

Online Worship Service for Martin Luther Church on Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020, 6:00 pm

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A. GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Opening

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

A: **Amen.**

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: Oh come all ye faithful ELW 283

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,/ O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,/ Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

Psalm 96: 1-3, 11-13

¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹²let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³before the LORD; for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

Gloria

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

P: Kyrie eleison

A: **Lord, have mercy upon us**

P: Christe eleison

A: **Christ, have mercy upon us**

P: Kyrie eleison

A: **Lord, have mercy upon us**

P: Have no fear; for truly, I give you good news of great joy which will be for all the people: For on this day, in the town of David, a Saviour has come to birth, who is Christ the Lord.

L: Glory to God in the highest, and on the earth peace among men with whom he is well pleased.

Hymn: Angles We Have Heard on High ELW 289

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

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?

Refrain

B. WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading: Luke 2:1-20

A: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came

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

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

When 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice ELW 288

Good Christian friends, rejoice / with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: / Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, / and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! / Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice / with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: / Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, / and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! / Christ was born for this!

Sermon by Vicar Adam McComb

Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain ELW 290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain, / over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain / that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching / o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens / there shone a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled / when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus / that hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession with Angel Ornaments

The Lord`s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed by 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.**

C. SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn: Silent Night ELW 281

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!

Dismissal

L: Christ is born!
Go tell it on the Lakeshore and everywhere.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements

Thank you to everyone who helped bring Christmas to our church safely this year- our presiders Pastor Hille and Vicar McComb; organist Linda; worship service helper Iris; tech crew Peter, Sonja, Ida, Andy, Alex and Mona; altar guild Annette; altar flower contributor Patricia; Christmas tree helpers Christiane, Dan, and Andrew, Lala and Peter; Christmas newsletter helpers Leanne, Helmut and Manya; Christmas card writers Anna Lisa, Margaret and Katja; council members on Zoom duty; Marlena in the office; and, last but not least, all of you, members and friends, who have participated and donated generously.

Merry Christmas!

Thank you for worshipping with us. Please continue to support our church. You can find ways to donate on our website, <http://martinluther.ca/make-a-donation/>

- Go outside and ring a bell at 6 pm on Christmas Eve for a bit of magic, hope and togetherness!
- Both **"Masks for Good"** and **"Bowls and Blessings"** will continue into the year 2021. If you have time, talents, questions and funds, **please reach out** to Vicar Adam (vicarmccomb@martinluther.ca) and President Iris (president@martinluther.ca) about how to add to the projects.
- Worship service can be viewed on our [YouTube Channel](#) at www.tiny.cc/MartinLuther. Please subscribe and comment.
 - ◇ **Dec 25, Christmas Day:**
11:00 am English-German Service online led by Pastor Hille and Vicar McComb
 - ◇ **Dec 27, 1st Sunday of Christmas:**
9.30 am German [Radio Devotions](#) on CHLO Radio AM 530 and any time on our website
11:00 am German Service online led by Pastor Hille, followed by Zoom Coffee Time. Register on Eventbrite at www.tiny.cc/MartinLutherRegister.
 - ◇ **New Years:** English-German Service online

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