

You at the Manger

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Minister: Let us pray.

All: God, Creator of all life, You made us in Your image and sent Your Son to be our flesh. Cleanse us now, at the birth of our salvation. Share with us the bread of life, Your body and blood, that we, with all the saints of heaven, may sit and eat in Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

*THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S LIGHT AND CLOSING RESPONSE

"Silent Night"

The pastor shall receive a light from the Christ candle. He shall then light the ushers' candles.

They, in turn, shall light the candles of the persons at the center aisle in each pew.

The light is to be passed to the persons beside you until it arrives at the end of the pew.

Silent night, holy night, all is clam, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Hoy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherd quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!

Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

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.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS DAY

*THE BENEDICTION

Please extinguish your candle following the benediction.

There will be an usher stationed at each exit to assist you with your candle as you leave the sanctuary.

*THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on "In Dulci Jubilo"

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 2007

11:00 p.m. o'clock

The asterisk (*) designates when the congregation will please stand.
Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

Bold print is read or sung by the congregation.

Worshippers are encouraged to turn off their cell phones while they are in the sanctuary.

Beloved, we are gathered together on this Eve of Christmas to prepare our hearts for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to meditate upon the mystery of that Incarnation by which we are redeemed, and to receive with joy the message of salvation.

Gathering at the Manger

THE CHRISTMAS PRELUDE

"Scherzino on a French Carol"

David Paxton

THE OPENING PRAYER

O Christ, You have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we too may sing with hearts like Mary's. Grant that Your Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this night and that we may joyfully welcome Him to reign in our hearts each new day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary at the Manger

*THE CAROL

"What Child is This?"

Hymn No. 238

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"Breath of Heaven"

Liz Harper
Chris Eaton/Amy Grant

RESPONSORY

Leader: The Lord himself will give you a sign.

All: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

Leader: And they shall name him Emmanuel,

All: Which means, God is with us.

based on Isaiah 7:14

Joseph at the Manger

*THE CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn No. 230

RESPONSORY

Leader: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse.

All: And a branch shall grow out of his roots

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him.

All: The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

based on Isaiah 11:1-2

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

"Bethlehem Morning"

Liz Harper
Morris Chapman

Angels at the Manger

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

The congregation will remain seated as we join together in the singing of the carols.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn No.240

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn No. 238

RESPONSORY

Leader: Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings.

All: Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings.

based on Isaiah 10:9

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

"All Is Well"

Liz Harper, Katelyn Kingseed and Lauren Kingseed
arr. Ron Huff

Jesus at the Manger

*THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20 (Pew Bible page 992)

THE OFFERING

The Offertory

"Still, Still, Still"

The offering this evening is designated to go to the Bishops Christmas Fund for

Children in Indiana and around the world.

Austrian Melody
Jay Rouse

THE CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION

Pastor Chris Roberts

RESPONSORY

The Nicene Creed (Hymn No. 880)