

# Christmas Eve Service



**Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church, Grand Marais, MN  
December 24, 2020**

## **Welcome**

## **Invocation**

### **He's here! ★ The Nativity, from Luke 1 – 2**

#123 O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come O come Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Desire of nations bind All peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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#137 WHAT CHILD IS THIS

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

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

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

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## **He's here! ★ The Nativity ★ Part 2**

### **#141 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 men 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

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### **#136 THE FIRST NOEL**

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel

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## The Light of the Whole World ★ The story of the Shepherds, from Luke 2

### #128 IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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 men From heaven's all gracious King  
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing

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### #133 HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn king

Christ by highest heaven adored Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold him come Offspring of the virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the godhead see Hail the incarnate deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn king

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 lay his glory by Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the songs of earth Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sings Glory to the newborn king

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## The Light of the Whole World ★ The story of the Shepherds, from Luke 2 ★ Part 2

### #145 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee Born this happy morning  
O Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing

## #125 JOY TO THE WORLD

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

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as 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  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders wonders of His love

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## Isaiah 35

<sup>1-2</sup> Wilderness and desert will sing joyously,  
the badlands will celebrate and flower—  
Like the crocus in spring, bursting into blossom,  
a symphony of song and color.  
Mountain glories of Lebanon—a gift.  
Awesome Carmel, stunning Sharon—gifts.  
GOD's resplendent glory, fully on display.  
GOD awesome, GOD majestic.  
<sup>3-4</sup> Energize the limp hands,  
strengthen the rubbery knees.  
Tell fearful souls,  
"Courage! Take heart!  
GOD is here, right here,  
on his way to put things right  
And redress all wrongs.  
He's on his way! He'll save you!"  
<sup>5-7</sup> Blind eyes will be opened,  
deaf ears unstopped,

Lame men and women will leap like deer,  
the voiceless break into song.  
Springs of water will burst out in the wilderness,  
streams flow in the desert.  
Hot sands will become a cool oasis,  
thirsty ground a splashing fountain.  
Even lowly jackals will have water to drink,  
and barren grasslands flourish richly.  
8-10 There will be a highway  
called the Holy Road.  
No one rude or rebellious  
is permitted on this road.  
It's for GOD's people exclusively—  
impossible to get lost on this road.  
Not even fools can get lost on it.  
No lions on this road,  
no dangerous wild animals—  
Nothing and no one dangerous or threatening.  
Only the redeemed will walk on it.  
The people GOD has ransomed  
will come back on this road.  
They'll sing as they make their way home to Zion,  
unfading halos of joy encircling their heads,  
Welcomed home with gifts of joy and gladness  
as all sorrows and sighs scurry into the night.

## **Benediction**

### SILENT NIGHT

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  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

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

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## **A reading from Isaiah 9: 2-7**

### **Christmas Greetings**



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*★ Merry Christmas ★*

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