

**Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2020  
5PM**

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Hyfrydol)**

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

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**READING #1**

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

**2**

The people who walk in darkness  
will see a great light.  
For those who live in a land of deep darkness,  
a light will shine.

**6**

For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.  
The government will rest on his shoulders.  
And he will be called:  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**7**

His government and its peace  
will never end.  
He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David  
for all eternity.  
The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies  
will make this happen!

## **Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9**

**1**

Out of the stump of David's family[a] will grow a shoot—  
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

**2**

And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

**3**

He will delight in obeying the Lord.  
He will not judge by appearance  
nor make a decision based on hearsay.

**4**

He will give justice to the poor  
and make fair decisions for the exploited.  
The earth will shake at the force of his word,  
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.

In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;  
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.  
The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,  
and a little child will lead them all.

**7**

The cow will graze near the bear.  
The cub and the calf will lie down together.  
The lion will eat hay like a cow.

**8**

The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.  
Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without  
harm.

**9**

Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,  
for as the waters fill the sea,  
so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord.

## O Come O Come Emmanuel (Veni Emmanuel)

O come O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

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## **READING #2**

### **Luke 1:26-35, 38**

#### **The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

**26** In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, **27** to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. **28** Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

**29** Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. **30** "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. **32** He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

**33** And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

**34** Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

**35** The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

**38** Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

## Luke 2:1-7

### The Birth of Jesus

**2** At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. **2** (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. **4** And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. **5** He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

**6** And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. **7** She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

### O Little Town Of Bethlehem (Saint Louis)

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

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## **READING #3**

### **Luke 2:8-16**

#### **The Shepherds and Angels**

**8** That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. **9** Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, **10** but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. **11** The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! **12** And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

**13** Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

**14**

"Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

**15** When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

**16** They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

### **Matthew 2:1-11**

#### **Visitors from the East**

**2** Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, **2** "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

**3** King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. **4** He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

**5** "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote:

**6**

'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah,  
are not least among the ruling cities of Judah,  
for a ruler will come from you  
who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'"

**7** Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. **8** Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!” **9** After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! **11** They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### Angels We Have Heard On High (Gloria)

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

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## **READING #4**

### **John 1:1-14**

#### **Prologue: Christ, the Eternal Word**

**1**

In the beginning the Word already existed.  
The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**2**

He existed in the beginning with God.

**3**

God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.

**4**

The Word gave life to everything that was created,  
and his life brought light to everyone.

**5**

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

**6** God sent a man, John the Baptist, **7** to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. **8** John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. **9** The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10** He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. **11** He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. **12** But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. **13** They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. **14** So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

#### **Pastor Moment**

## **Silent Night (Stille Nacht)**

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

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

Silent night holy night  
Wondrous star lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

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## **Joy To The World (Antioch)**

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

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