

(Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.)

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Dr. Jonathan Morris

Welcome Rev. Sheri Fry

Prayer of Christmas Blessing Teddie McConnell

**The Light of the word is born again,
and our hearts are filled with hope.
May we receive the gift so freely given
and bravely take that light
to even the darkest corners
and hardest hearts of our
hurting and beautiful world.
In Christ we pray, Amen.**

Hymn 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (next page)

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Sheri Fry

**God of light,
you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ,
your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth.
Open us to your revelation once again,
that in the words of your holy scripture
we might know your presence and follow in your light always.**

Lesson for the Day Colossians 3:12-17 *The Message*

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense.

Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house.

Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

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119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king.
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ the ev - er last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav - en - born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of righ - teous - ness!

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" "Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the virgin's womb. Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings."

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mile He laid His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die.

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Mile He laid His glory by, Born that we no more may die."

with the an - gel - lic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

The fourth system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "with the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem!' Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth."

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

The fifth system concludes the piece with the final line of lyrics: "Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glorious to the newborn king!'"

THE STORIES WE TELL

We invite you to think of your own Christmas stories & how they have shaped you over the years. We grow in our faith by sharing some of our meaningful moments and how they have created our daily journeys.

Christmas Reflection

Rev. Sheri Fry

Hymn 649

Amazing Grace

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Christmas Reflection

Teddie McConnell

Anthem

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Sara Tyburczy

Prayer

Offering of our Selves and our Gifts

Hymn 134

Joy to the World

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Benediction

Sung Benediction

Gloria from Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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Choir Director: Sara Tyburczy

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Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris

THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Joy to the World

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

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

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

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven 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.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.