:1-20**

The **PROCESSIONAL HYMN - "O Come All Ye Faithful"**

1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him Christ the Lord!

2. The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The GREETING:

The **HYMN OF PRAISE - "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

1. Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply,

Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

The FIRST LESSON - **Isaiah 9:2-7**

Musical Contribution

The SECOND LESSON - **Titus 2:11-14**

The **HYMN - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

1. O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie!

Above the 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.

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!

*The HOLY GOSPEL - **John 1:1-14***

The CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*The **HYMN - "The First Noel"***

1. 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

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,

Born is the King of Israel.

The PRAYERS

*The **PEACE** is shared:*

*As the GIFTS are prepared, "**What Child is This**" is sung.*

1. 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?

This, this is Christ the king,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud,

The babe, the son of Mary.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary .. and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The THANKSGIVING PRAYER.

The LORD'S PRAYER.

The COMMUNION (followed by Candle-lighting)

2. They lookèd 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.

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3. This star drew nigh to the northwest,

Over Bethlehem it took its rest;

And there it did both stop and stay,

Right over the place where Jesus lay.

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*The **POST COMMUNION HYMN** - "Silent Night"*

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.</p> |
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2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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A POST COMMUNION PRAYER. & BENEDICTION

The HYMN – “Joy to the World”

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing. 3X

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
& plains
Repeat the sounding joy. 3X

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

May you all have a very blessed Christmas!

- Pastor Stewart Miller & the people of Bread of Life Lutheran Church

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Christmas Eve

