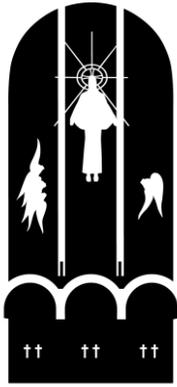


The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2021





St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran Church

Pastor Ellen Williams
Dr. Tim O'Brien, Director of Music
Austin Haller, Principal Organist

Welcome! No matter where you find yourself on your faith journey – join us!
Here you have found a church home where believers congregate to encourage each other and grow spiritually in an abundant relationship with the Lord.

At St. Martin's, we promote and value an inclusive fellowship. Whether you are young, old, gay, straight, single, married, partnered – from all walks of life, backgrounds and cultures – we WELCOME YOU!

Invitation to Holy Communion. Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination. You may receive by intinction at the altar. Gluten free wafers are available in place of bread if requested. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms across your chest as you come forward to signify your desire for blessing. If you prefer to remain in your place, please pick up a cup from the narthex.

For those with special needs. Ushers can provide you with a hearing aid device or large print bulletin if desired.

Worship with us on Sundays.

9:00 am Family Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 am Faith Formation Hour
11:00 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Join us Sunday, December 26th, 2021 for one service at 10:00 am as we celebrate the Christmas season with a service of Lessons & Carols.

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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

December 24, 2021 at 7:00 & 10:00 pm

Musical Prelude

Carols of Welcome

To be selected from the following

Fanfare

The Sussex Carol

(arr. Philip Ledger)

All this Night my Heart Rejoices

J. G. Ebeling

Coventry Carol

(arr. Cynthia Dobrinski)

I wonder as I wander

John Jacob Niles

For Unto us a Son is Born from Messiah

G.F. Handel

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst

Unto us a Son is Born

(arr. David Willcocks)

The Star Carol

John Rutter

Still, Still, Still

Philip Ledger

Prologue

At the tolling of the tower bell, the people stand and turn to face the cross.

In principio erat verbum et verbum erat apud Deum et Deus erat verbum hoc erat in principio apud Deum omnia per ipsum facta sunt et sine ipso factum est nihil quod factum est in ipso vita erat et vita erat lux hominum et lux in tenebris lucet et tenebrae eam non comprehenderunt.

Plainsong

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

Gathering

Procession of the Choir

Hymn 269

Once In Royal David's City

IRBY

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav' n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Greeting

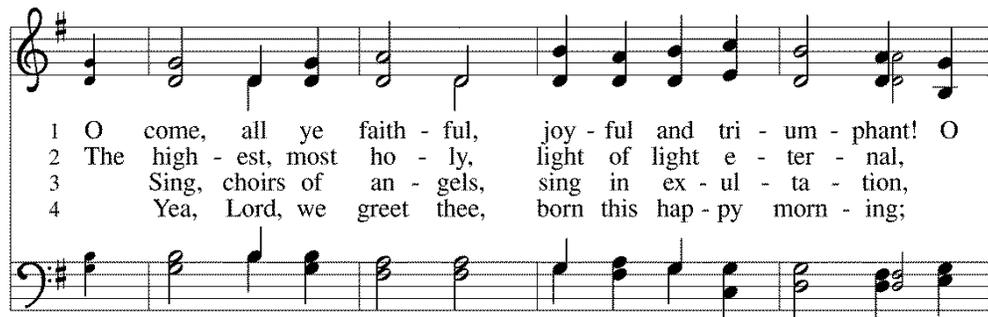
The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary,
be with you all. **And also with you.**

Processional Hymn of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn 283

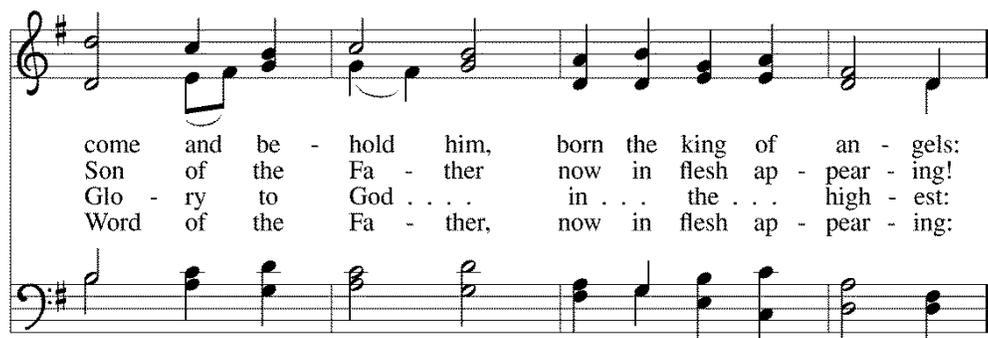
ADESTE FIDELES



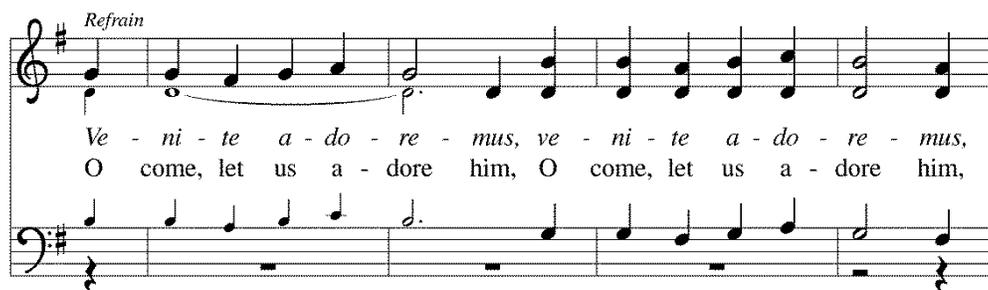
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



Refrain
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num,
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

Following the prayer, the people are seated.

