



Nativity and Adoration of the Shepherds (1485), Domenico Ghirlandaio
Sasseti Chapel, Florence

The Nativity of Our Lord

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

December 24, 2021

What Child Is This (Greensleeves)
James Biery (b. 1956)

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



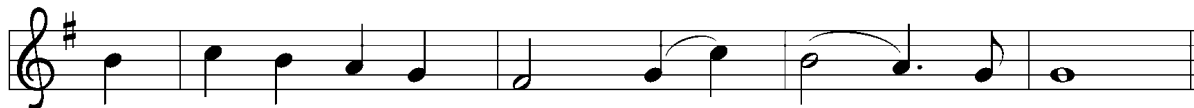
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

***GREETING**

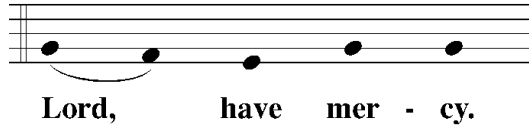
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

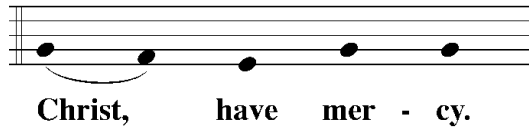
***KYRIE**

(chanted; repeat the words and notes after the cantor)

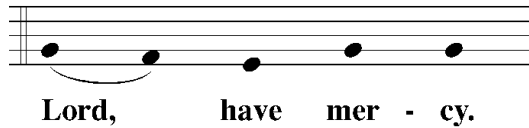
Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace. Lord, have mercy.



Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary. Christ, have mercy.



Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father. Lord, have mercy.





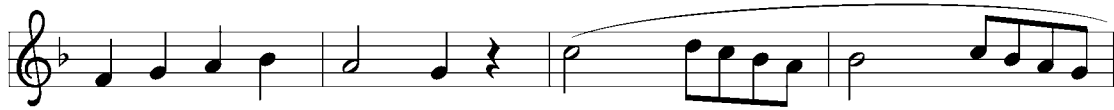
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -



- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A reading from Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMOLDY: Psalm 96

The cantor introduces the refrain, and then the assembly repeats it.



Let the heav - ens re - joice, and the earth be glad.

Psalm 96:1

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¹Sing to the Lord | a new song;

 sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
 proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
 and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
 more to be feared | than all gods. REFRAIN**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
 but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;**

power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord. REFRAIN**

⁹Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: “The | Lord is king!**

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the
peo- | ples with equity.”**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O Lord,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING *Titus 2:11–14*

A reading from Titus.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er
 3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
 made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
 in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then
 sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
 our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
 life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
 free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?
 sing, all for to see the new-born king.
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.
 Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*RESPONSE

On Christmas Night (stanza four)

ELW #274

see facing page

*GREETING

Pastor Stephen Springer

Hodie Christus natus est. Christ is born today.

Alleluia! Christ is born today.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

After the greeting, the assembly may be seated.

The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib.
[Isaiah 1:3a]



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

***CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each intercession ends with: "Lord, in your mercy," and the assembly responds:

Hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

There is a formal exchange of peace between the pastor and the congregation.

We will NOT share peace among worshipers at this service, due to concerns about Covid-19.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate in the church foyer before or after worship.)

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Dove of Peace Chancel Choir

Noel, Noel!

Pamela Decker (b.1955)

Our organist, Pamela Decker, was inspired to write both the text and the music for this ebullient anthem in 2016. A combination of Renaissance and Contemporary styles and techniques, the words and music joyfully proclaim Christ's birth.

Noel, noel!

Little babe born in Bethlehem.

Sing we noel!

Star, burn bright tonight; born our saving light.

Come to Earth is our salvation!

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of
sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.
Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.



