

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Christmas Eve  
Lessons & Carols

St. Louis, Missouri  
December 24th, 2021

## AS WE GATHER

We look back at those who waited upon the Lord in Scripture for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child and we contemplate how we as families should wait upon the Lord together as God continues to make himself known to us in his time.

We take a look at the story of Abraham and Sarah who waited in faith for the birth of their son, Isaac. We look at the story of David, who waited to be king and promised a kingdom that would last forever. We recall the rejoicing of Elizabeth and Mary as they waited for their children to be born. We remember that Zechariah waited nine months not able to speak until John was born. With gratitude, Zechariah spoke praise to God.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering

## PREPARATION

### HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

LSB 379 (Sung together)

**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;**

आऊ सबै विश्वासी, आनन्द गर्दै आऊ,  
आऊ सबैजना मिली बेथलेहेममा,  
जगत्को त्राता बालक भए हेर  
*aau sabai vishwaasi, aanand gardai aa-u,  
aau sabai-janaa mili bethl'hem-maa,  
jagat-ko traataa baalak bhaye hera*

*Refrain:*

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

*Chorus:*

(आऊ भजन गाउँदै पुजौं) ३  
ख्रीष्ट प्रभुलाई  
*(aau bhajan gaauñdai pujauñ) 3  
khrisT prabhu-laai*

**Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]**

हे वचन सनातन, परमेश्वरको पुत्र,  
प्रभु येशू हुन् ख्रीष्ट इममानुएल,  
कन्याको गर्भदेखि, मान्छे जन्मेको  
*he bacan sanaatan, parmeshwor-ko putra,  
prabhu yeshu hun khrisT immaanuyel,  
kanyaa-ko garbha-dekhi, maanche janmeko*

**Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest: [Refrain]**

हे सब स्वर्गदूत हो, जयजयकार गर्नु  
परमेश्वरलाई होस् स्वर्गमा धन्यवाद  
पृथ्वीमा कुशल मान्छेहरूमा मिलाप  
*he sab sworga-dut ho, jaijai-kaara garnu,  
parmeshwor-laa hos sworga-maa  
dhanyebaad  
prith'vi-maa kushal maanche-haru-maa  
milaap*

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]**

आमिन प्रभु धन्य हाम्रोलागि जन्मे  
येशू सदा तपाईंको नाम पुजिओस्  
ईश्वरको वचन अब देही भएको  
*aamin prabhu dhanye haamro-laagi janme  
yeshu sadaa tapaañ-ko naam puji-os  
ishwor-ko bacan aba deh' bhayeko*

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 4:9, 12b*

Brothers and sisters, although “God abides in us and His love is perfected in us,” we sin every day and need the assurance of His forgiveness. Let us go to God, seeking His power to amend our sinful lives.

Lord Jesus, the love of God made manifest among us,

**we have not loved You with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Without Your help we cannot change. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**      ल जाऊँ है सियोनसम्म      (*Let's Go Up To Zion – St. Johns will sing the refrain with the Nepalese*)

(ल जाऊँ है सियोनसम्म) ३

येशूको नगरमा

(la jaauñ hai siyon-samma) 3

yeshuko nagar-maa

**Come let us go up to Zion**

**In the city of Jesus**

हो ! (जय हल्लेलूयाह) ३

आनन्द मनाऊँ ।

**Refrain: ho ! (jai halleluyaah) 3**

**aanand manaauñ**

(सियोनको राजा येशू) ३

राज गर्दै जाऊँ

(siyon-ko raajaa yeshu) 3

raaj gardai jaauñ

**Jesus King of Zion**

**Keep reigning**

हो ! (जय हल्लेलूयाह) ३

आनन्द मनाऊँ ।

**Refrain: ho ! (jai halleluyaah) 3**

**aanand manaauñ**

(प्रेमी छन् सियोनमा) ३

प्रेम गर्दै जाऊँ

(premi chan siyon-maa) 3

prem gardai jaauñ

**There are lovers in Zion**

**Keep loving**

हो ! (जय हल्लेलूयाह) ३  
आनन्द मनाऊँ ।

*Refrain: ho ! (jai halleluyaah) 3*  
**aanand manaaun**

(नाच्दै जाऊँ सियोनमा) ३  
प्रेमी येशूकहाँ  
(naacdai jaauñ siyon-maa) 3  
premi yeshu-ka'aañ

