

“Christmas Eve”

*Christmas hath a darkness
Brighter than the blazing noon,
Christmas hath a chillness
Warmer than the heat of June,
Christmas hath a beauty
Lovelier than the world can show:
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,
Brought for us so low.*

*Earth, strike up your music,
Birds that sing and bells that ring;
Heaven hath answering music
For all the angels soon to sing:
Earth, put on your whitest
Bridal robe of spotless snow:
For Christmas bringeth Jesus,
Brought for us so low.*

— Christina Rossetti



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Park Cities Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2018
10:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Prelude

“Prelude sur Duex Noels”
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ*

Alexander Guilmant

“I Wonder as I Wander”
Hayden Ponder, *baritone*

John Jacob Niles

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”
Stephen Nielson, *piano*

WALTHAM

“Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming”
Andrea Miller, *soprano*

Julie Schmitt

“Fanfare”
Brass and Percussion Ensemble

Dan Miller

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mark Davis

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

People: 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.

Isaiah 9.2, 6

*Carol No. 214

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

***Prayer of Adoration concluding with**

O Source of all good,
 what shall I render to Thee for the gift of gifts,
 Thine own dear Son,
 begotten, not created,
 my Redeemer, surety, substitute,
 His self-emptying incomprehensible,
 His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

Herein is wonder of wonders:

He came below to raise me above,
 was born like me that I might become like Him.

Herein is love: when I cannot rise to Him,

He draws near on wings of grace,
 To raise me to Himself.

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds,
 and enlarge my mind;
 let me hear good tidings of great joy,
 and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise and adore,
 my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father.

Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born Child to my heart,
 embrace Him with undying faith,
 exulting that He is mine and I am His.

In Him Thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more.
 Amen!

***Carol**

"From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

Townend



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
 2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
 3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
 4. Now He's standing in the place of honor,
 by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
 hum - ble Ser - vant in the Fath - er's hands;
 He was lift - ed on a cru - el cross;
 crowned with glo - ry on the high - est throne,
 to the anguish and the shame of scan - dal
 filled with pow - er and the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 He was pun - ished for a world's trans - gres - sions,
 in - ter - ced - ing for His own be - lov - ed
 came the Sa - viour of the hu - man race! But the
 filled with mer - cy for the bro - ken man. Yes, He
 He was suf - fer - ing to save the lost. He
 till His Fath - er calls to bring them home! Then the
 skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shep - herds lis - ten as the
 walked my road and He felt my pain, joys and sor - rows that I
 fights for breath, He fights for me, loos - ing sin - ners from the
 skies will part as the trum - pet sounds hope of heav - en or the

an - gels tell of the Gift of God come down to man
 know so well; yet His right - eous steps give me hope a - gain:
 claims of hell; and with a shout our souls are free:
 fear of hell; but the Bride will run to her Lov - er's arms,

at the dawn - ing of Im - man - u - el.
 I will fol - low my Im - man - u - el!
 death de - feat - ed by Im - man - u - el!
 giv - ing glo - ry to Im - man - u - el!

Public Confession of Sin

Dr. Pete Deison

O Lord, I marvel that You purposed to become flesh
 so that You might be crucified, dead, and buried for me.
 Grant me to die with You that I may rise to new life.
 Purge me from selfishness, pride, and the fear of man.
 Lord, high and holy, meek and lowly,
 let me learn by paradox
 that the way down is the way up,
 that to be low is to be high,
 that the broken heart is the healed heart,
 that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit,
 that the repenting soul is the victorious soul,
 that to have nothing is to possess all,
 that to bear the cross is to wear the crown,
 that to give is to receive,
 that the valley is the place of vision.

Private Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon of the Gospel

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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2.10-11

Musical Acclamation

"How Great Our Joy"
 Chancel Choir

arr. Krogstad

*While by the sheep we watched at night glad tidings brought an angel bright.
 How great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
 There shall be born in a Bethlehem stall this Child who shall redeem us all.
 This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.*

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

*A portion of tonight's offering will be given to the
 Presbyterian Church in America Ministerial Relief Fund.*

Musical Offering

“Baba Yetu”

Christopher Tin

Swahili adaptation of “The Lord’s Prayer”

Chancel Choir • David Manjau, *baritone*

Chorus:

Baba yetu, yetu’ uliye mbinguni yetu, yetu, amina!

Baba yetu, yetu’ uliye mjina lako elitukuzwe.

