

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord



*And Mary 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.*

24 December Anno † Domini 2022

7:00 p.m.

✠ SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS ✠

Hymn *Once in Royal David's City* **376**

Stand

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Bidding Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sit

Hymn *Savior of the Nations, Come* **332**

First Lesson Genesis 3:1–19
Hymn *O Sing of Christ* **362**

Second Lesson Isaiah 7:10–14; 9:2, 6–7
Hymn *What Child Is This?* **370**

Third Lesson Micah 5:2–5a
Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **361**

Fourth Lesson Luke 1:26–38
Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **357**

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:1–7
Hymn *Away in a Manger* **364**
(Children of St. Paul)

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:8–20
Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* **368**

Seventh Lesson

John 1:1–14

Hymn*Of the Father's Love Begotten***384****Sermon****Offering***Stand***Candle Lighting***Silent Night, Holy Night***363**

(stanza 3: a cappella)

Salutation & Collect**P** The Lord be with you.**C** And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. O God, You make this Most Holy Night to shine with the true brightness of the True Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth, we may also come to the fulness of His joys in Heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C Amen.**Benediction**

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

C Amen.**Hymn***Now Sing We, Now Rejoice***386****Organ Postlude**

"There is no other Savior against sin and death, no one else to help in Heaven or earth, than this singular Child of the Virgin Mary, named Jesus. Good works are to be done, but they are not Jesus. They do not save. They cannot rescue from death. This Child, however, saves and rescues from death. When we are assaulted by ordinary earthly misfortunes, we can counter them most likely with the usual human resources. But when we lie at death's door, then let go of all else, look only to this Savior, and say, 'I know one Doctor, Advocate, Emperor, King, Pastor—namely, the Child Jesus. He can and will save me from eternal death.'"

—Martin Luther