**Let's dance in Zion**  
**Lover of Jesus**

हो ! (जय हल्लेलूयाह) ३  
आनन्द मनाऊँ ।

*Refrain: ho ! (jai halleluyaah) 3*  
**aanand manaaun**

### **LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** [*Light One candle on the Advent wreath* ]

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**

We wait as the light scatters the darkness  
**and illuminates the Lord's House.**

### **WAITING WITH FAITH**

**Reading:** Genesis 17:1-9 उत्पत्ति 17:1-9 (God's covenant with Abraham)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup> And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.” <sup>9</sup> And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

जब अब्राहम 99 वर्ष पुगे परमप्रभु तिनी सामु प्रकट हुनुभयो। परमप्रभुले भन्नुभयो, “म सर्वशक्तिमान परमेश्वर हुँ। मसित सही पथ अनुशरण गरा <sup>2</sup> यदि तिमीले यसो गर्छौ, म हामीबीच एउटा करार तयार पार्नेछु। म तिम्रा सन्तानहरू व्यापक संख्यामा बढाउनेछु।” <sup>3</sup> तब अब्राहम परमेश्वरअघि नतमस्तक भए र परमेश्वरले तिनलाई भन्नुभयो। <sup>4</sup> “यो हाम्रो करारमा मेरो भाग हो। म तिमीलाई धेरै-धेरै जाति-समूहहरूको पिता बनाउनेछु। <sup>5</sup> तिम्रो नाउँ अब्राहम रहने छैन- तिम्रो नाउँ अब्राहाम हुनेछ। म तिमीलाई यो नाउँ राख्दैछु कारण तिमीलाई म धेरै-धेरै जाति-समूहहरूको पिता बनाउँदैछु। <sup>6</sup> म तिमीलाई धेरै-धेरै सन्तानहरू दिनेछु। नयाँ राष्ट्र र राजा तिमीबाट नै बनिनेछन्। <sup>7</sup> म तिम्रो र मेरो बीचमा एक करार तयार बनाउँछु जुन करार तिम्रा सन्तानहरूको निम्ति पनि हुनेछ। म तिम्रो र तिम्रा सबै सन्तानहरूको परमेश्वर रहनेछु। यो करार सधैंको निम्ति रही रहनेछ। <sup>8</sup> अनि म तँ र तेरा सन्तानहरूलाई यो भूमि दिनेछु। म तलाई कनानको सम्पूर्ण भूमि दिनेछु जसमा तँ अहिले विदेशी छस्। म यो भूमि सधैंका लागि दिँदैछु अनि तेरो परमेश्वर हुन्छु।” <sup>9</sup> अनि परमेश्वरले अब्राहमलाई भन्नुभयो, “अब, यो चाहिँ करारको तिम्रो भाग हो। अनि तिम्रा सन्तानहरूले यो मेरो करार पालन गर्नेछन्।

**HYMN:** Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord LSB 352 st. 1,3,4

**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.**

**Abram's promised great reward,  
Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord--  
Him of twofold race behold--  
Truly came, as long foretold.**

**As Your coming was in peace,  
Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me  
Which is Yours eternally.**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** [*Light second candle on the Advent wreath* ]

God, made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light.

**We wait for the fullness of His joy in heaven;**

Your eternal Word became incarnate of the Virgin Mary.

