



# Breakfast in Bethlehem

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**10 AM**

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## **Breakfast in Bethlehem Menu**

**Egg Casserole**

**Fruit Salad**

**Homemade Donuts**

**Assorted Beverages**

**(Breakfast served 9:30 - 10:00 am)**

**PRELUDE MUSIC: *He Comes* by Michael Bedford – Children and Youth Bells**

**GREETING AND INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly stands.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

Light One Candle

Verse 4 only

**Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking for forgiveness in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The assembly is seated.  
Silence is kept for reflection.*

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.  
**And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

**O God, our heavenly Father, I confess to you that I have grievously sinned against you in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known to You. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offences, and I call upon Your great goodness to have mercy upon me, for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.**

**REFRAIN: Cantor/Congregation:**

**Holy God**  
*Trisagion*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,". The second system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us." The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano part features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:  
**Refrain.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:  
**Refrain.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:  
**Refrain.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**Refrain.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**Refrain.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**Refrain.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**Refrain.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Turn to the person next to you, and one at a time lay both hands on his/her head, and say:*

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray.

O God, by the cross of your Son  
you reconciled the world to yourself,  
enabling us to live in love and harmony.

We thank and praise you for the precious gift  
of the forgiveness of sins.

Help us to forgive each other  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Peace be with you.

**Peace be with you.**

*Please be seated after the Peace is shared.*

## **ADVENT WREATH**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Verse 7

7. O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## **LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 4**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

In your Son, Emmanuel,

you have shown us your light

and saved us from the power of sin.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Increase our longing for your presence,

that at the celebration of your Son's birth

his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst,

for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

**Amen.**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Verse 8

8. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

## ***BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM, AN INTERGENERATIONAL PRESENTATION***

**Narrator:** The story of Christmas is one of mystery and intrigue. A deliverer was first promised in the early chapters of the Bible and the theme of a Savior and Redeemer continued to unfold throughout the Old Testament until it reached fruition with the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. Characters such as Isaiah, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, the Innkeepers, the angels and the shepherds have brought the reality of the Christmas story to Christians throughout the years...

### **Isaiah**

**SCRIPTURE:** A reading from Romans chapter 16:25-27

***Reflection:*** Isaiah

**SOLO:** **Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming** arranged by Richard Walters  
John Liska, baritone; Katie Jones, flute

### **Elizabeth**

**SCRIPTURE:** A reading from the Gospel of Luke chapter 1:5-8 &10-17

***Reflection:*** Elizabeth



## Mary

**Scripture:** A reading from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1:26-35, 37-38

**SOLO: Mary Did You Know**

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene  
Katie Troxell, soprano

**Reflection:** Mary

**SOLO: The Magnificat**

Marty Haugen  
From *Holden Evening Prayer*  
Gail Berkebile, soprano

## Joseph

**SCRIPTURE:** A reading from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 1:18-24

**Reflection:** Joseph

**SOLO: Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine**

Traditional German Carol  
Soloists, Jackson Byer, Zane Troxell, Conner Adams, Sam Worst

## The Innkeeper and Wife

**SCRIPTURE:** A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2:1, 3-7

**Reflection:** Innkeeper and Wife

**HYMN: ELW #279: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*** – Children /vs. 1;  
Congregation /vs. 4 with Youth Instrumental Accompaniment

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see the 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.

4. 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,  
Their great glad tidings tell;  
Oh, come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord, Emmanuel!

### **The Angels**

**SCRIPTURE: A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2:8-14**

**HYMN: ELW #270: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*** – vs. 1 – Children and Congregation

1. 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 the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!

***Reflection: Angels***

**HYMN: ELW #289 – *Angels We Have Heard on High* – All verses - Children and  
Congregation with Youth Instrumental Accompaniment**

1. Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plain  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their glorious strain.

*Glo-o-o-o-o-ri-a! In excelsis Deo!*  
*Glo-o-o-o-o-ri-a! In excelsis Deo!*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire you heavenly song?

*Glo-o-o-o-o-ri-a! In excelsis Deo!*  
*Glo-o-o-o-o-ri-a! In excelsis Deo!*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing,  
Come on adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, our newborn King.

