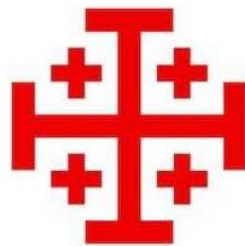




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A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

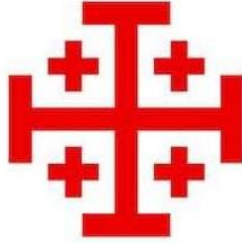
Simulcast on Saturday, December 17, 2022

from

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and

**The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral
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**The Christmas Simulcast Service
from Bethlehem and Philadelphia
Saturday, December 17, 2022**

Organ Voluntary

Mr. Gabriel Hanna
Organist, The Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church
Bethlehem, Palestine

Welcome

The Reverend Dr. Munther Isaac
Pastor, The Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church
Bethlehem, Palestine

The people stand.

Opening Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

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!

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Very God Begotten, not created.
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him. Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.
O come, let us adore Him. Christ the Lord!

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

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880. Music: *Adeste fideles*, melody
att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

**Welcome and
The Bidding Prayer**

Led by the Right Reverend Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez
XVI Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania
and

The Reverend Patricia A. C. Davenport
Bishop, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Bishop Gutiérrez

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this season glad with our carols of praise.

Bishop Davenport

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church here in Pennsylvania, in the Holy Land, and in the world.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

Bishop Gutiérrez

And now, for all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ Himself has taught us, saying:

All people

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

The First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 3: 1-15

Mary Muallem

Christmas Lutheran Church

Anthem

Lailatal Milad

Mansour Labaki

Performed by the congregation of Christmas Lutheran Church

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Sami Abu Ghazaleh

Christmas Lutheran Church

A Collect

The Reverend Canon Dr. Donald Binder

Chaplain to the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem

Consoling God, who speaks tenderly to all your people; when we are exiled your voice strengthens us, your love sustains us. When we are captive you come as the good shepherd and liberate us. In all our exile and in all our captivity, gather us and lead us. In the name of Jesus, Mighty God, we pray. Amen.

The Third Lesson

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Galatians 4: 4-7

The Very Reverend Randy Hollerith

Washington National Cathedral

A Collect

Bishop Gutiérrez

Redeeming God, you came to us an infant, homeless, helpless and vulnerable safe in the loving embrace of Mary. Wrap our world in your arms that we may grow strong to care for the needs of the oppressed, the poor, the destitute, and all who suffer in this world. in the name of Jesus, desire of nations, we pray. amen.

Anthem

What child is this?

Thomas Hewitt Jones

The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral Singers

Jenny Anne Flory, Brenda Bonhomme, and Jane Kamp, soloists

The Fourth Lesson

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 1: 1-12

Paul Dayton-Welch

Saint Alban's Church, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

A Collect

Bishop Davenport

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Fifth Lesson

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Luke 2: 1-14

The Reverend Sani Ibrahim Azar

Bishop, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

The Christmas Homily

The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam Naoum
The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem

Remarks

The Right Reverend Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez
XVI Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

The people stand.

Second Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly swinging o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

[Chorus]

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song? *[Chorus]*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King *[Chorus]*

Words: French Carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Music: *Gloria*, French Carol;

arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

Prayers from Philadelphia

Led by:

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The responses are sung in Arabic by the congregation in Bethlehem. The prayer in English means "God of peace, in your wisdom, give us the will to seek peace. God of peace and healing, fill with your peace every heart."

Dean Sullivan

Most merciful God, we pray this day for the Church, that sacred mystery, for its members around the world, and for all who seek your truth. May the Bright Star over Bethlehem guide us all to your enduring love. We lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

Sung response from Bethlehem.

Canon Wamsley

Prince of Peace, guide the nations of this world, that a spirit of truth and generosity may cajole us to respect our reliance on one another, and on you. We pray especially for those in positions of authority in the United States, in Palestine and Israel, and throughout your creation. Give justice to those who live under systems of dehumanization, and humbly reconcile the hearts of those who rely on their own power and privilege. We lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

Sung response from Bethlehem.

Canon Dayton-Welch

Healing Christ, be with those in our world whose bodies wrestle with sickness and whose hearts are burdened with grief, shame, and despair. Let them come to recognize the light at the end of their dreadful tunnel as your true light. Remind them that you share in their brokenness even as you bind up their wounds. Finally, exhort your Church to great concern for all those whom you have made, that our ministry might be a lampstand to a hurting world. We lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

Sung response from Bethlehem.

Dean Sullivan

Resurrecting God, fill our minds with the faces of those whom we love but see no longer. May our grief be the mark of our love for them, and in your own time, call us home to be with you, that we might see them once again. We lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

Sung response from Bethlehem.

Third Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy pray to the blessed Child,
where misery cries out to thee, Son of the mother mild;
where charity stands watching and faith holds wide the door,
the dark night wakes, the glory breaks, and Christmas comes once more.

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;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)
Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908)

Prayers from Bethlehem

Led by:

The Very Reverend Canon Richard Sewell
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Dean Sewell

One God, all merciful, loving, and just: to you who have loved and created all human beings in your image and in your likeness; to you who have given us a breath of life and the earth to keep and enjoy; to you who founded the universe on the basis of justice: we pray for healing of our world from racism and oppression. We lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

Sung response from Bethlehem.

Canon Far

To you who have loved justice and righteousness and have been displeased with sin and injustice: you have given us your only begotten Son, the Child of Bethlehem, to declare the Good News and salvation to all: let your kingdom of peace, love and liberation come on earth as it is in heaven. We lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

Sung response from Bethlehem.

The Reverend Aelabouni

To you we lift our prayers. We cry out; turn your ears and hear our prayers. Heal, O Lord, our land from oppression and greed. Free us from the sin of occupation and subjugation. Bring your peace upon us, Palestinian and Israelis, and all the families of the earth. We lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

Sung response from Bethlehem.

Dean Sewell

To you, O Lord, we raise our prayers. Send your Holy Spirit to give us strength and power so that we may speak the truth without fear, but with love, to be peacemakers and ambassadors for reconciliation. Let us be messengers of hope and good news, like the shepherds. We lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

Sung response from Bethlehem.

Concluding Collect

Bishop Azar

O God, you who caused that holy night here in Bethlehem many years ago to shine with the brightness of the true Light for generations to come: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.

Blessing in Arabic

The Reverend Sani Ibrahim Azar
Bishop, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

Blessing in English

The Reverend Patricia A. C. Davenport
Bishop, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Concluding Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing: Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic hosts proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn 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 the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

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"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

Dismissal

The Reverend Dana Hall
Deacon, The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

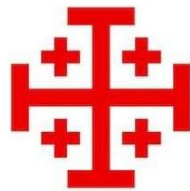
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Postlude on "Adeste Fideles"

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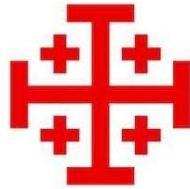
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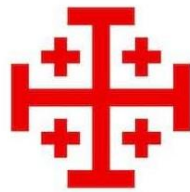
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