

ST. MICHAEL'S
UNIVERSITY CHURCH
Episcopal Campus Ministry in Isla Vista



CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24th, 2020 at 5pm

*CHRIST IS BORN!
Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth.*

Prelude

Hymn: *“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

○ come, all ye faithful, joyful, and triumphant
○ come ye, ○ come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, borth the king of angels
○ come let us adore him
○ come let us adore him
○ 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, glory in the highest
○ come let us adore him
○ come let us adore him
○ come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.**

Presider: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect for Christmas

○ God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Hymn:***“Angels We Have Heard On High”***

Angels we have heard on high
Singing sweetly o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

CHORUS:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo (REPEAT)

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?
CHORUS

Reading: Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn:***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”***

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 angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn king!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the ever-lasting Lord
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail incarnate deity
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn king!

Presider: In the name of God—Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Silence

The Prayers of the People

Presider: Sisters and brothers, in the glow of the Word made flesh, we turn our hearts and minds to God in prayer.

Anyone who feels inspired may read one of the following prayers.

That the birth of your son Jesus inspire new life in us.

God of love, hear our prayer.

That the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized throughout the world today.

God of love, hear our prayer.

That, through the good work of this community, we uplift one another and bring healing to Isla Vista and beyond.

God of love, hear our prayer.

That the courage of Mary and Joseph embolden us to care for all of God's children.

God of love, hear our prayer.

That we celebrate the goodness of God's creation and care for the planet onto which Jesus and all of us were born.

God of love, hear our prayer.

For all who are without shelter, food, company, work, and hope. Help us to meet their needs however we can and remember our own longing for you.

God of love, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in their bodies, hearts, and minds. Bring them your comfort, care, and healing, and relieve their pain, disease, and distress.

God of love, hear our prayer.

Presider: For what and for whom else do we pray tonight? (Pause.)

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith, let us pray.

God of love, hear our prayer.

Presider: God of darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your word in our flesh. May our prayers and petitions echo the joy of Christmas, so that all might come to the peace of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

And now, as Christ has taught us, we pray:

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

Candlelight 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
Heavenly hosts sing hallelujah
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

The Blessing

May the tenderness and audacity of God the newborn fill your hearts with hope, your eyes with wonder, and your mind with stillness tonight and every night. And may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn:***“Joy to the World”***

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 world! The Savior reigns
Let us our songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude : “We Wish You A Merry Christmas”



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