

**Christmas Eve – December 24, 2022 - 4 p.m. service – Hymn Lyrics**

Processional Hymn No. 234: O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1-3)

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: True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

*Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

## Hymn No. 245: The First Noel

1: The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor  
shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay  
keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:* Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

2: They looked up and saw a star shining in the  
east, beyond them far; and to the earth it  
gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

*Refrain*

3: And by the light of that same star three Wise Men  
came from country far; to seek for a king was  
their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

*Refrain*

4: This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem  
it took its rest; and there it did both  
stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

*Refrain*

5: Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently  
upon the knee, and offered there, in  
his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

*Refrain*

## Hymn No. 217: Away in a Manger

1: Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

2: The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

3: Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray;  
bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

## Communion Hymn No. 230: O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1: O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 2: For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
- 3: How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given;  
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
- 4: O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

## Communion Hymn No. 239: Silent Night, Holy Night

- 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!

## Recessional Hymn No. 246: Joy to the World

- 1: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.
- 2: Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3: No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
- 4: He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.