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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this evening. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude
Ring of the Bell

Cross Procession/Opening Hymn: #379,
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Verse (Psalm 124:8)

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

Christmas Confession

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

(Silence for prayer and self-examination)

P: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people,

C: we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from You and each other in our thinking, speaking,

and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother who shares our flesh, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You in greater faithfulness. Set our feet upon the new path of life as You build Your Kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Gloria: #368, "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Christmas Eve Collect, spoken by Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem: "And the Glory of the Lord"
From Handel's *Messiah*

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-4

Response

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia: #381, "Let Our Gladness Have No End"

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

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Hymn of the Day: #380, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Sermon: "And He Became Man - Et Homo Factum Est"

Offering

Hymn: #366, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Prayer of the Church, Dialogue

(From Luther's Hymn, "We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth,"
#382)

Pastor: We praise You, Jesus, at Your birth; Clothed in flesh
You came to earth.

Women: The Virgin bears a sinless boy And all the angels sing
for joy.

Men: Alleluia!

Pastor: Now in the manger we may see God's Son from eternity,

Men: The gift from God's eternal throne Here clothed in our poor
flesh and bone.

Women: Alleluia!

Pastor: The Virgin Mary's lullaby Calms the infant Lord Most
High.

Women: Upon her lap content is He Who keeps the earth and
sky and sea.

Men: Alleluia!

Pastor: The Light Eternal, breaking through, Made the world to
gleam anew;

Men: His beams have pierced the core of night, He makes us
children of the light.

Women: Alleluia!

Pastor: The very Son of God sublime Entered into earthly time

Women: To lead us from this world of cares To heaven's courts
as blessed heirs.

Men: Alleluia!

Pastor: In poverty He came to earth Showing mercy by His birth;

Men: He makes us rich in heavenly ways As we, like angels, sing
His praise.

Women: Alleluia!

Pastor: All this for us our God has done Granting love through
His own Son.

Men: Therefore, all Christendom rejoice

Women: And sing His praise with endless voice.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

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Benediction

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #363, "Silent Night"

*(The sanctuary will gradually be darkened during this hymn as
we light our candles.)*

Departing Words

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

C: The Light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us, O Lord, for it is evening.

C: And the day is almost over.

P: Let Your light scatter the darkness.

C: And illumine Your Church.

P: In Him was life, and that life was the Light of men. The Light
shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it.

C: Amen.

Postlude

*(Please deposit candles in the appropriate receptacle at the back
of the sanctuary. Merry Christmas!)*

