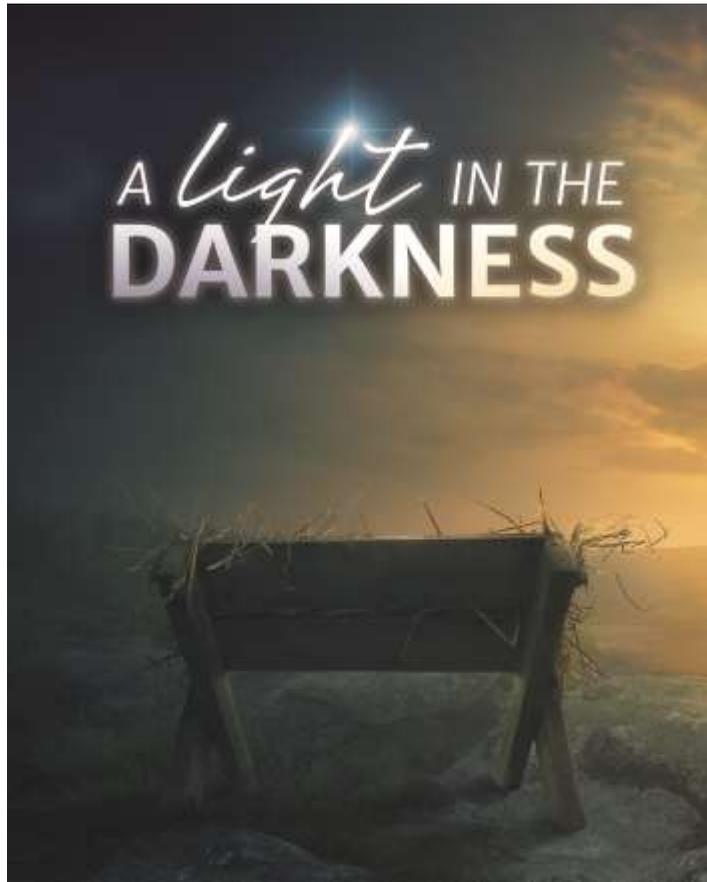


# **Christmas Eve Worship**

## **A Service of Lessons and Carols**



## **“A Light in the Darkness”**

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# THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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### WELCOME TO CALVARY

Good evening and Merry Christmas to you! We extend a warm welcome to all our members, guests, and visitors to Christmas Eve Festival Worship this evening.

**“Glory to God in the highest!”** The expression of praise by the heavenly host on the night when Jesus was born into our world has echoed through the ages. As we gather for this most special eve, we find joy in repeating the words of God’s heavenly messengers. The angels proclaimed a message of peace and good will, a word from God that was appearing in the Word made flesh – the baby Jesus born to bring the light of redemption to a people on earth lost in darkness. **“Gloria in excelsis Deo!”** Whether we are singing in English or Latin or some other language, the message of the words is what matters. We worship our Lord and rejoice in the glory of Christmas! **“Joy to the world, the Lord is come!”**

We now spend twelve days praising God the Father for the gift of his Incarnate Son. The festival of Christmas culminates with a festival worship service on Sunday, January 6, 2019 in our Sunday morning worship here at Calvary, celebrating the Epiphany of Our Lord. All are welcome to join us for worship!

### LARGE PRINT SERVICE FOLDERS

Large print service folders of this evening’s worship are available in the entry area. If you need assistance locating one, please ask an usher for help.

### OUR FACILITIES

*Our restrooms are in the narthex toward the back right as you exit the sanctuary. The members of Calvary believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. If your young child needs to be quieted, we have audio/video available in the narthex and audio in the restrooms. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.*

# Christmas Eve 2018

## “A Light in the Darkness”

### OPENING HYMN

55 – Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

*The choir will sing verse 3*



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, Oh,  
2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing:



come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
Born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes,  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n,



Come and be - hold him, Born the King of an - gels.  
On - ly be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther,  
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est.  
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing.



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him,



Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Text: John F. Wade, c. 1711–86; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–80, alt.  
Tune: ADESTE FIDELES (Irregular) John F. Wade, c. 1711–86, alt.

