

The background of the entire image is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous small, white stars. A single, exceptionally bright star is positioned in the upper-middle section, emitting a powerful, multi-pointed starburst of light that radiates across the sky. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark, silhouetted horizon line representing a dense forest or a range of trees.

*Glory
to God*

*in the highest, and on earth peace
among those with whom he is pleased!*

Christmas Eve Worship

Welcome to worship on this holy night! We gather to walk
with the shepherds, to sing with the angels, and worship at
the manger of the Child born as **Savior of the world!**

*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 9:6

Prelude - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Invocation:

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening responses:

P The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C For unto us a Son is given.

P To us a Son is born.

C And the government shall be on His shoulder.

P And His name shall be called

C Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God

P Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C Let us worship the new born King!

A reading from John 1:1-18

In the Beginning was the Word

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was
in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any
thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines
in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear
witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to
bear witness about the light.*

*9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the
world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his
own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in
his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the
will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - Brown Hymnal 545 (Verses 1 & 2)

A reading from Genesis 3:8-15
The fall of man

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 The Lord God said to the serpent,

*"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.*

*15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."*

Savior of the Nations, Come - LSB 332 (Verses 1 & 2)

A reading from Genesis 22:15-18
The Promise to Abraham

15 And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the

stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, 18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Hark the Herald Angels Sing - LSB 380 (Verses 1 - 3)

A reading from Isaiah 9:1-7
The Messiah foretold

9 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

*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.*

*3 You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*

*4 For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

*5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.*

*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 All Ye Faithful – LSB 379 (Verses 1 – 4)

A reading from Isaiah 11:1-10

The Promise of a future King and His Kingdom

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

² *And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

³ *And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.*

*He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,*

⁴ *but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

⁵ *Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

⁶ *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.*

⁷ *The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

⁸ *The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.*

⁹ *They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.*

¹⁰ *In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples – of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.*

Lo, How a rose ever blooming - LSB 359 (Verses 1 & 2)

Meditation – Pastor Patrick Singh

Offering

Choir Anthem, “Down to Earth”

Words and music by Kevin Stokes and Pete Carlson, arr. By Steve Dunn

A reading from Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when[a] 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.

O Holy Night (Verses 2 and 3)

A reading from Luke 2: 8-12

Salvation for All People

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.”

Mary Did You Know (solo – Heather Baird)

A reading from Luke 2:13-14

The Heavenly Announcement of Jesus’ birth

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!”*

Angels We Have Heard on High - LSB 368 (Verses 1 – 3)

A reading from Luke 2:15 – 20

Spreading the Good News

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.

Silent Night - LSB 363 (Verses 1 – 3)

Closing Hymn - Joy to the World – LSB 387 (Verses 1 – 4)

Thank you for being part of our church family. May the peace and joy of Christ's birth fill your heart this Christmas Eve and always. Merry Christmas! Go in peace!