

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

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and they shall call His Name Immanuel – God with us.”

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“THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH”

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Day Of Peace That Dimly Shines”

OPENING PRAYER

SONG

“What Child Is This (Greensleeves)”

THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH

The Lord promised Abraham:

“...[I]n your offspring shall all the nations be blessed,”
(GENESIS 22:18)

Of Jacob, Abraham’s grandson, we read:

*“I see him but not now; I behold him, but not near;
a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;”*
(NUMBERS 24:17)

*“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

*And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.”
(ISAIAH 11:1-3)

*“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
and He shall reign as king and deal wisely,
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.*

*In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
And this is the Name by which He will be called:
‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”*
(JEREMIAH 23:5-6)

*“... [T]he Lord Himself will give you a sign.
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call His name Immanuel
– God with us.”*
(ISAIAH 7:14)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Fowler Family

*“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.*
(ISAIAH 9:2)

*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it with justice
and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.*

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
(ISAIAH 9:6-7)

ENSEMBLE SPECIAL

“Angels We Have Heard On High (Gloria)”

THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
(MARK 1:1)

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way.”
(MATTHEW 1:18a)

*“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 were made through Him,
and without Him was not any thing made that was made.*

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”
(JOHN 1:1-5)

*“The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world.*

*He was in the world, and the world was made through Him,
yet the world did not know Him.*

He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.

*But to all who did receive him, who believed in His Name,
He gave the right to become children of God, who were born,
not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.”*
(JOHN 1:9-14)

“For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

*For the law was given through Moses;
grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

*No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side,
He has made Him known.”*
(JOHN 1:16-18)

NAME OF JESUS MARY LEARNS FROM ABOVE THE NAME OF HER SON

*“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel
was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph,
of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.*

*And he came to her and said,
‘Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!’
But she was greatly troubled at the saying,
and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.*

*And the angel said to her,
‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall call His Name Jesus.*

*He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.
And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of his father David,
and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of His kingdom there will be no end.*

*And Mary said to the angel, ‘How will this be, since I am a virgin?’
And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will overshadow you;
therefore the Child to be born will be called holy - the Son of God.’”*
(LUKE 1:26-35)

JESUS IS IMMANUEL JOSEPH LEARNS FROM ABOVE THE NAME OF HIS SON

*“When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph,
before they came together she was found
to be with child from the Holy Spirit.*

*And her husband Joseph,
being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame,
resolved to divorce her quietly.*

*But as he considered these things,
behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,
‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife,
for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

*She will bear a son, and you shall call His Name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins.’*

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

*'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and they shall call His Name Immanuel'
(which means, God with us).*

*When Joseph woke from sleep,
he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,*

*but knew her not until she had given birth to a son.
And he called His Name Jesus."
(MATTHEW 1:18b-25)*

SAVIOR

THE SHEPHERDS LEARN FROM ABOVE THE NAME OF SAVIOR

*"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus
that all the world should be registered.*

*This was the first registration when Quirinius
was governor of Syria.*

And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

*And Joseph also went up from Galilee,
from the town of Nazareth, to 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, who was with child.

And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

*And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him
in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for them in the inn.*

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field,
keeping watch over their flock by night.*

*And an angel of the Lord appeared to them,
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were filled with great fear.*

*And the angel said to them,
'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.*

*For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

*And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby
wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.'
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 among those with whom He is pleased!'*

*When the angels went away from them into heaven,
the shepherds said to one another,
'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened,
which the Lord has made known to us.'*

*And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby lying in a manger.*

*And when they saw it, they made known the saying
that had been told them concerning this child.*

*And all who heard it wondered
at what the shepherds told them.*

*But Mary treasured up all these things,
pondering them in her heart.*

*And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

*And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised,
he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel
before He was conceived in the womb.*

*And when the time came for their purification
according to the Law of Moses,
they brought him up to Jerusalem
to present him to the Lord*

*(as it is written in the Law of the Lord,
'Every male who first opens the womb
shall be called holy to the Lord')*

*and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said
in the Law of the Lord,
'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.'*

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon,
and this man was righteous and devout,
waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.*

*And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he would not see death
before he had seen the Lord's Christ.*

*And he came in the Spirit into the temple,
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus,
to do for Him according to the custom of the Law,*

*he took Him up in his arms
and blessed God and said,
'Lord, now you are letting Your servant depart in peace,
according to Your Word;*

for my eyes have seen Your salvation

that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

*a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to Your people Israel.'*

*And his father and his mother marveled
at what was said about him.*

*And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall
and rising of many in Israel,
and for a sign that is opposed*

*(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also),
so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'*

*And there was a prophetess, Anna,
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.*

*She was advanced in years,
having lived with her husband seven years
from when she was a virgin,*

*and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.
She did not depart from the temple,
worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.*

*And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God
and to speak of him to all who were waiting
for the redemption of Jerusalem."*

(LUKE 2:1-38)

KING

THE WISE MEN LEARN FROM ABOVE THE NAME OF THE KING OF KINGS

*"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea
in the days of Herod the king,
behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,*

saying,

*'Where is He who has been born king of the Jews?
For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.'*

*When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him;
and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.*

They told him,

*'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"*

*Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly
and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.*

*And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,
'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him,
bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.'*

*After listening to the king, they went on their way.
And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them
until it came to rest over the place where the child was.*

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.
And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother,
and they fell down and worshiped Him.
Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.*

*And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed to their own country by another way.”
(MATTHEW 2:1-12)*

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Michael Allen

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Winter Snow”

CANDLE LIGHTING

*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand,
and it gives light to all in the house.*

*In the same way, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”
(MATTHEW 5:14-16)*

SONG

“Silent Night”

BENEDICTION

*“Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You,
who walk in the light of Your Presence, Lord.”
(PSALM 89:15)*