Word

First Reading

² The people who walked in
darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness —
 on them light has shined.
³ You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing
plunder.
⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their
shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day
of Midian.
⁵ For all the boots of the tramping
warriors
 and all the garments rolled in
blood

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 9:2-7

 shall be burned as fuel for the
fire.
⁶ For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace.
⁷ His authority shall grow
continually,
 and there shall be endless
peace
 for the throne of David and his
kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with
justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and
forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will
do this.

Psalm Hymn

Hymn 267

Joy to the World

(verses 1, 2 & 4)

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
heav'n and na - ture sing,

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand to sing, facing the cross.

Gospel Hymn

Hymn 289

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verse 1

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Hymn

Hymn 289

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verse 3

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

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The people are seated.

Sermon

The people stand to sing. Prayer cards are collected by the ushers during the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

Hymn 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people are seated.

Meal

Offering

Musical Offering

What is this Lovely Fragrance?

Healey Willan

The people stand to sing.

Offering Hymn

Hymn 292

Love Has Come

Verse 3

UN FLAMBEAU



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav-en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus

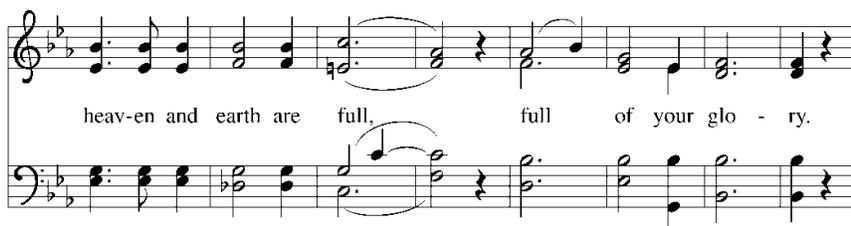
Service Music 190
Franz Schubert



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



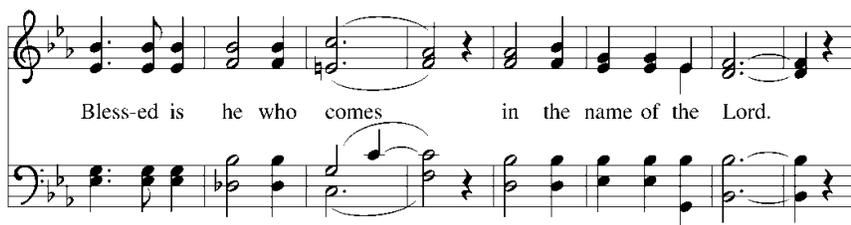
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

Choral Agnus Dei

Plainsong, Mass XVIII

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; grant us peace.

Holy Communion

Our communion table is open to all. Everyone is welcome to receive communion regardless of age or denomination.

Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward to receive communion. Acolytes will offer hand sanitizer as you pass. You will receive the bread in your hands and the wine by dipping the bread in the bowl. Please consume while walking back to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available if requested.

If you prefer to remain in your seat, please pick up a communion cup in the narthex or ask an usher to bring one to you.

Music During Communion

Cantique de Noël

Adolphe Adam

Hymns During Communion

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymn 272

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Away in a Manger

Hymn 278

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

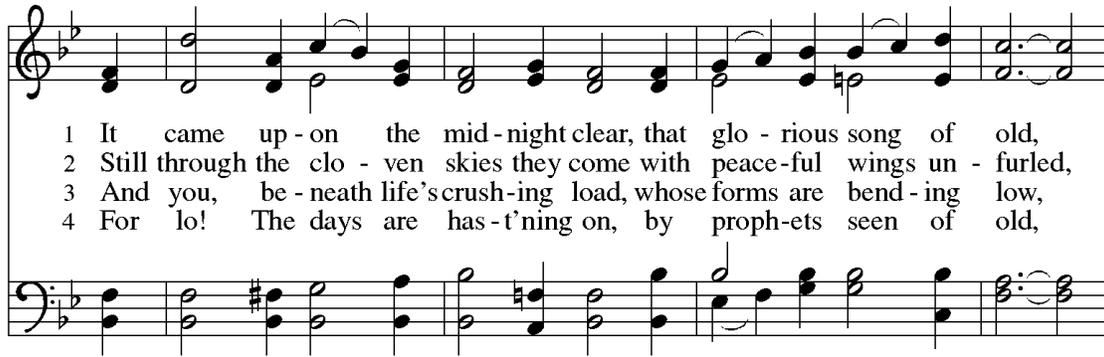
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

