

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

South Campus

December 24, 2002

7:00

LITURGIST

Kyle Hancock

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETINGS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH & CHRIST CANDLE

leader: O God, thank you for giving Your Son to us all.
people: Help us to live in simple trust of Your guidance
leader: Thank you for the love and joy that comes to us
on Christmas
people: and throughout all of our lives. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

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“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (v.1, 3, 6)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

SONG OF THE MANGER

217

“Away In a Manger”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

SONG OF THE SHEPHERDS

245

“The First Noel” (v.1, 2)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:15-20

SONG OF BETHLEHEM

230

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v.1, 4)

CHILDREN’S STORY

CHRISTMAS LITANY

leader: Glory to God in the highest!
people: We hear with our ears the Christmas story as recorded in Scripture.
leader: Glory to God in the highest!
people: We feel with our hearts the love of God that comes to us in the Christ Child.
leader: Glory to God in the highest!
people: We know without doubt that Jesus came fully human to reach us and fully divine to save us.
leader: Glory to God in the highest!
people: This night we open our lives to fully receive Him as our Lord and Savior.
leader: Glory to God in the highest!
people: Glory to God in the highest!

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:7-12

SONG OF THE WISE MEN

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“We Three Kings” (v. 1, 5)

OFFERTORY

Carol Zur

PRAYER

MEDITATION

Rev. Jeff Bennett

“Hope Triumphs”

SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

The pastor will light a candle from the Christ candle and then light the ushers’ candles. Ushers will light the candle of the first person in each row. Light will be passed from person to person on the row. The lighted candle remains upright and the unlit candle is tipped to be lit.

Silent Night

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.

What Child Is This?

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Joy to the World

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.

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