

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Johannes Brahms
The Holy Boy. John Ireland
He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child. French carol; arr. Morgan Simmons
Noël Claude Balbastre

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Sing to our God a new song; sing to our God all the earth.*

People: **Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all!**

For to us a child is born.

Leader: *The heavens are telling the glory of God;*

let the earth rejoice, let trees of the forest sing for joy!

People: **Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to all!**

For to us a child is born.

Leader: *Let us worship God with gladness.*

Let us enter God's sanctuary with thanksgiving.

People: **For to us a child is born.**

*Christmas Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of Mary and Joseph, at Christmas there is no room in the inn. We confess that we have not made room in our hearts—for you or for our neighbors. Your compassion, O God, your welcome, and your justice have been refused by our anxieties, pushed aside by our prejudice, obstructed by our apathy. We confess that, even as we embrace the promise of Christmas, we are not fully yielding our lives to your transforming grace. Forgive us. Renew us. Open our eyes to your presence, and open our arms wide to welcome you.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Sung Response from “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

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

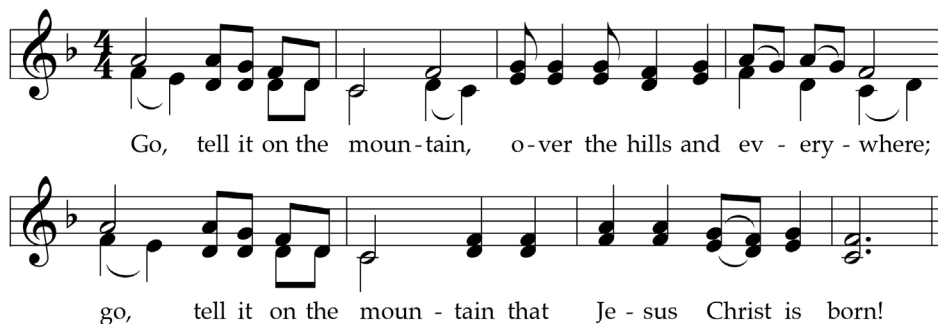
Concerns of the Church

Solo :: “The Little Road to Bethlehem” Michael Head

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 97



First Lesson :: Luke 2:1–7 New Testament, page 54

Meditation Rocky Supinger

*Hymn 115 “Away in a Manger”

Second Lesson :: Luke 2:8–20 New Testament, page 54

Meditation Joseph L. Morrow

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) :: Apostle's Creed The Hymnal, page 35

*Sung Response from "Angels We Have heard on High"

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Litany for Christmas

Leader: *The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.*

People: Salvation from isolation; salvation from ourselves;
salvation from everything that would keep us from love.

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: The light of creation, the light of redemption, the light of Christ.

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

People: To us—the proud and the haughty; to us—the poor and the lowly;
to us—the beloved children of God.

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

People: Peace in our hearts and in our families;
peace in our city and in our country; peace to all who are threatened.

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

To us is born in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

People: The Lord of our lives, the Lord of our church, the Lord of all.

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

People: Lived among us, died for us, rose in power for us.

Leader: *Glory to God in the highest!*

People: Amen.

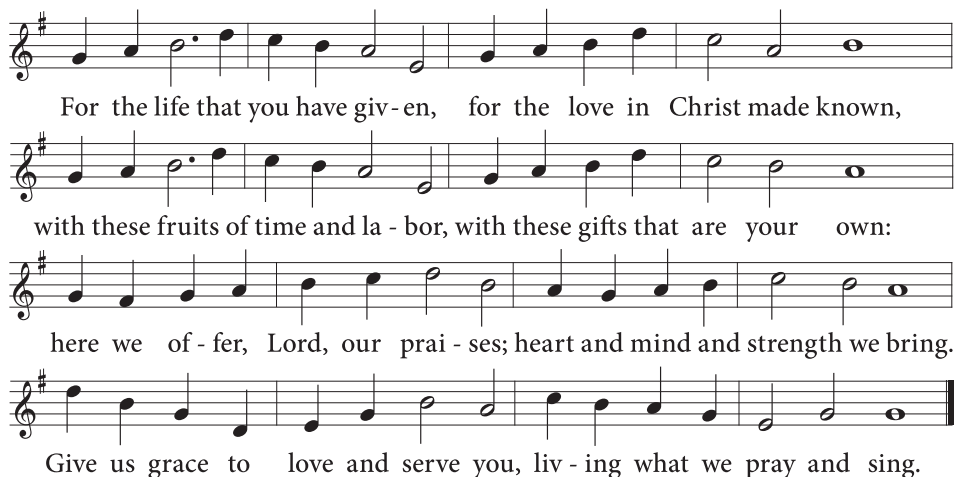
The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

Offering

Offertory Solo ♯ “I Wonder as I Wander” Appalachian folk song; arr. John Jacob Niles

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
For poor ornery people like you and like I, I wonder as I wander out under the sky.
When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall.
If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven to sing, he surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King.*

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of grace and truth, through the child in the manger you have offered us your very heart and life. Now, through these gifts we have gathered, let us share your life with others; offering hope for the weary, hospitality for the lonely, and your abundance for all. In Jesus, our Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 113 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude ♯ Go Tell It on the Mountain. African American spiritual; arr. John Behnke

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