



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

4pm, December 24, 2023

WELCOME TO RESURRECTION!

We're so glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us. We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.

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Fr. Steve Williamson
Cathedral Dean

As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of the bishop. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

Learn more about us at midwestanglican.org.



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Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III
Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

VISITING?

We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.

CHILDREN

Children's ministry is available at both services for infants through 5th grade. Midweek ministry for 1st through 5th graders will resume in mid January on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm.

YOUTH AND COLLEGE

RezYouth, for middle and high school students, meets Wednesdays from 6:30-8/8:30pm. Visit churchrez.org/youth to learn more.

QUESTIONS?

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Bishop Stewart Ruch III
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30am & 10:30am

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THE WORD OF GOD

In the first half of the service, we encounter God by hearing and responding to his truth in the Bible.

Processional Hymn

Please stand.

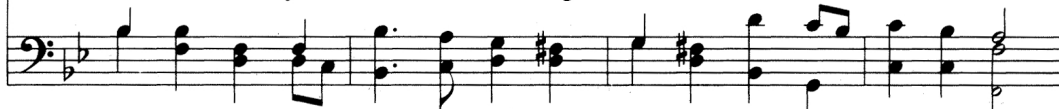
Angels from the Realms of Glory



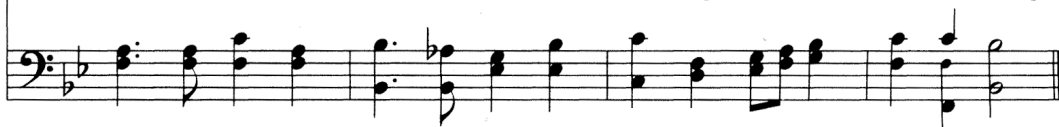
1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - 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.



Words: James Montgomery (1816, 1825).
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry Smart (1867).

Collect for Purity

OFFICIANT: *Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

OFFICIANT: *For unto us a child is born.*

PEOPLE: **Unto us a son is given.**

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

Songs of Worship

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

REFRAIN

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: Traditional French carol.
 Music: GLORIA, Traditional French melody.

The Collect of the Day

A brief prayer on the theme of the day.

OFFICIANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

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.

ALL: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Please be seated for the reading.

READER: *A reading from Paul's letter to Titus.*

Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Nativity Story Part 1

Please remain seated.

Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

Congregational Hymn

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high-ly fa-vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high-ly fa-vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high-ly fa-vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high-ly fa-vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924).
 Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1942).

The Nativity Story Part 2

Luke 1:39-56 (ESV)

Please remain seated.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 *3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark-ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2, German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). st. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859);
 tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal* 1940
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1599; harm Michael
 Praetorius (1571-1621).

The Peace

OFFICIANT: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

Please use this time to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

The Offertory

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Invitation

Words of instruction will be given regarding the procession to the manger.

OFFICIANT: *The glory of the Lord has been revealed:*

PEOPLE: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Procession to the Manger

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of Angels:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Lo! star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts' oblations

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Words: John Francis Wade, (1711–1786), trans. by Frederick Oakley (1802–1880), alt.
Music: ADESTE FIDELIS from John Francis Wade's Cantus Diversi

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

f 1. Hark! the he - rald - an - gels sing — Glo - ry to the new-born King;
mf 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners re - con - ciled:
 Late in time be - hold him come — Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb:

Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise, — Join the tri - umph of the skies, —
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, — Hail th'in - car - nate *De - i - ty! —

With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem.
 Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus, — our Em - ma - nu - el.

Org. *f* Hark! the he - rald - an - gels sing Glo - ry — to the new - born King.

Unis. Verse 3 overleaf

3. Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Words: Charles Wesley, (1707-1788)

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847),

arr. by William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Prayer

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ALL: Amen.

Children will be dismissed from the stage at this time.

Candle Lighting

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor — earth sus - tain;
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4 What — can I give him, poor — as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow — on — snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a wise — man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord — God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shipped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934).

O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love,
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el. A - men.

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1903)
 Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis Redner (1831-1908)

Silent Night

Please stand.

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

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

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

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)
 Music: STILLE NACHTEN, Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

The Blessing

OFFICIANT: *May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.*

ALL: Amen.

OFFICIANT: *May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel.*

ALL: Amen.

OFFICIANT: *May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.*

ALL: Amen.

OFFICIANT: *May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.*

ALL: Amen.

The Dismissal

DEACON: *Let us bless the Lord.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

If you are visiting, please remember to come to the Guest Center in our lobby. We would love to meet you!



Join us again!



Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24th

10pm

Christmas Eve Eucharist Service

Christmas Day | Monday, December 25th

11am

Christmas Day Service

New Year's Eve | Sunday, December 31st

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