## THE PRAYER

*STAND*

**P** Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him.

**C** **And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind will see it together.**

**P** Our Father, of whose love the angels sang when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and through whom we have learned the song of praise, “Glory be to Thee in the highest,” accept our worship and hymns of joy; and, as we celebrate the coming of your Son, grant that in him we may learn to know of your love, to follow him in obedience, and to offer ourselves to you in all things, that our lives may show us to be your children in all our thoughts, words, and actions; through the Same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**LESSON**

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-28; 3:1-7



## CAROL

## 65 – O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The  
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep And  
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, The  
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts To  
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin And



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.  
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love,  
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The



ev - er - last - ing light, The hopes and fears Of  
 claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing To  
 in this world of sin, Where meek souls will Re -  
 great glad ti - dings tell; Oh, come to us, A -



all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 God the King And peace to all the earth.  
 ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-93, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. LOUIS (86-446 76-446) Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

## SECOND LESSON

John 3:16-21

### CAROL

### 67 – What Child is This

*Verse 2 will be sung by a soloist.*

1 What child is this who, laid to rest,  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh;

On Mar - y's lap is sleep - - ing?  
Where ox - en now are feed - - - ing?  
Come, peas - ant, king, to own him,

Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet  
Good Chris - tians, fear; For sin - ners here  
The King of kings Sal - va - tion brings;

While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom  
Nails, this spear shall pierce him through; The  
Raise, raise the song on high; The

shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.  
cross he'll bear and for me, for you.  
vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
Hail, hail to the Word made flesh,  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,

The babe, the Son of Mar - y!  
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!  
The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.  
Tune: GREENSLEEVES (87 87 68 67) English ballad, 16th century.

## THIRD LESSON

Joel 3:1-3, 10-13

## CAROL

sung by the choir

## Silent Night

Setting by John Ferguson Copyright 2006 Augsburg Fortress

*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;  
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.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light,  
Holy light with angels let us sing, Alleluias to our King!  
Christ, the Savior, is born. Christ the Savior, is born.*

## CAROL

## 63 – Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -  
 strains pro - long? What the glad - some ti - dings  
 an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed



ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo -



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: *Nouveau recueil de cantiques*, 1855; tr. *The Crown of Jesus*, Part 2, London, 1862, alt.  
 Tune: GLORIA (77 77 with Refrain) *Nouveau recueil de cantiques*, 1855.

CAROL

90 – The People that in Darkness Sat



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
 2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a  
 3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -  
 4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver  
 5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us



light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In  
 son is giv'n, And on his shoul - ders ev - er rests All  
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The  
 all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His  
 yours a - lone, For you are with the Fa - ther and The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.  
 reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.  
 Spir - it ev - er one, The Spir - it ev - er one.

Text: John Morison, 1750-98, abr., alt.

Tune: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN (86 866) Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480-1561.



## CAROL

## 61 – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -  
 3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of

new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,  
 last - ing Lord, Late in time be - hold him come,  
 Right - eous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all you  
 Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
 Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 God-head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
 glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus,  
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to

*Refrain*

born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 our Im - man - u - el! Hark! The her - ald  
 give us sec - ond birth,

an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

## MESSAGE

## OFFERING

## DUET

Mary's Lullaby  
Stephen DeCesare 1996, 2017 Exultet Music

*See Mary's Child, ah loo ah loo ah loo.  
On her lap sleeping, ah loo ah loo ah loo.  
In a cold stable where animals reside.  
Mary sang softly her lovely lullaby.*

*Refrain  
Sing lullaby. Sing lullaby. Sing lullaby little Child.*

*Angels by the bed sang: loo ah loo ah loo.  
Hymns of rejoicing, ah loo ah loo ah loo.  
Peace on earth, goodwill to each and every one.  
Glory to God and may His will be done.  
Refrain*

*Shepherds by the bed sang: loo ah loo ah loo.  
Offering homage, ah loo ah loo ah loo.  
Also were wise men who traveled from the east  
Bringing Him treasures and kneeling at His feet.  
Refrain*

## CLOSING PRAYER

*STAND*

**P** Let us pray:

O God, as you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that we, who have come to know the glory of his redemption and have joyfully received him as our Redeemer, may come to the full measure of his glory and joy in heaven. We come to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**P** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**C Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

### CAROL

### 65 - Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh,  
And take us to heav - en to live with you there.

Text: *Little Children's Book*, Philadelphia, 1885, st. 1-2; *Vineyard Songs*, Louisville, 1892, st. 3.  
Tune: CRADLE SONG (11 11 11 11) William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921.