**We wait putting aside all earthly cares so that we may celebrate His coming among us.**

### **WAITING WITH HOPE**

**Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:11b-13, 16 2 शमूएल 7:11b-13, 16 (God promises a king and kingdom to David)

<sup>11</sup> Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup> When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

<sup>11</sup> म इस्राएलीहरूको निम्ति एउटा यस्तो ठाउँ छान्ने छु। म इस्राएलीहरूलाई तिनीहरूको आफ्नै स्थानमा नियुक्त गर्नेछु। अब देखि तिनीहरू फिर्न्ते जीवन जीउने छैनन्। शुरुमा मैले इस्राएली मानिसहरूको निम्ति न्यायकर्ता नियुक्त गर्ने। तर नराम्रा मानिसहरूले तिनीहरूलाई साह्रै सताए। अब यस्तो कुरा हुनेछैन। म यस्तो अवस्था सृजना गर्नेछु त्यहाँ केही दुःख तिमीहरूका शत्रुहरूबाट हुने छैन। <sup>12</sup> “जब तिम्रो जीवन सिद्धिन्छ, तिमी मर्नेछौ अनि तिमीलाई तिम्रा पिता-पूर्खाहरूसितै गाडिने छ। तर त्यस समय म तिम्रो आफ्नै एक जना नानीलाई राजा बनाउनेछु। <sup>13</sup> उसैले मेरो मन्दिर निर्माण गर्नेछ। अनि म उसको राज्यलाई सदा सर्वदा एकदमै शक्तिशाली बनाउनेछु। <sup>16</sup> तिम्रो वंश राजकीय वंशहुनेछ तिमी त्यसमाथि निर्भर हुन सक्छौ। त्यहाँ तिम्रो राज्य तिम्रो निम्ति सदा-सर्वदा रहनेछ। तिम्रो सिंहासन (राज्य) सदा-सर्वदा खडा रहनेछ।”

**HYMN:** It Came upon a Midnight Clear LSB 366 st. 1,3

**It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n's all-gracious king."  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.**

**All you, beneath your heavy load,  
By care and guilt bent low,  
Who toil along a dreary way  
With painful steps and slow:  
Look up, for golden is the hour,  
Come swiftly on the wing,  
The Prince was born to bring you peace;  
Of Him the angels sing.**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** [*Light third candle on the Advent wreath* ]

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**  
We wait with Joy as the Lord comes to us  
**and wait for the fulfillment of His coming again.**

## **WAITING WITH REJOICING**

**Reading:** Luke 1:39-45 लूका 1:39-45 (Mary visits Elizabeth)

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

<sup>39</sup> लगत्तै मरियम तयारी भइन् अनि यहूदिया गाउँको पहाडी शहरमा हत्तारिएर गईन्। <sup>40</sup> तिनी जकरियाको घरमा गईन् अनि इलीशिबालाई शुभकामना दिईन्। <sup>41</sup> जब इलीशिबाले मरियमको शुभकामना सुनिन्, तब तिनको गर्भको नानी उफ्रियो। अनि इलीशिबा पवित्र आत्माद्वारा भरिपूर्ण भइन्। <sup>42</sup> तिनले जोरले चिच्याए भनीन्, "अरू स्त्रीहरूलाई भन्दा परमेश्वरले तिमीलाई धेरै आशीर्वाद दिनुभएकोछ। अनि गर्भमा रहेको नानी पनि त्यस्तै अनुग्रहित छ। <sup>43</sup> यस्तो कसरी हुन सक्यो कि मेरा परमप्रभुकि आमा मेरोमा आउनु पर्यो? <sup>44</sup> जब मैले तिम्रो अभिवादन सुने, मेरो गर्भमा भएको बालक हर्षले उफ्रियो। <sup>45</sup> तिमीलाई आशीर्वाद छ किनभने परमप्रभुले तिमीलाई भन्नु भएको कुरा पूरा हुनेछ भन्ने तिमीमा विश्वास थियो।"

**HYMN: What Child Is This LSB 370**

**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 ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE** *[Light fourth candle on the Advent wreath ]*

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
the light no darkness can overcome.  
We wait as the light scatters the darkness  
and illuminates Your Church.**

