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CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

WELCOME

CAROL

“Joy to the World”

**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.**

**Joy to the earth, 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.**

RESPONSIVE DIALOGUE

Pastor Kevin: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
Congregation: **for he has visited and redeemed his people!**

Pastor Kevin: The grace of God has been revealed for the salvation of all.
Congregation: **We have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.**

Pastor Kevin: By the tender mercy of our God, the Dayspring from on high has dawned upon us,
Congregation: **to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Pastor Kevin: The Sun of Righteousness is here, with healing in his wings.
Congregation: **And the glory of the Lord shone round about.**

CAROL

“Joy to the World”

**No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**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, and wonders of his love.**

LESSON

Micah 5:2

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**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.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

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“Once in Royal David’s City”

**Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**But our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heav’n above,
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

LESSON

Luke 2:8-12

CAROL

“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

**Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel’s word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me,
But there is room and welcome there for me.**

**In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet newborn Babe, how frail! And in a manger bed,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.**

LESSON: Isaiah 7:14

CAROL: "Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"

**How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.**

**Can I, will I, forget how Love was born, and burned
It's way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned?
To die, to live, and not alone for me,
To die, to live, and not alone for me.**

LESSON Luke 2:13-14

CAROL: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**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!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

LESSON Luke 2:16-19

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“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!

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through;
The cross he’ll bear for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the Son of Mary!

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!

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

CAROL:

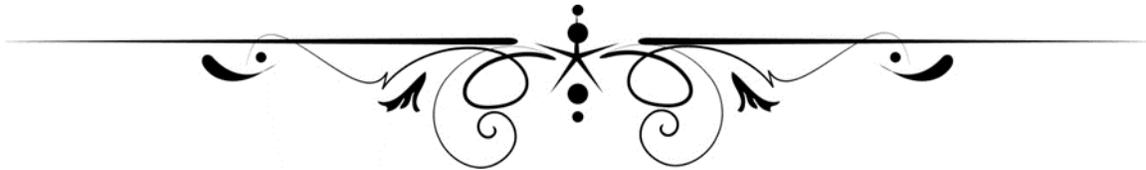
“Silent Night”

**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.**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born.”**

**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.**

BLESSING



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