



blue ocean church



Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2023

Instrumental Prelude
Greetings

Narration: "Prepare Ye The Way"

Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a

Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Instrumental)

Narration: "Annunciation"

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Song: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Said the night wind to the little lamb:

Do you see what I see?

Way up in the sky, little lamb

Do you see what I see?

A star, a star, dancing in the night

With a tail as big as a kite (2x)

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy:

"Do you hear what I hear?

Ringin' through the sky, shepherd boy

Do you hear what I hear?

A song, a song, high above the trees

With a voice as big as the sea (2x)

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king:

Do you know what I know?

In your palace warm, mighty king

Do you know what I know?

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold

Let us bring Him silver and gold (2x)

Said the king to the people everywhere:

Listen to what I say!

Pray for peace, people everywhere!

Listen to what I say!

The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night

He will bring us goodness and light (2x)

Narration: "Trip to Bethlehem and Birth"

Reading: Luke 2: 1-7

Song: What Child is This?

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

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, peasant, king, to own him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone him

Narration: "Angels Share the News"

Reading: Luke 2: 8-20

Song: 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.

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!

Narration: "The Gifts of the Magi"

Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

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

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord.

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

Narration: "Song of Mary"

Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Song: O Holy Night

O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine, oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine, oh night, oh night divine

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name

The Advent Candles

Reading: John 1:1-5, 14

Candle Lighting:

Always hold your lit candle upright to avoid dripping wax. (Let your neighbor light their candle from your lit one while you keep your candle upright.)

Candle Lighting Prayer:

We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries, his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus. Be born in us this night—in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth—of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.

Song: Silent Night (First verse solo, then all join in)

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 (2x)

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from Heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing hallelujah
Christ the savior is born (2x)

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 (2x)

Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7

Closing Song: Joy to the World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing (repeat)

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy (repeat)

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love (repeat)

Benediction: As you depart from this place and go out into the night, may you carry with you the promises of the God who is With Us, the faithfulness of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the excitement of the shepherds, the blessing of the Christ Child, and the song of the Spirit: "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace, good will to all."



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