



Gifts From the Manger

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2012

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A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

by Karen Maio

PRESERVICE: *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear & O Holy Night* Arr. by Shannon M. Grama
Piano: Sarah Oberhofer

Pachelbel Canon Arr. By Daniel Dorff
Violin: Maya Parra

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (CW 52)

WELCOME


Psalm 98 (CWS)

Vocalists: Dylan Guenther and Ariana Weinstein

Please join in singing the refrain.

Psalm 98

Refrain

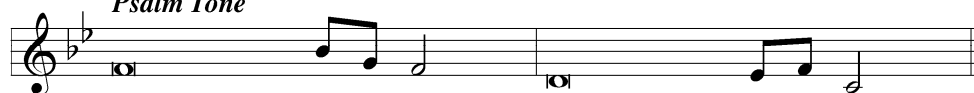


The Word be - came flesh and lived a - mong us.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm Tone



Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**Glory be 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.**

Refrain

God gives us the gift of the WORD made flesh

NARRATION

Elizabeth Colton

RECITATIONS

Isaac Walshaw

Ronda McNamara

Colton Watson

Children's Song: *Holy Is His Name*

Soloist: *Ariana Weinstein*

Words and Music by Kathy Parra

*My spirit sings for joy, my soul rejoices in God, my Savior
Holy, holy is his name
My spirit sings for joy, my God has kept his promises of old
Holy, holy is his name
He has come to help his people, Israel
He has come the hungry to fulfill*

*My spirit sings for joy, my soul rejoices in God, my Savior
Holy, holy is his name
My spirit sings for joy, my God has kept his promises of old
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, holy is the one who's blessed his lowly servant: me.*

NARRATION

Bryce Taylor

RECITATIONS

Grace Hansen

Ronda McNamara

Nicole McNamara

HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway (CWS 702)

Please join in singing after an introduction by the instrumentalists.

702

Prepare the Royal Highway



Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings us near!
His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

God gives us the gift of a KING

NARRATION

Caleb Prigge

RECITATIONS

Alicia Shanklin

Nicole McNamara

Rachel Prigge

Brandon Walshaw

Vincent Bonavita

HYMN: Behold a Branch is Growing – verses 1,2 and 5 (CW 47)

God gives us the gift of JOY

NARRATION

Abby Walshaw

RECITATIONS

Emily Rudd

Naomi Kassulke

Isabella Prigge

Song: *Sing Joy to the World*

Trumpet: Tyler Koehler

Words and Music by Jay Althouse

*Long ago in Bethlehem Jesus Christ was born.
Child of Mary, Son of God came on a blessed morn.
Long ago in Bethlehem angels came to sing,
Honoring the newborn babe, hear their voices ring.*

*REFRAIN: Sing joy to the world, let earth receive her King.
Sing joy to the world, all heaven and nature sing.*

*Tiny King in Bethlehem of a humble birth.
Praise his name forevermore all throughout the earth.*

REFRAIN

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room.
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
Sing joy to the world! Sing joy to the world! Sing joy, sing joy, sing joy!*

God gives us the gift of LOVE

NARRATION

Lucas Guenther

RECITATIONS

Victoria Bonavita

Aliyah Armstrong

Colin Wilson

Grace Hansen

Victoria Bonavita
Grayson Festerling
Hailey Grcevich
Colby Heinz
Naomi Kassulke

Sam Kassulke
Isabella Prigge
Emily Rudd
Marina Vujasinovic
Elsa Wiechmann

Colin Wilson
Olivia Wilson

God gives us the gift of HOPE

NARRATION

Olivia Holz

RECITATIONS

Colin Wilson

Brandon Walshaw

HYMN: My Soul in Stillness Waits (CWS 703)

Violin: *Maya Parra*

Please join in singing after the instrumentalists play through the piece as an introduction.

703

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits, tru-ly my hope is in you.

Verses

O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry, Your ra-diance
O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us, And in your

shines in all who look to you. Come, light the
ad - vent draw us all to you, Our hope re -

To Refrain

hearts of all in dark and shad - dow.
born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.

God gives us the gift of LIGHT

NARRATION

Eliana Combs

RECITATION (P-K class)

Grayson Festerling	Marina Vujasinovic
Hailey Grcevich	Elsa Wiechmann
Colby Heinz	Olivia Wilson
Sam Kassulke	

RECITATION

Isaac Walshaw

Children's Song: *We Are Singing* – (CWS 732)

Words and Music by Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN:

We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, Oh, we are singing for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; Of whom shall we be afraid?