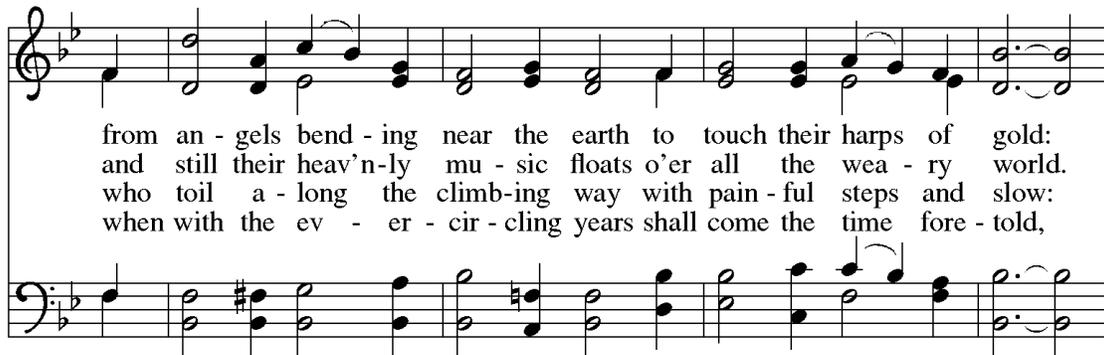
the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

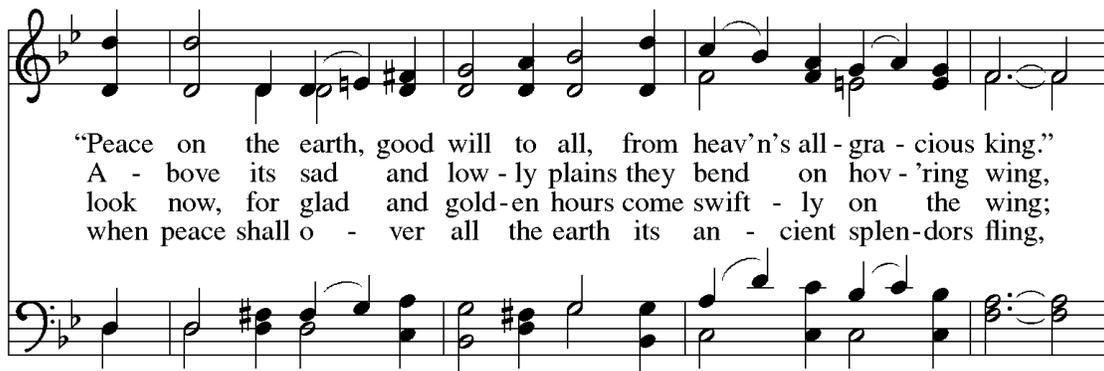
Hymn 282



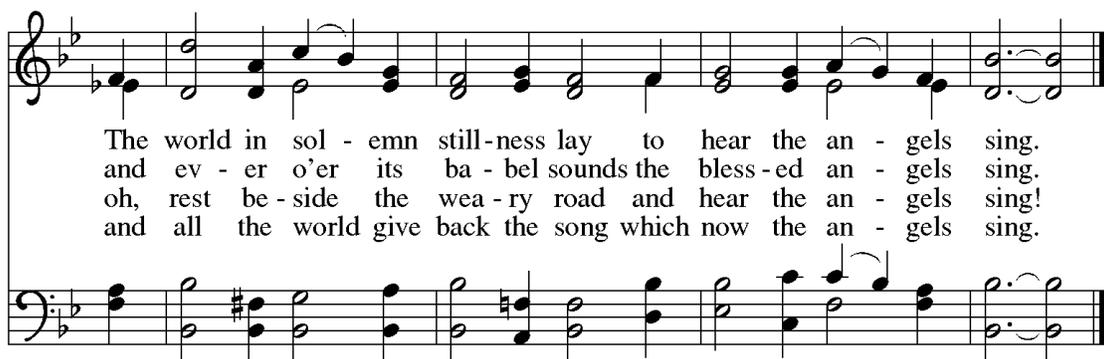
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

The people stand.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

The candles are lit from the choir in the side aisles. Please do not tip lit candles.

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Hymn 281

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Cortège et Litanie

Marcel Duprè, Op. 19, No. 2

Serving Today

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Ellen Williams
Assisting Minister: Tom Blomquist
Lectors: Syringa Bilberry (7:00 pm), Anna Bergstrom (10:00 pm)
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Johnson, Heidi Gibbons (7:00 pm), Anna Bergstrom, Karen Cross (10:00 pm)
Director of Music: Dr. Tim O'Brien
Principal Organist: Austin Haller
Musicians: St. Martin's Choir
 Jenny Ohrstrom, soprano
 Katherine Altobello, mezzo-soprano
 Ann Wade, mezzo-soprano
 Brian Pettey, tenor
 Gil Zilkha, bass
 St. Martin's Ringers
 Eric Bittner, trumpet
 Andrew Fuhrman, timpani
Sound: Jim Parkhurst
Video: Andrew Fuhrman