

# CHRISTMAS EVE ONLINE WORSHIP

PRELUDE

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READING: ISAIAH 9:2-3, 6-7; CAROLE BECKER, LECTOR

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

*with John Bowling, Guitar*

**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.**

**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.**

**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, Emmanuel.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the one true Light.  
Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence,  
and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LUKE 2:1-7

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

*With Thomley Family Brass Quartet and Dennis Haugan, Cantor*

**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:* **O, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,  
O, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

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

LUKE 2:8-14

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

*With the Courtyard Singers and Alicia Ferrin, Pianist*

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains:**

*Refrain:* **Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain***

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain***

**JOY TO THE WORLD**

*With Thomley Family Brass Quartet and Dennis Haugan, Cantor*  
**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 nature sing.**

**No more let sin and sorrow 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 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 of his love.**

SERMON: DAN HOEGER

**AWAY IN A MANGER**

*with John Bowling, Guitar*

**Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**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 your tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

People of God, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**WHAT CHILD IS THIS?**

*with the Courtyard Singers and Alicia Ferrin, Pianist*

**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!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of Kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
Hear us, O God . . . **and let your mercy shine upon us.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

SILENT NIGHT

*with Karin Gunderson, Harpist/Vocalist*

**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.**

**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!**

**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.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels,  
sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star,  
bless you this day (+) through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

*With the Thomley Family Brass Quartet and Dennis Haugan, Cantor*

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King,  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"**

**Joyful, all you nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.**

**Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

**Hail the heaven-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 we no more may die,  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.**

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

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