***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

***AGNUS DEI**

(sung to Away in a Manger, Murray, ELW #277)

**And now at the manger with shepherds I see,
the Lord of all heaven born this day for me.
You came to be with us, to show us the way,
Have mercy on us, O Christ Jesus, we pray.**

**This baby, this infant, this lamb born so pure,
will give himself freely our souls to secure.
What gifts could we offer, how your love repay?
Have mercy on us, O Christ Jesus, we pray.**

**The angels sang glory, and peace, and goodwill,
The world and our lives God sent you to fulfill.
Our hearts be your manger, our lives be your hay.
Grant us holy peace, O Christ Jesus, we pray.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God comes to us as a baby in Bethlehem.
Christ comes again to us in this meal.
Come to the banquet, for all things are ready.

Angels We Have Heard on High
Arr. Kevin McChesney (b.1963)

American composer Kevin McChesney works exclusively in the handbell medium as both a composer and conductor. He has more than 450 compositions and arrangements to his credit, including this festive setting of the much-loved Christmas carol. McChesney presents the melody in both the treble and bass clefs, in stately, block-chord style bookends to a slower, more contemplative and arpeggiated middle section.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath
and give us bread for the journey.
Send us out in service to this world that you love,
telling the amazing news of your coming
to be Savior and Lord of all.
Amen.

THE CANDLELIGHTING

Keep candles upright.
Lean the unlit candle into the flame.

THE GOSPEL OF LIGHT: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

BLESSING BY CANDLELIGHT

Almighty God,
 who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,
 proclaimed joy through the angels,
 sent the shepherds with good news,
 and led the magi by a star,
 bless you this day ✠ through the Word made flesh.
Amen.

You may extinguish your candle.



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



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

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

EPILOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella
Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

Keith Chapman was educated at the Curtis Institute of Music and at Temple University, where he completed his master's degree. From 1966 to 1989 he presided at the celebrated pipe organ at the Wanamaker Department Store in Philadelphia. He was known for his exceptional mastery of the symphonic style of organ playing; he also was a published composer. The work in the position of epilogue for this service is well-known among organists for its energy and exuberance.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Your light has come.

Thanks be to God.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very blessed Christmas to you, and a safe and healthy new year.

Stay in touch! Sign up today for our emails. There are a few choices, but “Congregation News” will keep you informed about worship times and other significant events. Sign up right now while you are thinking about it!!!



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Covid-19 and the Omicron variant. The risks associated with the pandemic are evolving rapidly. Our pastor and congregation council are monitoring developments and will modify our policies for worship and other events as needed. We continue to urge everyone to obtain a vaccination and/or booster, unless it is medically impossible to do so.

Our congregation’s holiday service project. This year we are joining with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSSS-SW) in helping to settle refugees from Afghanistan into new lives in Tucson. Our family of father, mother, two sons and a daughter have need of a washer and dryer, and we at Dove of Peace will be providing that for them. To do this we are collecting funds, and will conclude our drive on Epiphany, this year celebrated in our congregation on January 9, 2022. You are invited to contribute by bringing your gift to the church at the time of services, or sending a check made out to Dove of Peace, marked “Washer/Dryer” or “Afghan refugee help,” to the church office. (665 Roller Coaster Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704) Thank you for your generous support of this effort for God’s work, our hands. – The Dove of Peace Social Ministry Team

There Is an ANGEL in Evangelism. The word “angel” means messenger, and “evangelist” means good messenger, a bringer of good news. Our booklet “**Do You Know Someone Like This?**” is a stepping stone toward the future of evangelism at Dove of Peace. We will be discussing this kind of evangelism in our congregation in January and February. How can the good news we share here in our congregation be shared with many, many others? Look at the booklet, and let us know what you think!

Upcoming Events	
Saturday, December 25:	There is no worship service on this day. We will be closed.
Sunday, December 26:	9:30 a.m. worship indoors/online 11:00 a.m. worship outdoors
Saturday, January 1:	2:00 p.m. New Year's Concert Mostly Mozart In Person / Livestream

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