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Welcome

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

This evening's service is adapted from the Service of Lessons and Carols, which was first drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Bishop of Canterbury, for use in the Cathedral at Truro. It was adapted from ancient sources as a Christmas Eve service and was first celebrated on Christmas Eve in 1880. It was later modified for use at King's College in Cambridge, in 1918, by its then Dean, Reverend Eric Milner-White. We have modified it to reflect our congregation.

The service joins scripture texts from the whole breadth of God's word that speak of the coming of the Christ-child, with carols that highlight the themes found in those texts. This service has been and continues to be used with some variation all over the world. The three themes of Advent are evident throughout this service:

The longing for the much-needed Messiah found on the lips of God's people prior to Christ's birth.

The joy at the entrance of God's own son into the world given voice by Christ's church today.

The groaning for the return of the victorious king heard from all creation awaiting its final redemption.

As a people living in the time between the times—a people living both in the reality of the present and with the sure hope of the promised future—we often find these themes fresh on our lips and expressed by the deepest longing of our hearts. Our prayer is that this time will help strengthen your faith, as you find comfort in Christ, our comfort, peace in the Prince of Peace, and victory in the forever-reigning King who will one day return to make all things new.

“Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20).

If you want to know more about Saint Andrew's stick around after the service and we would love to meet you. You can also find out more about us at our website: www.saintandrewsyakima.org

Thanks for visiting — we are glad that you are here,

Pastor Craig Harris

Prelude: Hodie

Words: Cappeau de Roguemaure 1808-1877

Music: Adolphe Adam 1803-1856

During the prelude, you are invited to spend a few moments listening to the music, preparing your hearts for this time of worship together.

Hodie Christus natus est
Hodie Salvator apparuit
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli
Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluja

Today Christ is born
Today the Savior appeared
Today on Earth the angels sing
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest! Alleluja!

Prayer of Invocation

Lord, you have brought us through a season of advent to a season of Christmas;

a season of sorrow to a season of Joy,

a season of famine to a season of bounty,

a season of darkness to a season of light;

which is made possible through the birth of your only-begotten Son who took our nature upon himself through the incarnation, and was born of a virgin.

Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children through adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

Call To Worship

Leader: All God's people—

Boys and girls, women, men:

All: Come and worship!

Leader: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

All: Come and worship! Come and worship!

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

All: Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

Once in David's Royal City

Words: Cecil F. Alexander (1848)

Music: Arthur Henry Mann (1919)

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on to the place where he has gone.
4. Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Litany of Expectations

Based on Isaiah 9:6, and Luke 2:10,11,14

Leader: Let us go even unto Bethlehem
and see this thing which is come to pass,
which the Lord hath made known to us.

**All: And his name shall
be called Wonderful, Counselor,
the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Behold I bring you good news of a great joy;
for to you is born in the city of David,
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.


**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.**




O Holy Night

Words: Cappeau de Roguemaure 1808-1877


Music: Adolphe Adam 1803-1856




1. O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope—the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night divine, O night, O night divine!



Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we,
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!



He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger;
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend.



First Reading

ISAIAH 7:13-14; 9:2, 6-7

[7] Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? [14]Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

[9:2]The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

[6] For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[7] Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Words: Latin Ancient Antiphons (c. 12th century), Trans. John Mason Neale (1851)

Music: Thomas Helmore (1856)

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
shall come to thee O Israel

2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them vict'ry over the grave.

3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Words: Liturgy of St. James (4th. Century)

Music: Traditional French Carol

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way.
as the light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord most high!"



The Second Reading

LUKE 1:26-56

[26]In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27]to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. [28]And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" [29]But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [30]And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31]And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [32]He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33]and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

[34]And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

[35]And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. [36]And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [37]For nothing will be impossible with God."

[38]And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

[39]In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, [40]and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. [41]And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, [42]and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! [43]And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? [44]For behold, when the sound of

your greeting came to my ears, the
baby in my womb leaped for joy. [45]And
blessed is she who believed that there
would be a fulfillment of what was spoken
to her from the Lord.”

[46]And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
[47]and my spirit rejoices in God my
 Savior,
[48] for he has looked on the humble
 estate of his servant. For behold, from
 now on all generations will call me
 blessed;
[49]for he who is mighty has done
 great things for me, and holy is his name.
[50]And his mercy is for those who
 fear him from generation to generation.
[51]He has shown strength with his
 arm; he has scattered the proud in the
 thoughts of their hearts;
[52]he has brought down the mighty from
 their thrones and exalted those of humble
 estate;
[53] he has filled the hungry with good
 things, and the rich he has sent
 away empty.
[54]He has helped his servant Israel, in

remembrance of his mercy,
[55]as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham
and to his offspring
forever.”

[56]And Mary remained with her about
three months and returned to her
home.



What Child is This?

Traditional English Carol (16th century)

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.

The Third Reading

LUKE 1:57-80

[57]Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. [58] And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. [59] And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, [60] but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." [61] And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." [62] And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. [63] And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. [64] And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. [65] And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, [66] and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

[67] And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, [68] "Blessed be the Lord God

of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people [69] and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, [70] as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, [71] that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; [72] to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, [73] the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us [74] that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, [75] in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. [76] And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, [77] to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, [78] because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high [79] to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

[80] And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Lo' How a Rose E'er Blooming

Words: German Hymn, 16th cent., Trans., Harriet Spaeth, Theodore Baker, and John C. Mattes.
Music: German melody, 15th Cent., arr. M. Praetorius

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

3. This flower, whose fragrance tender
With Sweetness in the air
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere
True Man, yet very God
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

4. O Savior, Child of Mary
Who felt our human woe
O Savior, King of Glory
Who dost our weakness know
Bring us at length we pray
To the bright courts of Heaven
And to the endless day

The Fourth Reading

LUKE 2:1-21

[1]In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2]This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3]And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4]And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5]to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6]And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. [7]And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

[8]And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9]And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. [10]And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11]For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12]And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” [13]And suddenly

there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

[14]“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

[15]When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” [16]And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. [17]And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. [18]And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. [19]But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. [20]And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

[21]And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Responsive Reading

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

O Come All Ye Faithful

Words: John Francis Wade (1751)

Music: George Frideric Handel (1727)

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. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
Refrain

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
Refrain



Homily: Luke 2: 1-7

“A Common Birth”

Notes:

Candle Lighting

All Stand for the lighting and passing of the Christ Candle

Responsive Reading

BASED ON 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

Leader: “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

As Christ has unveiled your eyes to the light of the Gospel, receive now the light of Christ, as symbolized by the lighting of the Christ candle and the spreading of that light to His people.

All: We receive the light of Christ.



Silent Night

Joseph Mohr, Franz Gruber

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,
heavenly 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 thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

4. Silent night, holy night
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Benediction

Leader: Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.
May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.

All: O Lord, give us peace.

Leader: Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary.
May his birth among us renew your hope.

All: O Lord, give us hope.

Leader: Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

All: O Lord, give us joy.

Leader: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. Amen.

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God, make disciples, serve Yakima and multiply
the church.*



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