

December 25, 2017

**Christmas Day**

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Unto us a  
*Child* is born

Unto us a  
*Son* is given...



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## ✦ Order of Service ✦

**P** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

**C** **We have seen His glory, the glory of the only begotten Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

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♪ *Oh, 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...*

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**P** The Lord be with you!

**C** **And with your spirit!**

**P** As the Lord Jesus once came in love and great poverty to be born in a manger in Bethlehem,

**C** **So now He comes to us in the richness of His Word.**



♪ *God of God, Light of Light, Born of a virgin to earth He comes, Very God, Begotten, not created. Oh, come, let us adore Him...*

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**P** As Jesus once came from heaven to earth to live with people,

**C** **So now He comes in the Word, to give the light of the Spirit.**

**P** As He came to heal, to forgive, and to save,

**C** **So now He comes to give us the same blessings of His love.**

**P** Let us praise the great name of the Lord.

**C** **Let us sing with our hearts the great songs of His Word.**

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♪ *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above. Glory to God, in the highest. Oh, come, let us adore Him...*

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**P** Let us now celebrate His birth.

**C** **And tell of His coming to the ends of the earth.**

**P** Amen!

**C** **Let it be so. Amen!**

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♪ *Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n. Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing. Oh, come...*

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**P** Let us pray. Grant, Almighty God, ... one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15**

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the woman's Offspring will crush the serpent's head.*

**RESPONSE: TLH #84:1,5      "Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn"**

## **SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18**

*God promises to faithful Abraham that through his offspring all the nations of the earth will be blessed.*

**RESPONSE: TLH #95:1,3-4      "Savior of the Nations, Come"**

## **THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by the prophet Isaiah.*

**RESPONSE: TLH #103:1-3      "To Shepherds as They Watched by Night"**

## **FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9**

*The spiritual peace which Christ will bring is portrayed by the total absence of violence.*

**RESPONSE: Duet      "Fields are Peaceful and White"**

## **FIFTH LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6, 19**

*The prophet in exile foresees the coming of the glory of the Lord.*

**RESPONSE: TLH #106:1,4      "The People That in Darkness Sat"**

## **SIXTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38**

*The angel Gabriel greets the blessed Virgin Mary.*

**RESPONSE: WS p.26      Psalm 96**

## **SEVENTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23**

*The angel tells Joseph of the birth of Jesus.*

**RESPONSE: WS #713:1,4      "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We"**

## **EIGHTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-14**

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

**Pastor:** And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first

took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

**Men:** Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

**Women:** So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**Pastor:** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.



**Children:** Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

**All:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

**RESPONSE: WS #714**

**“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav’nly Light”**

**OFFERING and PRAYER**

**RESPONSE: WS #711:1,3**

**“See in Yonder Manger Low”**

**NINTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11**

*The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.*

**RESPONSE: WS #715**

**“Where Shepherds Lately Knel’t”**

**TENTH LESSON: John 1:1-14**

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE: TLH #87**

**“Joy to the World, the Lord is Come”**