

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve, 2022
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PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEDITATION MUSIC:

ADVENT CANDLE: CHRIST CANDLE (Alison & David McNicol & family):

CAROL SING:

¶ #153 *Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive its King;
let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

#159 *O come, all ye faithful, joyful & triumphant
O come ye, o come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the king of angels –
Oh come, let us adore him; oh come, let us adore him;
oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

vs4. *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above: 'Glory to God in the highest!'
Oh come, let us adore him; oh come, let us adore him;
oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

#147 *Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3. *Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*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 appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees, oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine, oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine, oh night, oh night divine!*

CHILDREN'S TIME & CAROL: #149 Away in a manger

(Little Children's Book 1885)

♪ *Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay*

2. *The cattle are lowing the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes
I love you Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh*

3. *Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me I pray
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there*

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-24a: Luke 2:1-8

Reader: Julia-Rose Deletsu

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

PRAYER: #165 O little town of Bethlehem

(Phillips Brooks)

Holy and loving God, we come this night of nights to worship you

♪ #165 *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.*

O God, we offer our honest prayers tonight.....

♪ 3. *How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings born of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

Help us Lord to gather the strength tonight, to carry on, ...

♪ 4. *O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
oh come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.*

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS:

Anthem: #134 *Lord, you were rich*

(Frank Houghton)

♪ Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me & to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen

MESSAGE: Tagged: "To: You; From: Jesus"

CANDLELIGHTING: #154 *Silent Night*

(Joseph Mohr/Franz Gruber)

♪ *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*

2. *Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born*

3. *Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face with dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*

BENEDICTION:

BLESSING SONG:

♪ *We Wish you a Merry Christmas, we wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!*

POSTLUDE: