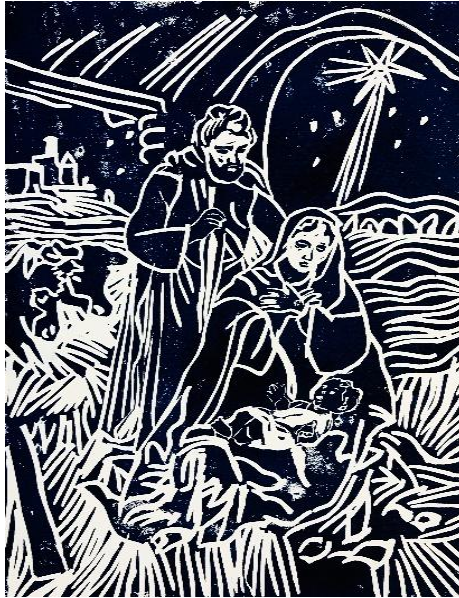


“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

December 24th 2019

Christmas Eve 10:30pm



Hannah Grytskiv

Prelude

Let Our Gladness Know No End - Bohemian carol,
setting by Hermann Schroeder

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship and Approach to God

In David's town
Of David's line
Jesus Christ our Saviour

God clothed in flesh
Bone of our bone
Jesus Christ our Saviour

Promised of old
Here in our midst
Emmanuel. God with us

Hymn and lighting of advent candles

1. 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:
*O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*
2. God of God,
Light of light,
Lo! he abhors not the virgin womb;
Very God,
Begotten not created:
O come let us adore him...
3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exaltation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God
in the highest':
*O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*
4. Yea, Lord we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given:
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
O come let us adore him....

Prayer, ending with the Lord's Prayer

(but please say this in whichever language or version you prefer.)

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn

1. In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron
water like a stone:
snow had fallen snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter long ago
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed,
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Enough for him who cherubim
worship night and day,
a breastful of milk
and a mangerful of hay;
enough for him whom angels
fall down before
the ox and ass and camel which adore.
4. Angels and archangels
may have worshipped there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air,
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894)

The Word of God

Holy Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Choir: *Sleep, Little Jesus* - Polish carol, arr. Robert Preston

Holy Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Hymn

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.
2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!
3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

Joseph Mohr (1792-1848)

Sermon: *O come let us adore him* followed by pause for reflection

Response to the Word

1. Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King.
Come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.*
2. Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light:
3. Wise men, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
4. Though an infant now we see him,
he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:
5. All creation, join your praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:

Prayers of Intercession

Offering *E la don don, Verges María* – 16th c. Spanish carol
Soloists: Andy Baker, Elisabeth IJmker, Charity Kamau,
Paul Keizer, Rudy Setiadarma, Anja Polstra

Dedication

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Hymn

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'
*Hark! The heralds angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King.'*
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel!
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King.'*

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth'
born to give them second birth:
*Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King.'*

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Blessing (Sung Amen)

Postlude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* - J.S. Bach

*The congregation is asked to remain in place until the Minister
and Choir members have left the Church.*

Please turn off your mobile phone during the service.

The Service is conducted by our minister, Rev Dr Lance Stone.

Holy Scripture is read by our Church Scriba, Heleen Koning.

Prayers of intercession are led by Baafi Owusu Sekyere.

Office-bearers on duty are Gillian Walker and Ingrid Sørensen.

***You are welcome to join us tomorrow morning for our
Christmas Day all-age service at 10.30 hrs.***
