

Advent & Christmas 2024

*O Worship the King*



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

The Angels' Worship

December 22 | 9 & 11 am



## *Christmas Eve Services*



### **4 pm: Family Service**

A family-friendly communion service with *Silent Night* by candlelight.



### **6 pm: Traditional Service**

Christmas liturgy & communion with carols by candlelight.

*Children's Ministry & Nursery not available at these services.*

# Holy Communion

All hymns & song lyrics are included in the bulletin.

Congregational responses are indicated in **bold**.

## Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Verses 1-3

1. Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and of sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

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## **The Acclamation for Advent**

Surely the Lord is coming soon.  
**Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

## **The Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.**

*Amen.*

## **The Collect for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

*[Please be seated.]*

**The Lesson**..... Isaiah 6: 1-4

*Pew Bible pg. 571*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**..... 106: 1-5

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord, \*  
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Blessed are those who act with justice, \*  
and who always do righteousness.
- 4 Remember me, O Lord, according to the favor  
that you show to your people; \*

O visit me with your salvation,  
5 That I may see the felicity of your chosen, \*  
and rejoice in the gladness of your people, and give thanks  
with your inheritance.

*[Please stand.]*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel Reading**..... Luke 2: 8-14

*Pew Bible pg. 857*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*[Please be seated.]*

**The Sermon**..... The Rev. Ben Hughes

*[Please stand.]*

## **The Nicene Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen.***

*[Please sit or kneel.]*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*If you would like us to name someone aloud in prayer in the service next week, please notify the office during the week.*

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
*Amen.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## **The Comfortable Words**

*The minister may say one or more of the following sentences, first saying:*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.           *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.   *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ  
the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours  
only, but also for the sins of the whole world.   *1 John 2:1-2*

*[Please stand.]*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

## **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise him above ye heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**  
*Amen.*

## **The Sursum Corda**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*[On occasion the minister may add a proper preface.]*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **The Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
Who was and is, and is to come,  
Lift up His name with the sound of singing,  
Lift up His name in all the earth.  
Lift up your voice and give Him glory,  
For He is worthy to be praised.  
Holy. Holy.**

*[Please be seated.]*

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one offering of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

**By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.**

*Amen.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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,  
for ever and ever.**

*Amen.*

## **The Fraction**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **The Ministration of Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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*All baptized believers are welcome to receive Holy Communion.  
We offer different cups for those who wish to drink the wine or dip their bread.  
Hold onto your bread if you prefer to dip.*

*Parents of baptized children are welcome to decide whether you would like  
your children to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

*To receive a blessing instead of communion,  
simply keep your hands by your side or folded.*

*If you require a gluten-free or alcohol-free cup, please ask the minister.*

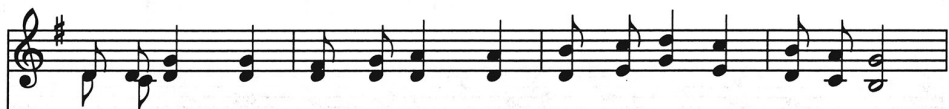
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# Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Verses 1-2



1. In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;  
2. Flocks were sleep-ing; Shep-herds keep-ing Vig-il till the morn-ing new.



Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a gos-pel true.



Swift are wing - ing An - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing,  
Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing



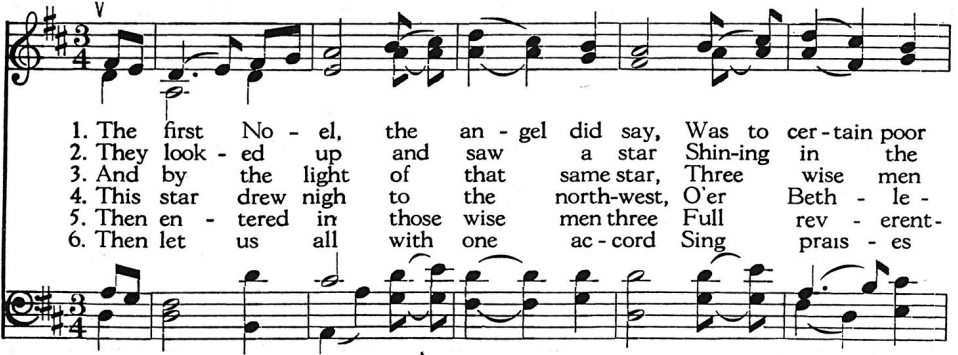
Tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Greet the mor - row: Christ the babe was born for you.



