

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER  
LCMS  
Peekskill, NY

CHRISTMAS EVE VESPERS WITH CANDLELIGHT  
*Vespers pp. 41-45*

*Prelude*  
*Stand*  
HYMN # 102

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, triumphantly sing;  
Come, see in the manger our Savior and King  
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2. True Son of the Father, He comes from the skies;  
To be born of a virgin He doth not despise.  
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

3. Hark, hark, to the angels all singing in heaven,  
"To God in the highest all glory be given!"  
To Bethlehem hasten with joyful accord;  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

4. To Thee, then, O Jesus, this day of Thy birth  
Be glory and honor through heaven and earth,  
True Godhead incarnate, omnipotent Word!  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Amen.

P: O Lord, open thou my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

*Sit*  
PSALM 110

**The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

**<sup>2</sup> The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.**

**<sup>3</sup> Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.**

**<sup>4</sup> The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**

**<sup>5</sup> The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.**

**<sup>6</sup> He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.**

**<sup>7</sup> He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.**

***Gloria Patri...***

HYMN # 647

1. 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 darkness shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,  
And fathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God, the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

3. How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous Gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His 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.

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 Immanuel! Amen.

Lesson: Isaiah 7.10-14

**10** Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, **11** Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. **12** But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. **13** And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; *Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?* **14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

P: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Thanks be to thee, O Lord.**

*Stand*

Gospel: Luke 2. 1-14

**1** And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. **2** (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) **3** And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) **5** To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. **6** And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. **7** And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

**8** And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. **10** And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **12** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, **14** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

P: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Thanks be to thee, O Lord.**

HYMN # 87

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love. Amen.

*Sit*

*Sermon*

HYMN # 103

1. To shepherds as they watched by night  
Appeared a host of angels bright;  
Behold the tender Babe, they said,  
In yonder lowly manger laid.

2. At Bethlehem, in David's town,  
As Micah did of old make known;  
'Tis Jesus Christ, your Lord and King,  
Who doth to all salvation bring.

3. Oh, then rejoice that through His Son  
God is with sinners now at one;  
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood,  
Your brother is the eternal God.

4. What harm can sin and death then do?  
The true God now abides with you.  
Let hell and Satan rage and chafe,  
Christ is your Brother--ye are safe.

5. Not one He will or can forsake  
Who Him his confidence doth make.  
Let all his wiles the Tempter try,

You may his utmost powers defy.

6. Ye shall and must at last prevail;  
God's own ye are, ye cannot fail.  
To God forever sing your praise  
With joy and patience all your days. Amen.

*Stand*

P: Let my prayers be set before thee as incense.

**C: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

MAGNIFICAT

**C: My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.**  
*Gloria Patri...*

**C: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

*Several collects are said, ending with the Collect for Peace. After each collect: C: Amen.*

CANDLELIGHTING  
*Church darkened, candles lit*

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.

**C: The light no darkness can overcome.**

P: Stay with us Lord for it is evening.

**C: And the day is almost over.**

P: Let your light scatter the darkness.

**C: And enlighten thy church.**

P: Joyous light of glory:

**C: Of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. We have come to the setting of the sun and we look to the evening light. We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Thou art worthy to be praised with pure voices forever. O Son of God, O giver of life: the universe proclaimeth thy glory.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN # 646

1. 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 the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Amen.

*Extinguish your candles when the acolyte extinguishes the last candle on the Advent wreath.*

*Postlude*