**WAITING WITH GRATITUDE**

**Reading:** Luke 1:67-79 लूका 1:67-79 (Zechariah's song of praise for John the Baptist)

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, <sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people <sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, <sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; <sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, <sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us <sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. <sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, <sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high <sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

<sup>67</sup> त्यसपछि यूहन्नाको बाबु जकरियामा पवित्र आत्मा आउनु भयो। अनि तिनले यस्तो अगमवाणी दिन थाले: <sup>68</sup> “इस्त्राएलका परमप्रभु परमेश्वरको प्रशंसा गरा। कारण उहाँले आफ्ना मानिसहरूलाई सहायता गर्नु भयो, अनि तिनीहरूलाई स्वतन्त्रता दिनुभयो। <sup>69</sup> परमेश्वरकै सेवक दाऊदका बंशबाट उहाँले हामीलाई शक्तिशाली मुक्तिदाता दिनु भएको छ। <sup>70</sup> उहाँले भन्नु भएको थियो कि उहाँले यी सब गर्नु हुनेछ। धेरै अघिनै उहाँका पवित्र अगमवक्ताहरूबाट उहाँले यी सब कुराहरू भन्नु भएको हो। <sup>71</sup> उहाले हामीलाई शत्रुहरूदेखि, अनि हामीलाई घृणागर्ने शक्तिहरूदेखि जोगाउनु भएको छ। <sup>72</sup> उहाँले हाम्रा पुर्खाहरूलाई दया गर्नेछु भन्नु भएकोछ। उहाँले पवित्र करार पनि स्मरण गर्नु भएकोछ। <sup>73</sup> उहाँले हाम्रा पुर्खा अब्राहामको अघि शपथ खानु भएको थियो की <sup>74</sup> उहाँले हामीलाई हाम्रो शत्रुहरूको पन्जाबाट स्वतन्त्र राख्ने शपथ लिनु भएकोछ, औ हामीलाई निर्भयपूर्वक उहाँको सेवामा राख्नु हुनेछ। <sup>75</sup> जब सम्म हामी जीवित रहन्छौ हामी पवित्र अनि परमेश्वर अघि सही मार्गमा रहनेछौं। <sup>76</sup> “ए बालक, अब तिमी, महा-महिमाको अगमवक्ता कहलाइनेछौ। उहाँको आगमनको मार्ग तयारी पार्न तिमी सर्वप्रथम परमेश्वरको अघि जानेछौ। <sup>77</sup> तिमीले उहाँका मानिसहरूलाई तिनीहरूको पापहरूबाट क्षमा पाएर कसरी बाँच्ने त्यो बुझाउनेछौ। <sup>78</sup> “परमेश्वरको प्रेमपूर्ण करुणा पाएर, हामीमा स्वर्गबाट एउटा नयाँ उज्यालो ज्योति चम्कनेछ। <sup>79</sup> उहाँले अन्धकारमा बसेका, मृत्युको डरमा परेकाहरूलाई मद्दत गर्नु हुनेछ। उहाँले हामीलाई शान्तिको मार्गतिर पथ-प्रदर्शन गर्नु हुनेछ।”

**HYMN: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing LSB 377 (choir sings stanzas 1 & 3)**

*Choir:*

*On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.*

**Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin He set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?**

*Choir:*

*When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place,  
When sin departs before His grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the newborn King.*

**All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night,  
All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace to men  
Now and forevermore. Amen."**

**HOMILY** The Wait is Almost Over



**OFFERING** *Waiting for name of song* (Sung by the Nepalese Choir )

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Dear Father in heaven, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

**Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may wait with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge;  
Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION** (Nepali Sunday School children)

#### **FAITH FULFILLED**

**Reading:** Luke 1:26-38 लूका 1:26-38 (annunciation of Mary)

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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 father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