Though foes may be near to destroy; The Lord will be our light. (REFRAIN)

One thing have we asked of the Lord, Yes, this is the thing we seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord, To live with God forever. (REFRAIN)

God gives us the gift of LIFE

NARRATION

Dustin Pauley

RECITATIONS

Colton Watson

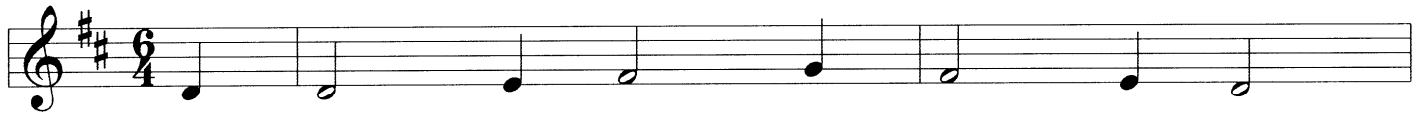
Isabella Prigge

Emily Rudd

Ronda McNamara

Naomi Kassulke

I Know that My Redeemer Lives



I know that my Re - deem - er lives;
He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;
Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray



What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives!
He lives, and I shall con - quer death.
For need - ed help from day to day



He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives my man - sion to pre - pare;
That as your chil - dren we may live,



He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
Whom you in bap - tism did re - ceive.

God gives us the gift of PEACE

NARRATION

Maya Parra

RECITATIONS

Alicia Shanklin

Vincent Bonavita

Rachel Prigge

Song: *Peace, Peace (with Silent Night)* Words and Music by Rick and Silvia Powell
Violin: Maya Parra

Children: *Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.*

Congregation: *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.*

OFFERING: Be Born in Me Words and Music by Herms/Nordeman
Soloist: Ariana Weinstein

PRAYER

Pastor: Dear Lord Jesus, you came into this sin-sick world to be our Savior from sin.

Congregation: We thank you for your gift of love as the Word made flesh.

P: You show us that you are the true and only way to salvation and how we are now a new creation in you.

C: We thank you for your gifts of light and life.

P: We rejoice with the angels that we can come before you in prayer and gladly proclaim the news of our Savior's birth.

C: We thank you for your gifts of peace and joy.

P: Reign in our hearts, Lord Jesus, both now and in eternity.

C: We thank you for your gifts of hope from the newborn King.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING SONG: *Go in the Grace of the Lord*
(Sung by Grace Worship Choir)

Words and Music by James Barnard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (CW 61)

POSTLUDE: *O Come All Ye Faithful &*
Angels We Have Heard on High Arr. by Shannon M. Grama
Piano: Sarah Oberhofer

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Service Leader..... Pastor Kassulke
Pianists..... Sarah Oberhofer and Kathy Parra
Acolyte Lucas Guenther
Christmas Service Directors..... Beth Kassulke and Kathy Parra
Banners Storm McCain, Jeanette O’Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir
Offering Eliana Combs, Lucas Guenther, Olivia Holz,
Dustin Pauley, Bryce Taylor, Abby Walshaw
Sound and Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein
Sunday School Teachers Christa Goldie, Karen Grorud, Denise Hansen, Erika Hanson,
Nancy Miles, Jay Pauley, Julie Prigge, Amy Rudd, Kathy Silver

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Thank you for joining us for worship this Christmas Eve. We pray that God will continue to strengthen you in your faith through his Word, during this blessed season and beyond. If you are a guest with us today and do not have a church home, we would consider it a special privilege to share God’s Word with you on a regular basis. Please take a guest packet from the table near the exit to learn more about Grace and the ministries God has allowed us to undertake.

We invite you to join us for these holiday worship services and other upcoming special worship opportunities:

- **Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 at 10:00 AM.** There will be a Festival Worship Service for the Nativity of our Lord at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail on Christmas morning.
- **New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 at 7:00 PM.** Join us as we celebrate God's goodness to us in the year coming to a close and as we ask for God's blessing on the year ahead. This service will include the reading of the names of our members whom the Lord called home during the past year. Our New Year's Eve Service is at Grace-University.
- **Branches Band, Sunday January 6 at 7:45 and 10:00 AM.** The WELS group Branches Band will be our guest musicians during our Epiphany worship services at Grace-University.
- **Mission Festival and Chupala Lunch, Sunday, January 20.** Join us at Grace-University for Mission Festival, including guest preacher Pastor Matt Vogt, who is the Chairman of our District Mission Board. In the Bible study hour he will share with us information about WELS Home Missions. After the 10:00 Worship Service, the Lifeliners (our high school youth group) will host their annual Chupala Lunch. Donations to the Lifeliners for the lunch are appreciated.
- **Stephen Bautista, Sunday, February 17 at 10:00 AM.** WELS singer Stephen Bautista will be the guest musician at Grace-Vail. Join us to hear some of his original Christian songs in our regular worship service that Sunday.

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

At Grace-Vail

At Grace-University

Worshiping at Cottonwood Elementary 9950 E. Rees Loop

830 N. First Avenue

9:00 AM Children’s Sunday School
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
 10:00 AM Worship Service

7:45 AM Worship Service
 8:45 AM Children’s Sunday School
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
 10:00 AM Worship Service