# The First Noel

Verses 1, 2, 4, 6

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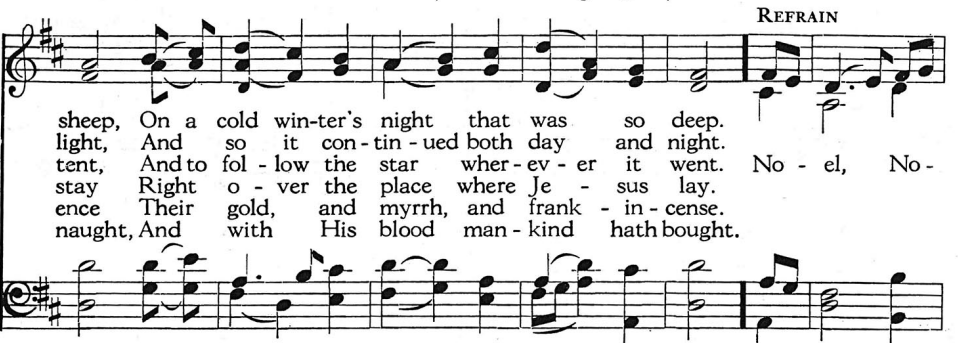
1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star, Shin - ing in the  
3. And by the light of that same star, Three wise men  
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le -  
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three Full rev - erent -  
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es

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shep - herds in fields as they lay, In fields where they lay keep - ing their  
east be - yond them far, And to the earth it gave great  
came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -  
hem it took its rest, And there it did both stop and  
ly up - on their knee, And of - fered there in His pres -  
to our heav - en - ly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of

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sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No -  
stay Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
ence Their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.



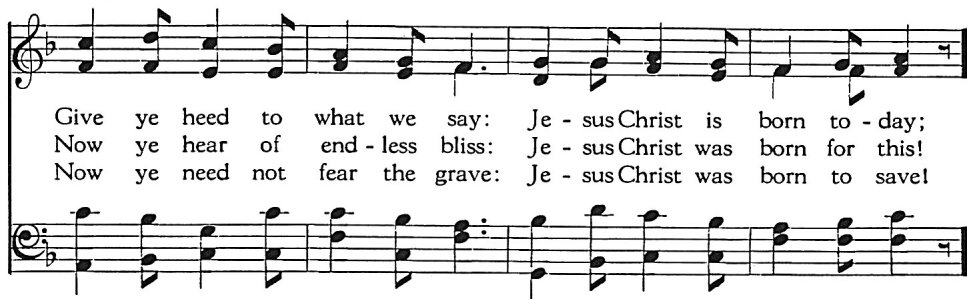
el, No - el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el! A - MEN.

# Good Christian Men Rejoice

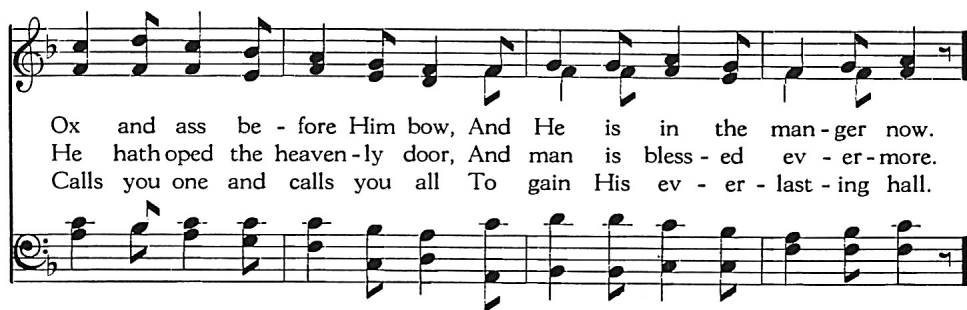
Verses 1-3



1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, With heart and soul and voice;  
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, With heart and soul and voice;  
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, With heart and soul and voice!



Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.  
He hath oped the heaven - ly door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## **The Post Communion Prayer & Blessing**

*On occasion the minister may invite the congregation to join in the Post Communion Prayer below.*

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father,**

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do  
the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever.**

*Amen.*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

## **The Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



*Please gather around the piano in the lobby  
for carols and refreshments.*



# *Singalong Carol Lyrics*

## *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'y heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing  
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

### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth

How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven  
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  
Oh come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel

### *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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  
Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song  
Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King





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