WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

PRELUDE

Angels From the Realms of Glory

arr. Innes

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the God

who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of bondage.

We are no longer strangers and sojourners but fellow citizens with the saints

and members of the household of God.

If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Showing hospitality to strangers,

we entertain angels and welcome Jesus.

[Taken from the World Council of Churches website (www.oikoumene.org/).]

+HYMN

He Is Born

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ANTHEM Look to the Silver Sky Sanctuary Choir Follow the star that leads to the Light! Look to the silver sky! Follow the star that beams in the night! Look to the silver sky! Look to the sky. Seekers of truth, this is your proof. See how it shows the way! This is the sign, promise divine, dazzling with hope and grace! Follow the star, the miracle sign. Look to the silver sky! Follow the star, such glory divine! Look to the silver sky! I saw three kings upon the way to Bethlehem, to Bethlehem. They marched along, in fine array, to Bethlehem to see Jesus. A silver star before them shone to Bethlehem, to Bethlehem. With gifts of praise, they traveled on to Bethlehem to see Jesus! Rise and shine, your Light has come! Look to the silver sky! Go and see what God has done! Look to the silver sky! Follow in faith! Trust and obey! Reach for the guiding light! Bethlehem waits, shining with grace! Come, see the Lord of life! Follow the star that leads to the Light! Look to the silver sky! O come, let us adore Him. Come, let us adore Christ, the Lord. Follow the star!

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD AND RESPOND IN FAITH

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 63: 7-9

PSALTER Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever:

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted;

his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,

for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 2: 10-18

+GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2: 13-23

+ACCLAMATION Gloria Patri # 70 +HYMN Go, Tell It On the Mountain # 251 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND LIVES

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Offertory What Child Is This arr. Innes

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WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

+ CLOSING SONG Love Came Down at Christmas # 242

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POSTLUDE Joy To The World arr. Innes

Service of the Word

First Sunday of Christmas 28 December 2025



