

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH
200 West Anderson Lane — Austin Texas

CHRISTMAS EVE ZOOM ONLINE WORSHIP

**“CALLED BY GRACE, LED BY FAITH,
WELCOMING ALL TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE.”**

6:00 PM

DECEMBER 24, 2020

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE CONCERT

A TIME FOR MEDITATION, REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Ave Maria”

Vocal Solo

WE WORSHIP THE CHRIST CHILD

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Holy Night”

Vocal Solo

THE PROPHECY

Micah 5:2–4

The Christmas Community Sings

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

(vs. 1) Carol 289

**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.**

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

St. Luke 2:1–7

The Christmas Community Sings

“What Child Is This”

(vs 1) Carol 296

**What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

THE SHEPHERDS HEAR THE MESSAGE

St. Luke 2:8–14

The Christmas Community Sings

“The First Noel”

(vs 1) Carol 300

**The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

(vs 2) Carol 296

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHT IS SHARED BY PEOPLE OF FAITH

Pastor: In the Beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was God. He was in the beginning with GOD; all things were made through HIM, and without HIM was not anything made that was made.

People: IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF HUMANITY. THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND THE DARKNESS CANNOT OVERCOME THE LIGHT.

Pastor: You are the LIGHT of the world. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid. Nor do people LIGHT a LAMP and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives LIGHT to all in the house.

People: LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. (The light is taken from Santa Lucia and the candles of worshipers in each pew nearest the aisle are lit. Please do not tip your candle. Tip only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from the worshiper next to you.)

THE CHRISTMAS CAROL

“Silent Night”

(vs. 1 & 3) Carol 281

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.

3 Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, BENEDICTION

THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

THE RECESSIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROL

“Joy to the World”

(vs. 1 & 4) Carol 267

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,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

4 He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

CHRISTMAS POSTLUDE