



# Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020

Prelude: "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" French carol, arr. Erin Pacheco

## Gathering

*Lighting of the Advent Candles & Christ Candle*

Reader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Reader: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

**All: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

Reader: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**All: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

**Singing: 87 "Once in Royal David's City"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, and 4*

Minister: Beloved in Christ, this Christmas Eve be it our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build. And, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and those who mourn;

the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all that would grieve the Lord's heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself taught us:

**All: Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Reconciliation

### *The Announcement*

Reader: Luke 1:26-38

Soloist: "Let It Be So"

Sarah Hart

What is it you see? What do I possess?  
Oh, how could it be I should be so blessed?  
I am nothing much, neither saint nor queen.  
I am just a girl and you are everything.  
But if you ask, let it be so, let it be so, and if you will, let it be so.

I am so afraid of this great unknown.  
They may turn away, I may be all alone.  
But my life is so small, so small a price to pay  
To see my savior come and take my sin away.  
So if you ask, let it be so, let it be so, and if you will, let it be so.

I will bear their scorn, I will wear the shame.  
All things for the good, all things in your name.  
Father, be my strength. Shepherd, hold my hand.  
Open wide my heart to welcome home this lamb.  
As you have asked, let it be so, let it be so. As you have willed, let it be so.

## Proclamation

### *The Birth*

Reader: Luke 2:1-7

**Singing: 88 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

### *The Shepherds and Angels*

Reader: Luke 2:8-20

Instrumental: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

## Dedication

### *The Visit of the Magi*

Reader: Matthew 2:1-12

Choir: "Christmas Blessing" Philip Stopford

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds,  
the worship of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas;  
May Christ by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly,  
all things heavenly, and fill you with joy, and peace.  
And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

### ***The Light***

Reader: John 1:9-14

**Singing: 85 "Silent Night"**

### **Worship Leaders**

Pianist / Vocalist: Erin Pacheco  
Candles / Vocalists: Aron, Karen, Tony & Zoe Reppmann  
Readers: Annelies Latham, Zoe Reppmann, Tavin Reeves, Beatrix Larsen  
Violinist: Frances Boerman-Cornell  
Cellist / Soloist: Adeline Larsen  
Ukulele / Vocalist: Clay Carlson  
Pianists: Lydia Carlson, Abbie & Charlotte Lydon, Reese Hulford  
Guitarist: Jeremy Hulford  
Choir Director: David Baar  
Choir Accompanist: Bev Baar  
Guitarist / Vocalist: Marjie Coleman  
Minister: Roger Nelson

### **Artists**

"Town with angel" Mena Decker  
"Do not be afraid" Trinity Simpson  
"Jesus" Rowan Van Wyngarden  
"Throne" Cooper Westerveld  
"Traveling" Arie & Esme Pierik  
"Turned away" Maxton Pettinga  
"No room" Lauris & Dexter Thomson  
"Do not be afraid" Claire Medema  
"Great joy" Cora & Ari Varghese  
"Messiah" Norah Van Wyngarden  
"Baby in a manger" Abigail van den Brink  
"Glory and peace" Elizabeth van den Brink  
"Star" Arie & Esme Pierik  
"Bethlehem" Greda Gabrielse  
"Star over house" Lauris & Dexter Thomson, Jackson Lydon  
"Footsteps in the desert" Trinity Simpson

### **Nativity**

Mary: Avery Westerveld  
Gabriel: Trinity Simpson  
Elizabeth: Greda Gabrielse  
Caesar Augustus: Tyler Hughes  
Joseph: Reese Hulford  
Jesus: Adelaide & Everly Hofman  
Sheep: Ellie Lydon, Elliot Maher, Joanna Pacheco, Reid & Grant Quist,  
Abigail van den Brink, Cora, Ari & Anders Varghese

Shepherds: Karis & Moriah Dykstra, Jackson Lydon, Cole Maher,  
Gloria Pacheco, Liam Pettinga, Ben van den Brink,  
Beckham Van Wyngarden  
Angels: Molly Hughes, Evan Gabrielse, Vera Hulford, Esme Pierik,  
Gwen Quist, Elizabeth van den Brink  
Those amazed: Lillian, Adam & Charlotte Post  
Magi: Owen Gabrielse, Brandon Hulford, Moises Pacheco  
Herod: Cooper Westerveld  
Teachers of the Law: Cody & Van Decker, Henry & Evelyn Evenhouse, Arie Pierik

**Production**

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