



Worship for the Eve of Christmas

December 24, 2020

Nativity of Christ

7:00 PM

The congregation's responses are in bold italics.

Welcome The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prelude *What Child is This?* M.
With Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring McDonald

In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Nativity Call to Worship Isaiah 9:2-7

Music *O Come Emmanuel* Joseph Martin

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, forgive us for, we have not believed your words. We are weak, estranged, wandering, and lost. Seeking to stand in our own strength, we fall. Strangers to your holiness, we wander. Shine your light in our darkness, and guide us back to our place in you. Amen.

A moment of silent, individual confession

Assurance of Pardon

Forgiveness is ours through Christ!
Thanks be to God!

Music *Lo How a Rose* Michael Praetorius

Christmas Litany from Luke 1:46-55

Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and help us,
According to the promise of Your steadfast love.

Let all generations see Your blessing,
For Your name is holy and Your mercy is great.

Show the strength of Your hand,
And lift the burdens of the afflicted.

Work wonders for the humble,
And scatter the plans of the proud.

Look with favor upon the lowly,
And cast down tyrants from their thrones.

Fill the hungry with good things,
And empty the hands of the greedy.

Then we will sing out with joy and glorify you forever;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

***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. For thine is
the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.***

Children's Lesson

Music *Welcome to Our World* Chris Rice

Scripture Lesson Matthew 1:18-21 p.835

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God!***

Sermon "Santa Christ"

***Charge and Benediction**

***Candlelight Postlude** *Still, Still, Still* G. Gotsch.