

Peace Came to Earth



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.

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A Blessed Christmas to All!

Christmas Day Worship 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

New Year's Eve Worship 7:00 pm

Thank you: Pastor Raddatz, Mr. Drews, Mrs. Van Egmond, and Mrs. Schwede thank everyone for their gifts and Christmas wishes. We appreciate your expressions of love. May you have a blessed Christmas.



Christmas Eve Service

He Gave His One and Only Son...Life

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St. Mark Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve 2013

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

s. 1-3 Dillon Richert

All: How glad we'll be to find it so! Then with the shepherds let us go
To see what God for us has done In sending us his own dear Son.

Welcome

Of the Father's Love Begotten Hymn 35

All: Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see Evermore and evermore.

Women: Oh, that birth forever blessed When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

Pastor: *This is he whom heav'n-taught singers Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets Promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.*

Men: Let the heights of heav'n adore him, Angel hosts his praises sing,
Pow'rs, dominions bow before him And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

All: Christ, to you, with God the Father, And the Spirit ceaselessly
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.

We Need God's Son

L: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

C: It was very good.

Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me,
To die, to live, and not alone for me?

God's Perfect Timing

Galatians 4:4-7

Peace Came to Earth

Hymn 707 (see back page)

Offering

DeAnna Fanning and Martha Wilkinson

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

From Heaven Above

Hymn 38 s. 13-15

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, made clean and new, A quiet chamber kept for you.

My heart for very joy must leap; My lips no more can silence keep.
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradle song:

Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us his Son has given!
While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

Blessing

M: May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil;
may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our
souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love;
and may his peace abound in our hearts. Amen.

Joy to the World

Hymn 62

Special Thanks: Dillon Richert—solo

Tyler Randazzo—baritone

Trevor Wiles—reader

Kobey Day—trumpet

Eva Van Egmond—trombone

DeAnna Fanning—oboe

Martha Wilkinson—violin

Cindy Krushenisky—organ

**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.**

Please carefully blow out the candles.

Luke 2:9-14

Trevor Wiles

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 61 s. 1,3

**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 th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail, the heav'nly 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 us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Luke 2:15-18,20

Trevor Wiles

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Hymn 54

**Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me,
But there is room and welcome there for me.**

**In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
Sweet newborn babe, how frail! and in a manger bed,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.**

**How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.**

Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned

L: God's goodness was destroyed by mankind. Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—

All: Merciful Father in heaven, I am a sinner. I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have done what is wrong and failed to do what is good. Have mercy on me!

L: God, in his grace and mercy, gave his one and only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for sin, yes, even the sins of the whole world. All who trust in Jesus have eternal life.

C: I lift up my eyes to you, O Lord. My hope is in you.

L: It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

C: The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

Hymn 42 s. 1,2

**Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing his love amazing, Worthy folk of Christendom.**

**See how God, for us providing, Gave his Son and life abiding;
He our weary steps is guiding From earth's woe to heav'nly joy.**

God promises his Son

L: Hiding in shame and fear of God's wrath, God came to Adam and Eve and gave them great news. God was going to send his Son the seed of a woman to crush Satan's head. Again and again God sent his prophets to point his people to his Son for salvation. God's message for you is one of hope and life. Seven hundred years before our Savior was born God promised to send his Son. Isaiah pointed ahead to the birth of God's Son. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:6,7) Again Isaiah prophesied giving us more information about God's Son:

C: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

L: Micah prophesied the location of the birth.

C: But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from old, from ancient times.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 65 s. 1,4

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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin And enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

Our Christmas Treasure Foretold

Isaiah 11:1-3a

Behold, a Branch is Growing

Hymn 47 s. 1,2,4

Behold, a Branch is growing Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sang, foreknowing; It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little flow'r In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.

Isaiah had foretold it In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it, A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will This child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.

This flow'r, so small and tender, With fragrance fills the air;
His brightness ends the darkness That kept the earth in fear.
True God and yet true man, He came to save his people
From earth's dark night of sin.

God gave his Son

Luke 1:26-38

Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One Hymn 39 s. 1-3

Now praise we Christ, the Holy One, The blessed virgin Mary's Son.
From east to west, from shore to shore Let earth its Lord and King adore.

He who himself all things did make A servant's form agreed to take,
That he as man mankind might win And save his creatures from their sin.

The grace and pow'r of God the Lord Upon the mother was outpoured;
A virgin pure and undefiled In wondrous way conceived a child.

Luke 2:1-5

Trevor Wiles

Once in Royal David's City

Hymn 50 s. 1, 2

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.

Luke 2:6-7

Trevor Wiles

Away in a Manger

Hymn 68

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

Lighting of the Candles — Ushers will come down the aisle and light candles. Do not tip the lit candles. Only tip the unlit candles. Please be careful with the candles.

Luke 2:8

Trevor Wiles

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Hymn 60

Choir will sing stanza one in German and the congregation is asked to join with them with the printed stanzas.

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.