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VCC welcomes you to the

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF 2019

*24 December 2019, 21:00*



*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord!"*

**O Come All Ye Faithful Ones**

**Prelude**

“Organ Meditation”

**Tomasz Pietak**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**Kristin Lewis, Soprano**

**Cristian David Gonzales Caceres, Violine**

**Welcome**

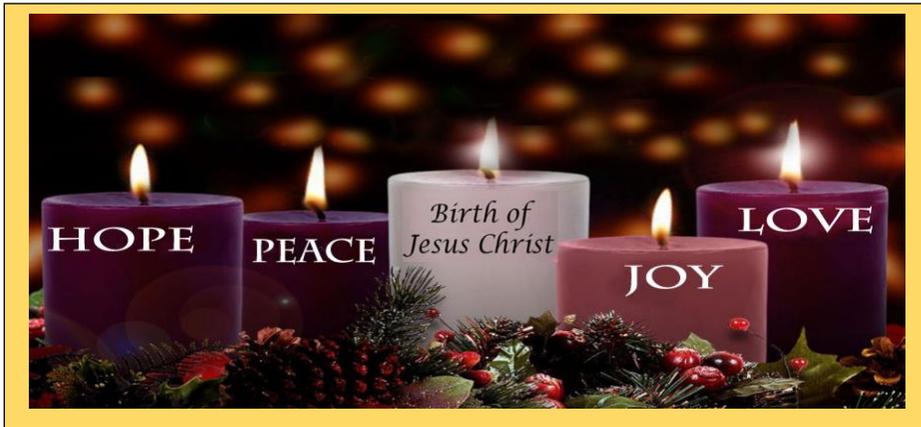
● **Carol**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful Ones”

**#148** (vs. 1-3)

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;  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.  
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, in the highest.  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.  
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

**Lighting of the Candles**



**Leader** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

**Leader** Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the son of God is born this night.

**People** **God’s word has been made flesh among us.**

● **Carol**

“Joy To The World”

**#143**

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.

Joy to the earth, 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.

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.

● **Carol**

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

**#167**

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens,  
there shone a holy light.

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo! above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed the Savior's birth: [Refrain]

Down in a lonely manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark, the herald-angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings,  
mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark, the herald-angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

- **Offering** *"Mary Had A Baby"* C.D. G-Caceres, *Violine* / K. Lewis, *Soprano*

**Departing Prayer: The Canticle of Simeon**

**Leader:** Having travelled to Bethlehem together and having beheld the child, born a king, let us pray using the words of Simeon, a righteous and devoted man who looked forward to the consolation of Israel and who beheld his coming:

**People:** **Lord, let your servants now depart in peace, according to your word; for our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Benediction**

**Proceed to the Courtyard**

- **Carol** *"Silent Night"* #145 (vs. 1-3)

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!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ, the Saviour, 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.

**Leader** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
**People** **Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.**

**Leader** You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

**People** **His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Leader** He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.

- **Candle Lighting Hymn** *"One Candle Is Lit"* #128 (vs. 5)

**As the candles are lit all sing**

Come, listen, the sounds of God within us ring clear,  
And signs of a cross in the distance appear.  
The Word once made flesh, yet the Word ever near.  
One candle is lit for the Christ-birthday here.

- **Unison Prayer**

**Leader:** Let us pray...

**People:** **Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. May that light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our lives and become part of all that we say and do. May we share the divine life of your son Jesus Christ, even as he humbled himself to share our humanity. Amen.**

**Special Music** *"Lo, How A Rose / In Dolce Jubilo"* **VCC Choir**

**Hear the Story of the Birth**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Luke 1:26-38:** *The Angel Visits Mary* **Anne Storey**

- **Carol** *"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"* #144 (vs. 1-2)

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.

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 the world of sin,  
Where meet souls will receive him,  
still the dear Christ enters in.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - Luke 2:1-7:** “*The Birth In Bethlehem*” **Souwanit Sonnbichler**

**Special Music** “*Still, Still, Still*” **David Corcoran, Baritone**

● **Carol** “*What Child Is This*” **#162**

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?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]  
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come Peasant, King to own Him  
The King of Kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. [Refrain]

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading - Luke 2:8-14:** “*The Angels And The Shepherds*” **Edson Dorneles**

**Special Music** “*Gesù Bambino*” **David Corcoran, Baritone**

**4<sup>th</sup> Reading - Luke 2:15-20:** “*The Shepherds Worship*” **Ranthy Tobing  
& Lahiru Navaratne**

● **Carol** “*The First Noel*” **#151**

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.

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]

**Special Music** “*O Holy Night*” **Kristin Lewis, Soprano  
Cristian David Gonzales Caceres, Violine**

### **A Christmas Confession**

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

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

**Leader:** I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

**People:** **I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.**

**Leader:** I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

**People:** **I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.**

**Leader:** I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible:

**People:** **I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.**

**Leader:** I confess our ever-lasting need of God:

**People:** **The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.**

**Leader:** I believe in God who gives us the best of God's own self.

**People:** **I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.**

### **Tell the Good News of God-with-us**

● **Carol** “*Hark The Herald Angels Sing*” **#150 (vs. 1-3)**

Hark! the herald-angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark, the herald-angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,