<sup>26-27</sup> इलीशिबाको छैटौं महीनामा, गालीको एउटा शहर नासरतमा बस्ने एउटी कन्याकहाँ परमेश्वरले एउटा गाब्रिएल नाउँ गरेको दूतलाई पठाउनु भयो। तिनी दाऊदको परिवारको यूसुफ नाउँ गरेको एक मानिससँग मगनी भएकी थिइन्। ती कन्याको नाउँ मरियम थियो। <sup>28</sup> ती स्वर्गदूत मरियमकहाँ गए अनि भने, “शुभकामना छ। परमप्रभु तिमीसितै हुनुहुन्छ। तिमी उहाँको खुबै प्रिय छौ।” <sup>29</sup> तर त्यो स्वर्गदूतले भनेका यी कुराहरूमा मरियम खुबै विचलित भइन्। मरियम छक्क परिन् र भनिन् “यो अभिवादन को अर्थ के हो?” <sup>30</sup> ती दूतले उनलाई भने, “डराउनु पर्दैन मरियम, किनभने परमेश्वर तिमीसित अत्यन्त खुशी हुनुहुन्छ। <sup>31</sup> सुन! तिमी गर्भवती हुनेछौ अनि तिमीले एउटा छोरो जन्माउनेछौ। अनि उहाँको नाउँ तिमीले येशू राख्नु। <sup>32</sup> उहाँ महान् हुनुहुनेछ र सर्वोच्च परमेश्वरका पुत्र कहलाईनु हुनेछ। परमप्रभु परमेश्वरले उहाँलाई उहाँको पुर्खा दाऊदको सिंहासन दिनुहुनेछ। <sup>33</sup> उहाँले याकूबका घरानामाथि सधैंका लागि शासन गर्नुहुनेछ। येशूको राज्यको अन्त्य कहिल्यै हुनेछैन।” <sup>34</sup> मरियमले ती स्वर्गदूतलाई भनिन्, “म कन्या नै छु, यस्तो कसरी हुन सक्छ?” <sup>35</sup> ती स्वर्गदूतले मरियमलाई भने, “पवित्र आत्मा तिमीमाथि आउनुहुनेछ अनि सर्वशक्तिमान परमेश्वरको शक्तिले तिमीलाई ढाक्नेछ। यसकारणले जो जन्मनुहुन्छ उहाँ परमेश्वरको पुत्र कहलाईनु हुनेछ। <sup>36</sup> यस विषयमा ध्यान देऊ: तिम्रो आफन्त इलीशिबा पनि गर्भवती छिन् तिनको अवस्था वृद्ध अनि बाँझी कहलाईएता पनि अहिले तिनी छ महीनाबाट गर्भवती भएकी छिन्। <sup>37</sup> किनभने परमेश्वरमा जे कुरा पनि सम्भव छ।” <sup>38</sup> मरियमले भनिन् “म परमप्रभुकी दासी हुँ। तपाईंले भने जस्तो ममाथि हुनदिनुहोस्।” त्यसपछि दूत उनीबाट विदा भए।

**HYMN:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming LSB 359

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As prophets long have sung,  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent 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 us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.**

**This flow'r, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness ev'rywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death he saves us  
And lightens ev'ry load.**

**O Savior, child of Mary,  
Who felt our human woe;  
O Savior, King of glory,  
Who dost our weakness know:  
Bring us at length we pray  
To the bright courts of heaven,  
And to the endless day.**

