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Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Come and Worship

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er the earth.
Ye who sang creations story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Chorus

Come and worship, come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
(Chorus - 2x)

Saints before the altar, bending,
Watching, longing, hope and fear.
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear.
(Chorus - 2x)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing ELW #270

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

The First Noel

ELW #300

Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 4

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Verse 5

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Prayer of the Day

Bulletin Insert

Word

First Reading **1 Samuel 2:19-20, 26**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading **Colossians 3:12-17**
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Rejoice

See the morning, see it rising
Over the mountains high
See the mercy, in the mighty hand of God
Living water, come and fill us
Only You can satisfy
Turn our sorrow, into singing
The song of life

Chorus

Rejoice, rejoice
And sing with the angel voices
Rejoice, rejoice
All Heaven and earth rejoice

Lord Your strength is, a tower
The righteous run into
Lord Your love is, a banner over us
And we hold on, to the promise
That Your hold on us is true
There's no other, like You Jesus
No one like You
(Chorus-2x)

Bridge

Always, again I say rejoice
Always, again I say rejoice
Always, again I say rejoice
Always, always
(Chorus-2x)

Gospel
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:41-52

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Bob Berthold

Go Tell It on the Mountain ELW #290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Verse 1

While shepherds kept there watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Refrain

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Refrain

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

The Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

"Create In Me A Clean Heart" ELW #185

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free spirit.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Sending

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

Joy to the world the Savior 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

Chorus

Joy, unspeakable joy
An overflowing well
No tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy
It rises in my soul
Never lets me go

Verse 3

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love
(*Chorus-2x*)

Dismissal

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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