**First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7**

### First Carol: Joy to the World #267 v. 1-2

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

**Second Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a**

**Second Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem #279 v. 1 & 3**

**1 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.**

**3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!**

 **So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.**

**No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,**

 **where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.**

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893

**Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38**

 **Third Carol: The Angel Gabriel from Heav’n Came #265 v. 1-3**

**1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came,**

**with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:**

**"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,**

**most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,**

**all generations laud and honor thee;**

**thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,**

**most highly favored lady." Gloria!**

**3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;**

**"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.**

**"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."**

**Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

Text: Basque Carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924

**Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7**

### Fourth Carol: Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming #272 v. 1 & 3

1 **Lo, how a rose e'er blooming**

 **from tender stem hath sprung!**

 **Of Jesse's lineage coming**

 **as seers of old have sung,**

 **it came, a flow'r so bright,**

 **amid the cold of winter,**

 **when half-spent was the night.**

**3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender**

 **with sweetness fills the air,**

 **dispels with glorious splendor**

 **the darkness everywhere.**

 **True man, yet very God,**

 **from sin and death he saves us**

 **and lightens ev'ry load.**

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

**Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-16**

**Fifth Carol :** Angels We have Heard on High #289 v. 1-2

**1 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.**

**2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?**

 **Why your joyous strains prolong?**

 **What the gladsome tidings be**

 **which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain***

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

**Sixth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11**

### Sixth Carol What Child Is This ? #296 v. 1-3

1 **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!**

**2 Why lies he in such mean estate**

 **where ox and ass are feeding?**

 **Good Christian, fear; for sinners here**

 **the silent Word is pleading.**

 **Nails, spear shall pierce him through,**

 **the cross be borne for me, for you;**

 **hail, hail the Word made flesh,**

 **the babe, the son of Mary!**

**3 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!**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

**Seventh Lesson: John 1;1-5, 14**

**Homily** Pastor Miriam Schmidt

**Carol It came upon a midnight Clear #282 v. 1-3**

**1 It came upon the midnight clear,**

 **that glorious song of old,**

 **from angels bending near the earth**

 **to touch their harps of gold:**

 **"Peace on the earth, good will to all,**

 **from heav'n's all-gracious king."**

 **The world in solemn stillness lay**

 **to hear the angels sing.**

**2 Still through the cloven skies they come**

 **with peaceful wings unfurled,**

 **and still their heav'nly music floats**

 **o'er all the weary world.**

 **Above its sad and lowly plains**

 **they bend on hov'ring wing,**

 **and ever o'er its babel sounds**

 **the blessed angels sing.**

**3 And you, beneath life's crushing load,**

 **whose forms are bending low,**

 **who toil along the climbing way**

 **with painful steps and slow:**

 **look now, for glad and golden hours**

 **come swiftly on the wing;**

 **oh, rest beside the weary road**

 **and hear the angels sing!**

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876

**Prayers of Intercession**

*The assembly responds to each petition:* **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Music:

*at 7pm “A Little Light Was Born in Bethlehem”*

*at 8:30 pm French Noel (organ)*

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,*

 *including the care of those in need.*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**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**

*The assembly is invited to turn on their candles*

*for the singing of Silent Night.*

**Carol: Silent Night #281 v. 1-3**

**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, heav'nly 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 your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

**Blessing**

**Carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #270 v. 1 & 3**

**1 Hark! The herald angels sing,**

 **“Glory to the newborn king;**

 **peace on earth, and mercy mild,**

 **God and sinners reconciled."**

 **Joyful, all you nations, rise;**

 **join the triumph of the skies;**

 **with angelic hosts proclaim,**

 **"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

***Refrain* *Hark! The herald angels sing,***

***"Glory to the newborn king!"***

**3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!**

 **Hail the Sun of righteousness!**

 **Light and life to all he brings,**

 **ris'n with healing in his wings.**

 **Mild he lays his glory by,**

 **born that we no more may die,**

 **born to raise each child of earth,**

 **born to give us second birth. *Refrain***

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

**Dismissal**

 Go in peace. Christ is with you.

 *Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

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See insert for names.

**Please come worship with us again:**

**Christmas Day, December 25 at 10 am**

**and every Sunday at 10 am.**

**All Saints in Big Sky:**

**A Shared Ministry of the Episcopal & Lutheran (ELCA) Churches**

**Service of Lessons & Carols: Christmas Eve**

**December 24, 2022**

**7:00 & 8:30 pm**

**Prelude & Welcome**

**Processional Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful #283 v. 1-3**

**1 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!**

**2 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*

**3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,**

**sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God in the highest:** *Refrain*

Text: attr: John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley (v. 1, 3), tr. Unknown (v. 2)

**Greeting**

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

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine… who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

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