**HOPE FULFILLED** (*Read by Ratna*)

**Reading:** Luke 2:1-7 लूका 2:1-7 (Birth of Jesus)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

त्यसैबेला अगस्टस सिजरले रोमको अधिनमा रहेका सबै देशहरूलाई एउटा आदेश पठाए। त्यो आदेश अनुसार जम्मै मानिसले आफ्नो नाउँ पञ्जीकरण गराउनु पर्दथ्यो।<sup>2</sup> यो नै पहिलो पल्टको यस्तो जनगणना थियो। कुरेनियस सिरयाको राज्यपाल हुँदा यो भएको हो।<sup>3</sup> जम्मै मानिसहरू आफ्नो शहरहरूमा नाउँ पञ्जीकरण गराउन गए।<sup>4</sup> यूसुफ पनि गालीलको नासरत शहरबाट यहूदियाको बेतलेहेम नामक शहरमा गए। बेतलेहेम शहरलाई दाऊदको शहर भनिन्थ्यो।<sup>5</sup> यूसुफ पञ्जीकरणको लागि मरियमसँगै गए किनभने मरियमसँग उसको विवाह निश्चित भइसकेको थियो। मरियम त्यसबेला गर्भवती थिईन्।<sup>6</sup> यूसुफ र मरियम बेतलेहेममा हुँदा नै बालक जन्मने समय भएको थियो।<sup>7</sup> अनि तिनले जेठो पुत्र जन्माइन्। त्यसबेला धर्मशालाभित्र ठाउँ थिएन। त्यसैले तिनले आफ्नो बालकलाई लुगाहरूले बेरिन् अनि एउटा ढुँडमा सुताइन्।

**CHOIR:** Sing Lullaby

## REJOICING FULFILLED

**Reading:** Luke 2:8-14 लूका 2:8-14 (Angels)

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>8</sup> त्यो राती त्यस क्षेत्रमा बाहिर खेतमा केही गोठालाहरू आफ्नो भेंडाहरू हेरचाह गरिरहेका थिए।<sup>9</sup> परमप्रभुको एउटा दूत यसैबेला तिनीहरूको अघि उभिए। परमप्रभुको महिमा तिनीहरूको चारैतिर चम्किरहेको थियो। ती गोठालाहरू खुबै डराए।<sup>10</sup> तर त्यो स्वर्गदूतले तिनीहरूलाई भने, “डराउनु पर्दैन, किनभने म तिमीहरूलाई शुभ-समाचारहरू भन्न लागेकोछु। यसले सबै मानिसहरूलाई अत्यन्त हर्षित तुल्याउनेछ।<sup>11</sup> किनभने आज नै दाऊदको शहरमा तिमीहरूको निम्ति एउटा मुक्तिदाताको जन्म भएको छ। उहाँ ख्रीष्ट, प्रभु हुनुन्छ।<sup>12</sup> उहाँलाई तिमीहरूले यसरी चिन्नेछौ: तिमीहरूले एउटा बालकलाई लुगाले बेहेको र ढुँडमा सुतिरहेको भेट्नुनेछौ।”<sup>13</sup> त्यसपछि अचानक अनगन्ति स्वर्गिय दूतहरू पहिलो दूतसँग भेला भए। सबै दूतहरूले यसो भन्दै परमेश्वरको प्रशंसा गरिरहेका थिए, <sup>14</sup> “स्वर्गमा परमेश्वरलाई महिमा, अनि जति मानिसहरूसँग परमेश्वर खुशी हुनुहुन्छ, तिनीहरूमा शान्ति रहोस्।”

**CHOIR:** While By My Sheep

## GRATITUDE FULFILLED

**Reading:** Luke 2:15-20 लूका 2:15-20 (Shepherds)

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>15</sup> ती स्वर्गदूतहरूले गोठालाहरूलाई छोडे अनि स्वर्गतिर प्रस्थान गरे। गोठालाहरूले आपसमा कुरा गरे, “अब हामी बेतलेहेम जाऊँ, अनि के भएको छ हेरौं जसको विषयमा परमप्रभु परमेश्वरले हामीलाई थाहा दिनु भएको छ।”<sup>16</sup> तिनीहरू हतारहतार त्यहाँ गए अनि मरियम र यूसुफलाई भेटे अनि बालक ढुँडमा सुतिरहेको थियो।<sup>17</sup> गोठालाहरूले बालकलाई देखे। तब तिनीहरूले यो बालकको विषयमा स्वर्गदूतले जे भनेका थिए सुनाए।<sup>18</sup> गोठालाहरूको कुरा सुनेर सबै छक्क परे।<sup>19</sup> मरियमले यी सबै कुराहरू आफ्नै हृदयमा राखिन र ती विषयहरूमा सोचिरहिन्।<sup>20</sup> गोठालाहरूले तिनीहरूले देखेका र सुनेका घटनाहरूका निम्ति परमेश्वरप्रति प्रशंसा गर्दै र महिमा गाउँदै आफ्ना भेंडाहरू भएको ठाँउमा फर्के। स्वर्गदूतले तिनीहरूलाई वर्णन गरे झैं सबै सत्य सावित भयो।

