



ST. PAUL'S  
PRESBYTERIAN

*For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples*

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Evening  
Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2025, at 6:00



**Call to Worship**

Handbell Ensemble

**Welcome**

Rev. Justin Borger

**Instrumental Prelude**

Handbell Ensemble

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Arr. by Bob Burroughs

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Call to Worship**

From Psalm 72

**Minister:** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does  
wondrous things.

**People:** Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth  
be filled with his glory!

**Minister:** Amen and Amen!

† Congregation standing

† **Carol A**  
Trinity Hymnal #218

Angels, From the Realms of Glory  
REGENT SQUARE

### Prayer of Adoration

**Unison:** O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the 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.

† **Carol B**  
Trinity Hymnal #227

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing  
SUSSEX CAROL

**Giving to God & Instrumental Offertory**  
Handbell Ensemble  
(Tonight's offering will go to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund)

A Christmas Lullaby  
(Still, Still, Still and Away in a Manger)  
Arr. by Bill Ingram

† **Carol C**  
Trinity Hymnal #200

It Came upon the Midnight Clear  
CAROL

† **New Testament Lesson**

1 John 1:1-4  
Pew Bible, page 1021

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord!

**Unison:** Thanks be to God!

**Christmas Eve Homily**

Rev. Justin Borger

ADVENT ACCORDING TO JOHN:  
*That Our Joy May Be Complete*

‡ **Carol D**

Trinity Hymnal #213

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

‡ **Benediction**

**Silent Meditation**

(Please be seated)

**Carol E**

Trinity Hymnal #210

(Please remain seated and light your candle from the usher's candle)

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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# Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.*

Matt. 2:11

CAROL A



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth:
2. Shep - herds in the fields a bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new-born King.



# On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10*

*Unison*



1. On Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, to hear the news the  
 2. Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er  
 3. When sin de - parts be - fore Your grace, then life and health come  
 4. All out of dark - ness we have light which made the an - gels



*Harmony*



an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all Christ - ians sing, to  
 made us glad; then why should men on earth be sad, since  
 in its place; when sin de - parts be - fore Your grace, then  
 sing this night; all out of dark - ness we have light, which



*Unison*



hear the news the an - gels bring: news of great  
 our Re - deem - er made us glad, when from our  
 life and health come in its place; an - gels and  
 made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to



*Harmony*

joy, news of great mirth, news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
sin he set us free, all for to gain our lib - er - ty.  
men with joy may sing, all for to see the new - born King.  
God and peace to men, now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

Traditional English carol  
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Traditional English carol

Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1919

# It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. Luke 2:9*



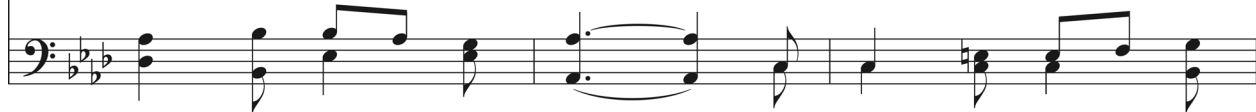
1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of  
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un -  
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing  
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et bards fore -



old, from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to  
 furl'd, and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er  
 low, who toil a - long the climb - ing way with  
 told, when with the ev - er - cir - cling years comes



touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good  
 all the wea - ry world: a - bove its sad and  
 pain - ful steps and slow, look now! for glad and  
 round the age of gold; when peace shall o - ver





will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King"; the  
low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing, and  
gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing: O  
all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling, and

world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.  
the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

# What Child Is This

*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Christ - ian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.  
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Traditional English carol  
 Adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865

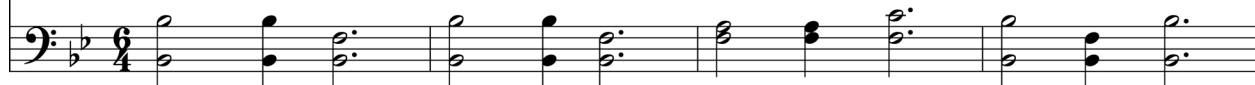
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 English melody, 16th cent.

# Silent Night

*They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Luke 2:16*



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight!  
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light;



round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten-der and  
 Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our



mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia; Christ, the Sav - ior is born! Christ, the Sav - ior is born!  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at the birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King; Christ, the Sav - ior is born! Christ, the Sav - ior is born!



“He lies in a manger, but he holds the whole world in his hands; he sucks his mother’s breasts, but feeds the angels; he is swaddled in rags, but clothes us in immortality; he is suckled, but also worshiped; he could find no room in the inn, but makes a temple for himself in the hearts of believers. It was in order, you see, that weakness might become strong, that strength became weak. Let us therefore rather wonder at than make light of his birth in the flesh, and there recognize the lowliness on our behalf of such loftiness.”

*St. Augustine, Sermon 190, “On Christmas Day”*

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