



# LIGHT OF CHRIST

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH

Zoom Invitation

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**Christmas Eve 2020**  
**4:30 & 7:30 p.m. Services**



*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*~ Isaiah 9:6*



### **Welcome to our Christmas Eve Service**

As we celebrate the meaning of the incarnation, all are invited this night to welcome Jesus. In doing so, we hope to discover again — or for the first time — who God is and who Jesus is — "up close and personal". This is a glorious night full of God's splendor, mystery, and presence. Sing, pray, rejoice! Our prayer is that deep joy, hope, love, and peace are your gifts this Christmas.

## The Gathering

### Processional Hymn (*Please stand*) O Come All Ye Faithful

#### Verse 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

#### Chorus

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

#### Verse 2

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye bright  
Hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest

#### Verse 3

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

Celebrant: 'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the Lord.

**People:** **Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.**

Celebrant: From eternity to eternity, you are God,

**People:** **and now we see you as a newborn child.**

Celebrant: Welcome all wonders in one sight! Eternity shut in a span,  
heaven in earth and God in man. Great little one whose all-  
embracing birth brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

Celebrant: Alleluia! For unto us a Child is born.

**People:** **To us a Son is given. Alleluia!**

Let us pray,

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Lighting of the Christmas Candle

Reader: God our Father, today the Saviour is born and those who live in darkness see a great light. Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy, to live in the light of your Son and to share the good news of your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who has come into the world.

Reader: As the shepherds kept watch by night,

**People: the glory of the Lord shone round about them.**

Reader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

**People: Jesus is our Way.**

Reader: With Jesus, even dark places receive light;

**People: Jesus is the Truth.**

Reader: In Jesus, we shall live forever:

**People: Jesus is our Life.**

### Song (Please stand) — Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Emmanuel)

#### Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

#### Verse 2

Shepherds in the field abiding  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing  
Yonder shines the infant light  
Come and worship  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ the newborn King

**Chorus**  
**Emmanuel Emmanuel**  
**You are the God who saves us**  
**Worthy of all our praises**  
**Emmanuel Emmanuel**

**Come have Your way among us**  
**We welcome You here Lord Jesus**  
**Come have Your way among us**  
**We welcome You here Lord Jesus**

**Pre-Chorus**  
**Come and worship**  
**Worship Christ the newborn King**  
**God is with us even now His love is here**  
**(REPEAT)**

**His love is here**

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## **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,**  
**and peace to His people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King,**  
**Almighty God and Father,**  
**we worship You, we give You thanks,**  
**we praise You for Your glory. Glory to God!**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**  
**Lord God, Lamb of God,**  
**You take away the sin of the world:**  
**have mercy on us;**  
**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:**  
**receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,**  
**You alone are the Lord,**  
**You alone are the Most High,**  
**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**  
**in the glory of God the Father.**  
**in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.**

## The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Word

### First Reading

### Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** ***Thanks be to God.***

### A Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Gospel Anthem** (*Please stand*)      **Wonderful Words Of Life**

**Verse 1**

**Sing them over again to me  
Wonderful words of life  
Let me more of their beauty see  
Wonderful words of life  
Words of life and beauty  
Teach me faith and duty**

**Chorus  
Beautiful words wonderful words  
Wonderful words of life  
Beautiful words wonderful words  
Wonderful words of life**

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**Deacon:**            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People:**            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this

took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Sermon

Rev. Donald Nwankwo

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## The Response

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of the People *(Please remain standing as you are able)*

Reader: Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light.

Reader: Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth ...

Lord, in your mercy  
**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Reader: Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness ...

Lord, in your mercy  
**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Reader: Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities ...

Lord, in your mercy  
**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Reader: Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace...

Lord, in your mercy  
**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Reader: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit,  
**People:** **hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution:**

Deacon: Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus the Saviour of the world. (Matthew 1:21)  
**People:** **God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you created us from nothing and gave us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you all your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. *(Isaiah 9:6)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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## Announcements

### Offertory      Christmas Offering

#### Verse 1

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds  
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar  
Hoping to find the child from Heaven  
Falling on their knees  
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

#### Chorus 1

I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You  
I bring an offering to You

#### Verse 2

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne  
Before the Holy One of Heaven  
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy  
Lord I come

#### Chorus 2

I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You

**(Oh Lord I bring and offering to You)**

**Ending**

**We bring an offering to You**

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**Doxology** *(Please stand)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Eucharist**

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

**People: His Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things, who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you saying:

**Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honour and glory  
Be unto your Name, be unto your Name.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; **by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*(We have gluten-wheat-yeast-dairy-egg-soy-nut-and-corn free communion wafers available for anyone who needs it. Please let the Clergy serving communion know if you would prefer these to the regular wheat wafers.)*

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to take communion. The ushers will direct the people down the center aisle. After receiving bread, please take a cup from the tray, then dispose of your cup in the basket. Prayer Ministers at TLC are available during communion, look for the prayer ministers in the alcove in the church.)*

## Communion Hymns

## O Holy Night

### Verse 1

O holy night the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

### Chorus 1

Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night O holy night  
O night divine

### Verse 2

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here came the wise men from Orient land  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our Friend

### Chorus 2

He knows our need  
To our weakness is no stranger  
Behold your King  
Before Him lowly bend  
Behold your King  
Before Him lowly bend

### Verse 3

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
Let all within us praise His holy name

### Chorus 3

Christ is the Lord  
O praise His name forever  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim

### What Child Is This

#### Verse 1

What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping  
This this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

#### Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
Nails spear shall pierce Him through  
The cross be borne for me for you  
Hail hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary

#### Verse 3

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him  
Raise raise the song on high

The Virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy joy for Christ is born  
The Babe the Son of Mary

### Hark The Herald Angels Sing

#### Verse 1

Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King

#### Verse 2

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

#### Verse 3

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

#### Verse 4

Come Desire of nations come  
Fix in us Thy humble home  
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed  
Bruise in us the serpent's head  
Adam's likeness now efface  
Stamp Thine image in its place  
Second Adam from above  
Reinstate us in Thy love  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

#### Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Sending

#### Blessing

Celebrant:

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### Candle Lighting

*(The ushers will process up the center aisle, lighting the first candle on each row. For safety purposes, as the light is passed down the row, the lighted candle should be held upright and the unlit candle held over it. All children should be given battery operated candles in an effort to cut down on a fire hazard.)*

Celebrant: "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'" *(John 8:12)*

#### Recessional Hymn   Silent Night

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  
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

### Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**New Year's Eve Service: December 31, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

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