

Order of Service

Musicians

Terry Schnarr, organ and piano
Devyn Costello-Henderson, soprano
Handbell Choir: Graham Bier, Kent Cooper, Kevyn Dewees,
Brogan Fraser, Maret Genzlinger, Anna Martin, Ariel Martin,
Leah Martin, Sarah Martin, Tara Pitcairn, Alisha Reid,
Star Silverman

Preludes

Merry Christmas Bells are Ringing – Gilchrist, arr. K. Cooper
Sussex Carol – English Carol, arr. Michael Helman
Chorale Prelude on “In dulci jubilo,” BWV 751 – J. S. Bach
Un Flambeau, Jeannette, Isabella – French carol,
arr. Kenneth Danchik
Unto Us a Baby Is Born – Wilbur Held
O Jesulein Süß – German Carol, arr. Sharon Elery Rogers
Carols of the Stable – arr. Edward Broughton
When the World was White with Winter – arr. Cooper
O Little Town of Bethlehem – arr. M. Hayes and D.E. Wagner
Noel Nouvelet – French carol, arr. Danchik
Cantique de Noël – Adolphe Adam

Postludes

Ding, Dong Merrily on High – European carol, arr. N.L. Stephens
Chorale Prelude on “In dulci jubilo,” BWV 729 – Bach



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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing949

Opening of the Word, sentence of Scripture, invitation to Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in the heavens, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven so upon the earth. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Priest: O Lord, forgive us our trespasses.

People: As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Recitation.....575

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

On This Day Earth Shall Ring950

Lessons: Luke 2:8-12, *Secrets of Heaven* 343,
Apocalypse Revealed 158, *Apocalypse Explained* 1006

Interlude: Still, Still, Still – Austrian carol, arr. Kent Cooper

Silent Night, Holy Night!975

Talk: Keeping Watch

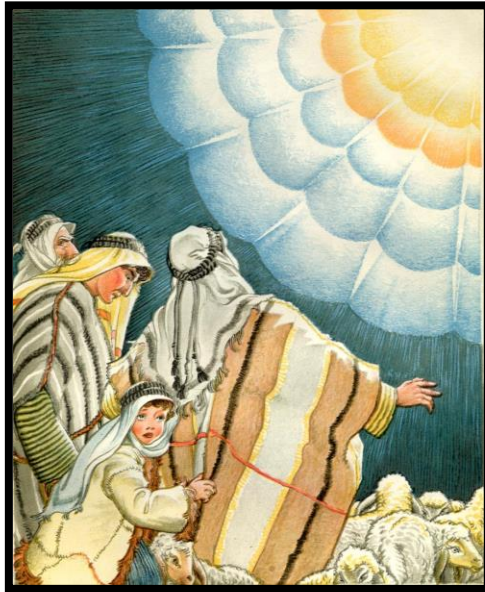
Joy to the World..... 962

Benediction and the closing of the Word

Calm on the Listening Ear of Night..... 966

Good News From Heaven

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring your good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you:



You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:8-12

“A shepherd of a flock” is one who does the good that charity inspires...one who leads and teaches is called a shepherd.

Secrets of Heaven 343

“Be watchful” symbolically means that people should acquire truths and live according to them. To be “watchful” has precisely this symbolic meaning in the Word, for a person who learns truths and lives according to them is like someone who awakens from sleep and becomes alert.

Apocalypse Revealed 158

“Happy is the one who is awake” symbolizes the happy state of those who look to the Lord...When we are [engaged] in spiritual life we are awake, but when we are in natural life separated from spiritual life we are [as it were] asleep.

Apocalypse Explained 1006



“Keeping Watch”
Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2022
Rev. Derek Elphick