



The Mystery in the Manger

Christ Our Redeemer Church

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Part One The Mystery is Foretold

Responsive Reading From John 1

P: The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,

All: Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The First Promise of a Savior *Genesis 3:8-15*

Carol

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

CW28 vv 1, 5

Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept his word And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.

Crush for me the serpent’s head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to you in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

Christ’s Birth Foretold

Isaiah 9:2-7

Musical Selection – Sr. Choir “For Unto Us a Child is Born”

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The Branch From Jesse

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

Carol “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

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Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming As men of old have sung.
It came, a Flow’ret bright, Amid the cold of winter
When halfspent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God’s love aright She bore to men a Savior
When halfspent was the night.

This Flow’r, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load.

A Promised Savior From Bethlehem

Micah 5:2-5a



Carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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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 dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears Of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts To human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.

No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will Receive him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

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!

The Angel Gabriel Appears to Mary

Luke 1:26-38

Part Two The Mystery is Revealed



The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Carol

“What Child Is This”
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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!

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; For sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through;
The cross he'll bear for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the Son of Mary!

The Shepherds and the Angels

Luke 2:8-16



Carol

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

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**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 new-born King!”**

**Christ by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.**

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th’incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Immanuel!

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”

Hail, the heav’nly Prince of Peace!

Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, Ris’n with healing in his wings.

**Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”**

Part Three

The Mystery Among Us

Galatians 4:4-7

Musical Selection

“See in Yonder Manger Low”

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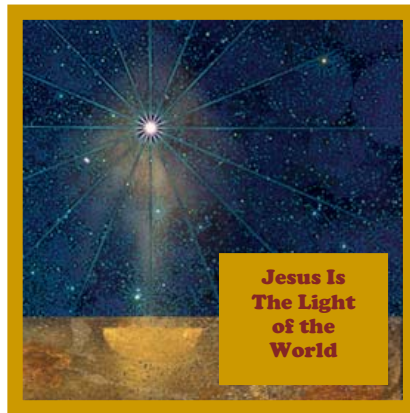
Offering

Distribution of Candles

Parents, please use your discretion on whether your child should have his or her own candle. We suggest at least 8 years old.

*Jesus
is the*

*Light of the World
John 1:1-14*



Candle Lighting - Do not tip a lighted candle! Tip only an unlit candle to receive the flame.



Musical Selection – Senior Choir “Peace, Peace”

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***Congregation will join in singing
“Silent Night” when prompted.***

**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.**

**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.**

***Extinguish Candles – Please cup the flame with your
hand as you blow the flame out.***

**Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knabe' im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh.**