**HYMN: Go Tell It on the Mountain LSB 388**

*Refrain:*

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. [Refrain]**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]**

**Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God set us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]**

**LOVE FULFILLED** (*Read by Nabin*)

**Reading:** 1 John 4:7-9; John 3:16-17 1 यूहन्ना 4:7-9; यूहन्ना 3:16-17 (God's love in Christ)

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

<sup>7</sup> प्रिय मित्रहरू, हामीले एक अर्कालाई प्रेम गर्नुपर्छ, किनभने प्रेम परमेश्वरबाट आउँछ। जसले प्रेम गर्छ परमेश्वरको बालक भएको हुन्छ अनि परमेश्वरलाई चिन्छ। <sup>8</sup> मानिस जसले प्रेम गर्दैन उसले परमेश्वरलाई चिन्दैन, किनभने परमेश्वर प्रेम हुनुहुन्छ। <sup>9</sup> यसरी परमेश्वरले हामीलाई उहाँको प्रेम दर्शाउनु भएको छ परमेश्वरले उहाँको एउटै पुत्र यस संसारमा पठाउनु भयो यसर्थ उहाँ मार्फत हामी जीवन पाउन सक्छौं। <sup>16</sup> हो, परमेश्वरले संसारलाई यति साह्रो प्रेम गर्नुभयो, कि उहाँले आफ्ना एकमात्र पुत्रलाई दिनु भयो। परमेश्वरले आफ्ना पुत्रलाई दिनु भयो त्यस द्वारा उहाँमाथि विश्वास गर्ने कोहीपनि नाश हुने छैन, तर अनन्त जीवन प्राप्त गर्नेछ। <sup>17</sup> परमेश्वरले आफ्ना पुत्रलाई संसारको न्याय गर्नलाई पठाउनु भएको होइन। तर परमेश्वरले आफ्ना पुत्रलाई उहाँबाट संसार बाँचोस् भनेर पठाउनु भएको हो।

*(Lighting of parishioners' candles)*

**HYMN:** Silent Night LSB 363 (*verse 2 sung only by Nepalese*)

**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.**

शान्तमय रात, शान्तमय रात,  
येशू ख्रीष्ट कृपानाथ  
विश्वका सर्वश्रेष्ठ तारणहार  
लिए गोठैमा सत अवतार,  
(बेथलेहेम शहरमा) २  
shaant-mai raat, shaant-mai raat,  
yeshu khrist kripaa-naath  
bisha-kaa sarva-shrestha taaranahaar  
li-i goThai-maa sat aw'taar,  
(bethlehem shahar-maa) 2

*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!*

शान्तमय रात, शान्तमय रात,  
जयजय गाऔं दूतगणसाथ  
बालक सुन्दर जन्मेका छन्  
बालक ईश्वरका पुत्र हुन्,  
(येशू हो उनको नाउँ) २  
shaant-mai raat, shaant-mai raat,  
jai-jai gaauñ dut-gaN-saath  
baalak sundar janmekaa chan  
baalak ishwor-kaa putra hun,  
(yeshu ho unko naauñ) 2

**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.**

शान्तमय रात, शान्तमय रात,  
येशू ख्रीष्ट हर्षसाथ,  
आए स्वर्गदेखि जगत्मा  
पापी मानिसको खोजीमा  
(स्वागत गरौं उनलाई) २  
shaant-mai raat, shaant-mai raat,  
yeshu khrist harsa-saath  
aaye sworg-dekhi jagat-maa  
paapi maanis-ko khoji-maa  
(swaagat garauñ un-laai) 2

**BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

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

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE:** In Dulci Jubilo

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