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Worship Service

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Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24th, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Idealism is having a vision of what is possible and wanting to make a difference. It is caring passionately about what is meaningful in life. Idealists see things as they could be and have faith in the power of change. We put our principles into practice. We don't just accept the way things are. We dare to have big dreams and then act as if they are possible. Idealism doesn't mean that we are idle dreamers. Idle dreamers just wish things were better. Idealists do something to make things better. We make ideal real. (The Virtues Project)

"You dream things and say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were and say, 'Why not?'"

George Bernard Shaw

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "The Wexford Carol" trad. Irish
transcribed by W. G. Flood - arr. Joseph Martin



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Welcome to this holy night of magic and mystery. As we gather, may we be like the innkeepers, ready to find room for baby Jesus and to kneel in the stable. May we be like the shepherds, who listen for the voice of angels and are open to the possibility of miracles happening in our lives and world. May we be like the magi, wise enough to follow a star and to look for the signs of God's coming. Surprise us, radiant God, with wonder and joy as we worship the One who is born anew in us this night.

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Carol (60) "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1, 3

1 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.

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest: **R**

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Carol (64) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1

1 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.

Opening Prayer (together)

O God of Wonder, tonight is a Holy Night of memories and mystery. Our prayers, like search lights, comb the starry winter skies. Like the shepherds and sheep, we too come to Bethlehem for a blessing. Fill this night with promises of hope and love so that our faith may lighten any dark places of our lives. Transform our old dreams which have not come to pass into new dreams which find a birthing place this night.

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And together let us proclaim, "Peace and good will to all!" Amen.

Solo "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"
H. Martin/ R. Blane - arr. the Carpenters
P. Watanabe, Contralto



Second Lesson Matthew 1:18-23 M. Kitagawa

Solo "Mary, Did You Know?" M. Lowry/B. Greene
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Third Lesson Luke 2:1-7 C. MacLean

Carol (69) "Away in a Manger" vs. 1 & 2

1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.

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I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:8-18 K. Liddle

Carol (75) "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
vs. 1 & 3

- 1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
- 3 'To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign.

Fifth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 J. Cermak

Duet "O Holy Night" A. Adam, P. Cappeau
Soloists: L. Lazar and M. Butler

Christmas Drama Reading Drama Team
"What Does Christmas Mean to You?"
Adapted by Rev. C. Cooper

Carol (38) "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs. 1,3

- 1 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!
- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;

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come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. R

Christ Candle Lighting



Carol (67) "Silent Night, Holy Night" vs. 1, 2,3

- 1 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,
sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born.
- 3 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,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (59) "Joy to the World" vs. 1, 2

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

- 2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Postlude "Sleigh Ride" M. Parish/L. Anderson
J. Liddle, trumpet

Thank you for joining our Christmas Eve Service.
We hope you found it a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai and J. Brooker for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to J. Cermak, M. Kitagawa, K. Liddle and C.
MacLean for reading our scripture lessons. Thank you
to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for
inspiring us with their music.

Special thanks to P. Watanabe and M. Butler for
singing a solo and duet and to J. Liddle for his
trumpet postlude. It is wonderful to have you all
sharing your love of music with us this evening.

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Special thanks to our drama reading group J.
Brooker; L., M. and B. Clubine-Ito; L. and K. Sumiya;
P., P., C., and V. Watanabe; M. Saito and K. Wheeler;
and J. and D. Yuan for being in the Christmas drama
reading. Well done!

**Sunday, December 27th, at 11:00 a.m. Carol
Service** to sing favourite carols.

**Sunday, January 3rd, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Epiphany
Sunday**, the day when the Magi visit the Christ Child.

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December 31 or with a postmark after December 31
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apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and
thank you for you ongoing support.

