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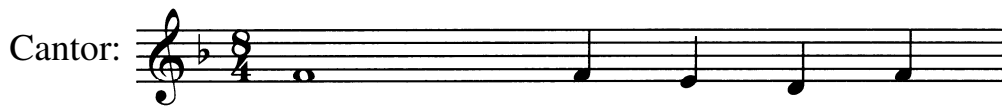
*From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.  
John 1:16*

# We Sing of His Peace

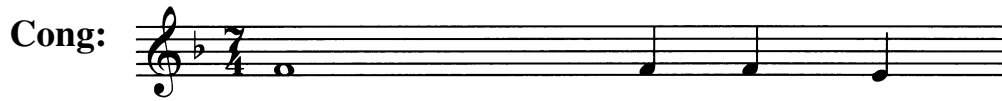
## A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE

by Beth Nolte and Lisa Reckzin

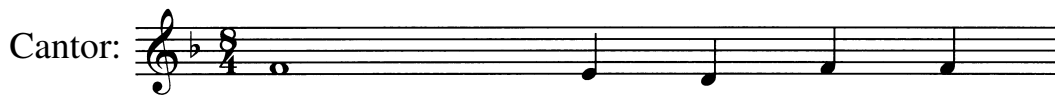
### SERVICE OF LIGHT (CW pages 54-56)



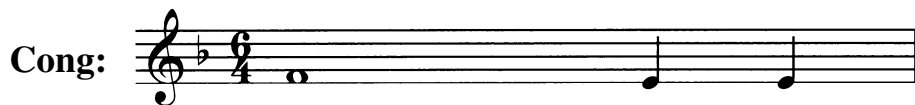
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



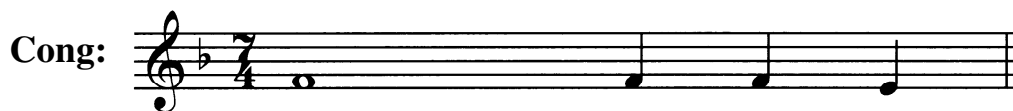
Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning.



and the day is almost o - ver.



Be our light and scat - ter the dark - ness,



and hear our evening hymn of praise.

### Congregation: "O Gracious Light" CW p.54



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it: God  
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through all the earth



And blest are you, his on - ly Son.  
Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

**Leader:** Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that as we have known on earth the wonder of that light, we may also behold him in all his glory in the life to come; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong:** Amen.

**LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU** *Psalm 141*

**Cantor:**

*Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

*O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.*

*Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.*

**Leader:** Lord God, let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Cong:** Amen.

## **PART ONE: JESUS IS BORN**

### **Recitations (Luke 2:1-7)**

Ronda McNamara	Elijah Kincade
Cienna Kincade	Brandon Walshaw
Vincent Bonavita	Colton Watson
Jacob Miller	

### **Narrations & Recitations**

Maya Parra	Analiese Kincade
Rachel Prigge	Grace Hansen

### **Group Recitation (3-4 grade class):**

*In a manger on the hay, Jesus lay on Christmas Day.*

*Born as our Immanuel, He is God with us to dwell.*

### **CHILDREN'S SONG: On a Night of Wonder**

Words and Music by Jay Althouse

*On a night of wonder, on a night filled with love,  
God will send forth a Savior from the heav'ns above.  
Ever meek and humble, born a child, yet a king  
We shall give him our praises. Let the angels sing.  
Gloria in excelsis, for he shall deliver a son.  
Sing glory to God in the highest, the holy one.*

*On a night of wonder, on a night filled with love,  
God will send forth a Savior from the heav'ns above.  
And his name shall be Emmanuel. Silent night, holy night.*

## PART TWO: HIS BIRTH IS ANNOUNCED TO THE SHEPHERDS

### Recitations (Luke 2:1-7)

Emily Rudd  
Isabella Prigge  
Naomi Kassulke

### Group Recitation (1-2 grade class):

*Shepherds with their flocks that night Saw an angel's glory bright.  
"Do not fear," he said to them. "A Savior's born in Bethlehem."*

### **HYMN: To Shepherds As They Watched by Night (CW 53)**

#### **Children:**

*To shepherds as they watched by night Appeared a host of angels bright:  
"Behold the tender babe," they said, "In yonder lowly manger laid."*

#### **Congregation:**

*"At Bethlehem, in David's town, As Micah did of old make known.  
It is the Christ, your Lord and King, Who will to all salvation bring."*