Utupe leo chakula chetu tunachohitaji

Utusamehe makosa yetu

Kama nasi tuna vyowasamehe

Waliotukosea usitutie

Katika Majaribu, lakini Utuokoe, na yule Mwovu, milele!

Ufalme wako ufike utakalo

Lifanyike duniani kama mbinguni.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

*The Christmas Greeting of Peace

Minister: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all people! The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

*Carol No. 201

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

*The Scripture Reading

Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 2.15-16

Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me One who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

³ *Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel.*

⁴ *And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth.*

⁵ *And He shall be their peace.*

Luke 2.15-16

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.*

Christmas Eve Meditation

THE KING’S CAROLS
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Mr. Davis

Musical Acclamation

“O Holy Night”
 Steve Williamson, tenor
 Mr. Nielson, piano, Dr. Davy, organ

arr. Bob Krogstad

Tonight marks the 200th anniversary of Silent Night. Please see the note at the end of the service order for information about its origin.

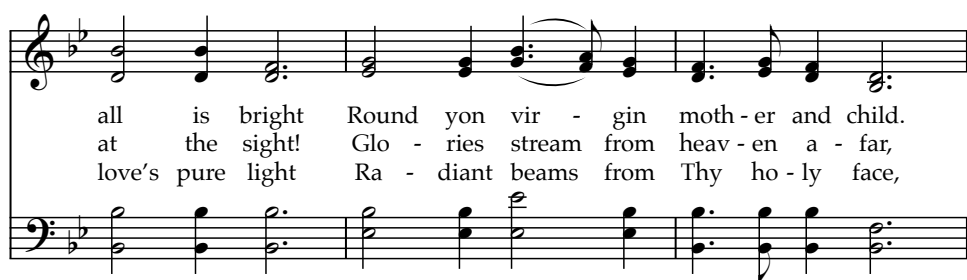
Carol

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

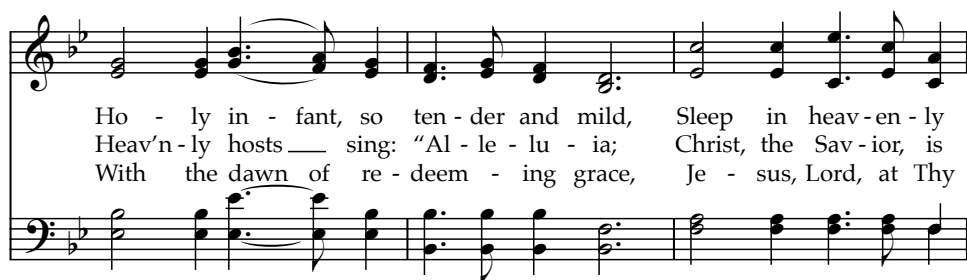
STILLE NACHT



Unison 1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
 Unison 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 Parts 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright Round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight! Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly
 Heav'n - ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy



peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Christmas Prayer

*Carol No. 195

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

ANTIOCH

*The Benediction

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you. Isaiah 60.1

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Postlude

“Carillon-Sortie”
Dr. Davy, organ

Henri Mulet

**Please stand if you are able.*

“It was the 24th of December of the year 1818, when the then assistant priest Joseph Mohr at the newly established parish of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf (Austria) handed over to the organist represented by Franz Gruber (who at the time was also a school teacher in Arnsdorf) a poem, with the request to write a fitting melody for two solo voices together with choir and for accompaniment by guitar.”

—Franz Xaver Gruber

Later the same day, on the 24th of December, Gruber came to the musically talented Mohr and handed over to him his composition. As Mohr liked what he saw, this song was included in the Christmas mass that evening. Mohr sang the tenor part and provided accompaniment with guitar, while Gruber sang bass. According to Gruber, the song was met with “general approval by all” in attendance (mostly shipping laborers, boat builders and their families).

—the Stille Nacht Association

J. Marty Cope, *Director of Music and Arts*
Dr. Nathan Davy, *Organist and Associate Director of Music and Arts*

We thank the following musicians who assisted in tonight's service:

Oscar Garcia, *trumpet*
Aaron Montoya, *trumpet*
Reese Farnell, *French horn*
Steve Menard, *trombone*
Jarrod Robertson, *tuba*
Drew Lang, *timpani/percussion*
Stephen Nielson, *piano*
Dr. Nathan Davy, *organ/piano*

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