*Glo-o-o-o-o-ri-a! In excelsis Deo!*  
*Glo-o-o-o-o-ri-a! In excelsis Deo!*

**The Shepherds**

**SCRIPTURE: A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2:15–18**

**HYMN: ELW #300 – *The First Noel*: Children/ vs.1 ; Congregation/vs. 2  
With flute accompaniment: Katie Jones and Emma Mitchell**

1. The First Noel, the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*

2. They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!*

## **Reflection: Shepherds**

**HYMN: ELW #253 – He Came Down** Children/ vs. 1 and 2-- Congregation/ vs. 3 and 4  
Percussion: Sonya Andrews, Ellie Hunsberger, Jackson Sotosky

1. He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love  
He came down that we may have love, Hallelujah! Forever more.
2. He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light  
He came down that we may have light, Hallelujah! Forever more.
3. He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace  
He came down that we may have peace, Hallelujah! Forever more.
4. He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy  
He came down that we may have joy, Hallelujah! Forever more.

## **THE OFFERING**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God's people.

*A brief silence.*

Your eternal reign has come into the world. Give us ears to hear your call to serve your kingdom, and send us out to those who are hurting and in need of good news. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You created the mystery and beauty of the earth. Replenish rivers, lakes, seas, and all bodies of water, so that plants, animals, and humans can have life and be refreshed. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You bring down the powerful and raise up the lowly. Where war rages, shatter hatred with forgiveness and peace. Where fear rules, make your all-powerful and eternal presence known. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You remember us with mercy, Lord, as you have done for all generations. Fill us, comfort us, strengthen us, and enlighten us. Make your will known to all in need. Today we pray especially for . . . . Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You called Mary to bear your Son. We pray for pregnant women, for mothers and fathers of infants and small children, and especially for couples who bear the pain of infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your kingdom has no end. With your servants throughout time, women and men, old and young, unite us forever in your reign of peace and joy. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Children and Congregation; (Children lead and congregation echos)

Our Father....  
Who art in heaven....  
Hallowed be Thy name....

For Thine is the kingdom....  
And the power and the glory....  
For ever....  
And ever....

Thy kingdom come....  
Thy will be done....  
On earth...  
As in heaven...

Our Father....  
Who art in heaven....  
Hallowed be Thy name....

Give us this day....  
Our daily bread....  
And forgive us our sins....  
As we forgive....

A-men....      A-men....  
A-men ....      A-men....

And lead us not....  
Into temptation....  
But deliver us....  
From evil....

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## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN: ELW #267 - *Joy to the World* – Vs. 1 - Children and Congregation**

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king;

Let every heart prepare him room;

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and heaven and nature sing!

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and return this evening to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

**Thanks be to God.**



**Special Thanks for Today's Breakfast and Intergenerational Program and Service:**

**Breakfast: Pink and the Gang; Jeff Rowe (homemade donuts!)**

**Decorations, Setup and Cleanup: Carol Yoder; Breaking Bread Team; Brad Kaufman**

**Breakfast in Bethlehem Cast of Characters:**

**Narrator: Bishop Pile**

**Scripture readers: Gayle Liska; Bill Bergman; Halen and Scott McKool; Carol Winters; Sam Worst; Beth Hunsberger; Jill Mitchell; Erin Sotosky**

**Isaiah: John Liska**

**Elizabeth: Carol Yoder**

**Zechariah: Bob Yoder**

**Mary: Angie McKool**

**Joseph: Jack Winters**

**Inn Keeper and Wife: Dan and Geeg Eash**

**Angels: Ellie Hunsberger; Anna Hunsberger; Molly Hunsberger; Emma Mitchell; Amelia Mitchell; Grace Mitchell**

**Shepherds: Steve Sotosky; Jackson Sotosky; Gentry Sotosky; Josey Sotosky**

**Musicians**

**The children of our St. David's Sunday School Classes**

**Accompanists: Judy Brotz**

**Soloists: Gail Berkebile; Katie Troxell; John Liska**

**Instrumentalists: Katie Jones; Emma Mitchell; Sonya Andrews; Ellie Hunsberger; Zane Troxell; Kendra Moore; Morgan Sleek; Katie Troxell; Youth Bells**

**Costumes: Sue Risch and Deb Hart**

**Coordinator: Barb Pile**

**Minister of Music: Michael Busija**

**Support Team: Teachers of St. David's Sunday School Classes and SOAR Team**

**Pastor Larry Hoover and Bishop Gregory Pile**

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**(It really does "Take a Village.....!!! )**