### Narrations

Abigail Walshaw  
Olivia Holz  
Bryce Taylor

### **HYMN: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (CW 38) st. 1-5**

## PART THREE: THE ANGELS SING OF JESUS' GLORY

### Recitations (Luke 2:13,14)

### Narration

Sarah Oberhofer

### Group Recitation—PK/K Class:

Victoria Bonavita	Daniel Oberhofer
Colby Heinz	Colin Wilson
Sam Kassulke	Olivia Wilson
Emma Miller	

*Then a heav'nly host appeared Praising God for all to hear!  
With this news the shepherds fled Quickly to the manger bed.*

**SONG: Angel Medley** (*Angels We Have Heard on High/Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*)

*Trumpet: James Pauley and Tyler Koehler*

**Children:**

*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; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Children and Congregation:**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**PART FOUR: THE SHEPHERDS SEE JESUS**

**Recitations (Luke 2:15-20)**

Lucas Guenther    Alicia Shanklin  
Erich Dyjak        Dustin Pauley  
Caleb Prigge

**Group Recitation (5-6 grade class):**

*There they saw the holy child    Wrapped in cloths, so meek and mild.  
Joyfully the shepherds raced    To spread this news in ev'ry place.*

**HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story (CW 562 )**

**Children:**

*I love to tell the story    Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory,    Of Jesus and his love,  
I love to tell the story    Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings    As nothing else can do.*

*I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story    Of Jesus and his love.*

**Congregation:**

I love to tell the story    For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting    To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory    I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story    That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story    Of Jesus and his love.

## **Narrations**

Elizabeth Colton

Eliana Combs

### **SONG: On a Starlit Night/Silent Night**

Words and Music by Jill Gallina

*Violin: Maya Parra*

#### **7-8 Grade Girls:**

*On a starlit night 'neath a sky so bright, The angels sing carols of love  
Of a baby asleep in a manger bed, sent from heaven above.  
Sleep, O tiny precious one. Sleep, God's chosen son.*

#### **Children:**

*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.*

#### **Children and Congregation:**

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia  
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.

## **Narration & Recitations**

James Pauley

Nicole McNamara    Jon Miller

Isaac Walshaw        Maddy Redman

### **Group Recitation—All children:**

*Jesus is God's own dear Son Sent from heav'n for ev'ryone.  
Lived and died for you and me So from sin we could be free.*

**HYMN: Peace Came to Earth (CWS 707) - See back page**

**OFFERING: What Child is This**      *Guitar: Jim Goldie and Christian Watson*

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Leader: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong: Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Cong: 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.**

**CHILDREN’S SONG: Blessing**      Music by Natalie Sleeth

*O may the peace of God be with you evermore,  
And may the pow’r of his great love your soul again restore,  
And may you always know his never ending care,  
And may his gracious Spirit be with you ev’rywhere.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

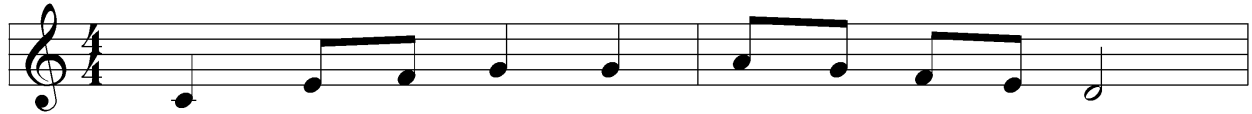
**RECESSIONAL HYMN: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (CW 52)**

**POSTLUDE**

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING**

- Preservice Piano Music: *Beautiful One* .....Sarah Oberhofer  
Sunday School Superintendent & Service Leader ..... John Hoffman  
Organist .....Elaine Goldie  
Cantor ..... Jacob Hansen  
Handbell Ringer ..... Dylan Guenther  
Acolyte.....Sarah Oberhofer  
Christmas Service Directors ..... Beth Kassulke and Kathy Parra  
Slide Projector .....Danny Koehler  
Offering.....Eliana Combs, Olivia Holz, Sarah Oberhofer, Maya Parra, James Pauley, Abby Walshaw  
Photography ..... Laura Lipke  
Sound and Recording Tech ..... Jeff Weinstein  
Sunday School Teachers..... Debbie Dyjak, Christa Goldie, Denise Hansen, Erika Hanson,  
Nancy Miles, Amy Rudd, Kathy Silver, Ron Silver

## Peace Came to Earth



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night  
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held  
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,  
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And  
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The  
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In  
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but  
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but  
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but  
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!  
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

*The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.*

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