





**2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (refrain)**

**3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (refrain)**

**Reading**

*Hush*

Lucinda Hynett

**The lighting of the Candles**

**Carol**

*Silent Night*

Gruber

**1. 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.**

**2. 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!"**

**3. 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.**

**4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

**Reading**

*The Child at the Centre*

R. Shackleton

**Carols**

*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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.**

**O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”**

**Joyful all ye 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!”**

**3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the son of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Reading**

*The God We Hardly Knew* Archbishop Oscar Romero

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

## **Benediction**

### **Carol**

### *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.)**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let us our songs employ;---  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, (Repeat the sounding joy.)**

**No more let sin and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;---  
He comes to make His blessings flow (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.)**

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Confirmation Choir

Daybreak Choir

Sanctuary Bells

Covenant Choir

Kinderchoir

Sanctuary Choir

Many thanks to Mark Dail for providing sound and light for our service this afternoon. Thanks to Jackie Stroud and her helpers for the beautiful decorations of our campus, and Janelle Haggard and crew for our refreshments.

Please join us for our outdoor Christmas Eve Service, December 24 at 5:00 pm.

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