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**Opening Song:** *O come O come Emmanuel*

**Readings:**

*Peter Horstman*

**Isaiah 7:14** The Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.,

**Isaiah 9:2-3** The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined. You have  
multiplied the nation, you have  
increased its joy,

**Isaiah 9:6-7** For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace

**Song:** *Do You Hear What I Hear*

**Prayers of the People:**

*Joe Ebbing*

**Readings:**

*Jackie Rehm*

**Luke 1:26-38** the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Solo:** *Mary Did you know*

*Ruth Ann O'Connell Allen*

**Song:** *Silent night*

**Reading:***Nancy Jones*

**Luke 2:8-14** In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

**Solo:***Oh Holy Night**Peter Horstman***Song:***Away in a manger***Reading:***Scot Kleinhanzl*

**Mark 1:2-8** As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,  
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’ ”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**Song:***O come all ye faithful***Lord’s prayer:**

Our Creator, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kindom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the Kindom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

Amen.

**Communion:** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

**Candle lighting:**

*Child of mercy, child of peace, Jesus, Bread of life,  
Food to fill our longing souls.  
Child of justice, child of light,  
Jesus, saving cup of the new covenant, Emmanuel, God with us.*

**Solo:** *Christmas Hallelujah* *Malcolm Snell*

**Song:** *Joy to the world*

**Benediction:**

We are witnesses to the Love God has shown to us and to the world. The Christ has come to bring The Good News of God’s love and mercy to all the world. We have been charged with that task of telling of that Love and showing the world what that Love means. As we leave here tonight take that love with you in your actions and share it with those you may meet, share it with your neighbors so they too may know the love of God through Jesus the Christ. Go in peace with Love in your hearts.

**Song:** *Go tell it on the Mountain*



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