



Zion Lutheran Church, Indiana PA
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2021

PRELUDE

Three Variations on Noel, op. 20

Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

Meditation on "Twas in the Moon of Winter Time"

Jesous Ahatonia

Solo – "Cantique de Noel"

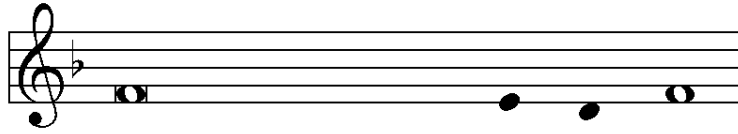
Adolphe Adams (1803-1856)

As the proclamation is read, the congregation may light their candles from the acolyte torches.

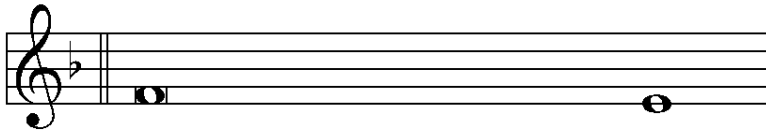
PROCLAMATION OF CHRISTMAS

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
The Twenty-fifth Day of December,
unknown ages from the time when God
created the heavens and the earth
and then formed people in the image of the Creator.
Several thousand years after the Great Flood,
when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign
of the covenant and of peace.
Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham
and Sarah came out of Ur of the Chaldees;
thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of
Israel out of slavery in the Exodus from Egypt.
Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth
and the Judges;
around the thousandth year since David was
anointed King;
in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
in the year seven hundred and fifty-two
since the foundation of the City of Rome;
in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar
Octavian Augustus,
the whole world being at peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the
eternal Father,
desiring to sanctify the world by his most
loving presence,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and when nine months had passed since
his conception,
was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem
of Judea,
and was made man:
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

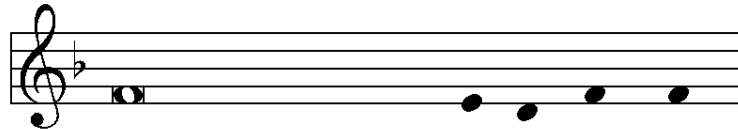
THE LIGHT OF CHRIST



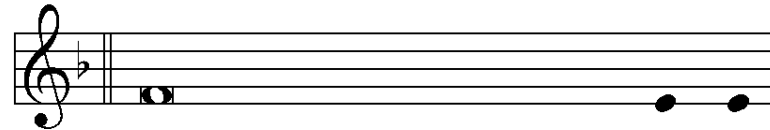
☐ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



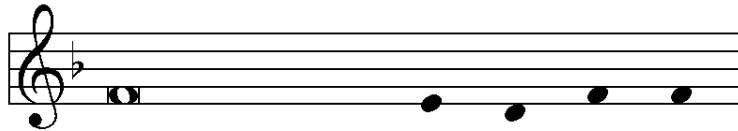
☑ the light no darkness can over- come.



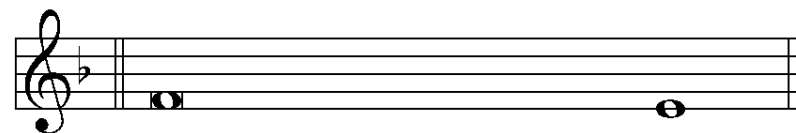
☐ Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve- ning,



☑ and the day is almost o- ver.



☐ Let your light scat- ter the dark- ness,



☑ and illumine your Church.

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

Stand

HYMN OF PRAISE: #30 (SBH)

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen**

Sit

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: #15 (SBH) “Joy to the World”

SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

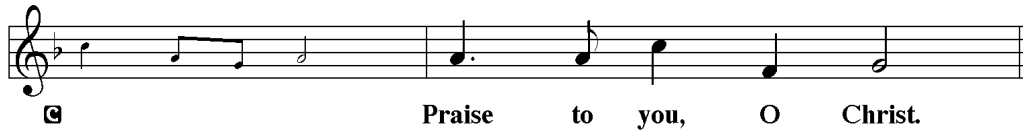
Congregation Candles lit

GOSPEL PROCESSION: #290 (ELW)

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” - Verses 1 & 2 only



GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20



GOSPEL PROCESSION: #290 (ELW)
"Go Tell It on the Mountain" - Verse 3 only

Congregation Candles extinguished

Sit

HOMILY Pastor Tedd Cogar

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: #25 (SBH)
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The ministers and the congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. **R** **Peace be with you.**

Sit

ANTHEM - Choir Only #636 (WOV)
"Before the Marvel of this Night"

Stand

OFFERTORY CANTICLE: #38 (SBH)
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A Let us pray

C **Gracious God, your word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

PREFACE & EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Bring your small candle with you as you come to the altar for Holy Communion. Return by the side aisles, stopping to light your candle on the way back to your seat. You may keep your candle lighted until the end of the service.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

#38 (SBH) - "The First Noel"

#45 (SBH) - "Christmas Eve"

#47 (SBH) - "Away in a Manger"

Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C **Amen**

SOLEMN BLESSING

P When he came to us as man, the Son of God scattered the darkness of this world, and filled this holy night with his glory. May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten your hearts with holiness.

C **Amen**

P God sent his angels to shepherds to herald the great joy of our Savior's birth. May he fill you with joy and make you heralds of his gospel.

C **Amen**

P When the Word became flesh, earth was joined to heaven. May he give you his peace and good will, and fellowship with all the heavenly host.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: #281 (ELW)

"Silent Night" (German verse, followed by verses 1-3 in English)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Variation X on Noel, op. 20

Marcel Dupre

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Assisting Minister: Beth Grafton

Lector: Bob Shively

Altar Guild: Kathy Huston

Ushers: Pernell Bowersox, Jim Slade

Acolytes: Kristianna Shearer, Kristian Dugan, Kalise Dugan, Kami Dugan, Lily Grafton

Organist: Christine Clewell

We would like to welcome and thank our guest soloist, Stella Chepaitis. A resident of Indiana, PA, Stella is an IUP sophomore vocal performance major studying under the tutelage of Dr. Mary Logan Hastings.

THIS WEEK AT ZION

December 25 No Saturday Evening Service

December 26 9:30 AM Liturgy

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those in special care homes, shut-in members, those in the hospital and recently home from the hospital.

We grieve with the family of Dave Keith. Dave's mother, Ruby, passed away on Tuesday December 14, 2021. The funeral took place on Tuesday, December 21.