

Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word
made flesh.
**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear
your light to all the world.**

HYMN OF LIGHT *Silent Night, Holy Night!* LBW #65
(The candles are lit)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
forever and ever. Amen**

BLESSING

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of
the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

(The candles are extinguished)

SENDING HYMN *Go Tell It on the Mountain* LBW #70

POSTLUDE

*The electric candles being used tonight are a memorial gift given in
memory of Marilyn Sheahan by her family.*



Christmas Eve

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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

PRELUDE

CHRISTMAS DIALOG & GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*see insert
The Rother family*

Congregation response: **Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

SPECIAL MUSIC *One Small Babe*

READING: Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High LBW #71

A TELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2: 1-20

HYMN

Away in the Manger

LBW #67

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY

OFFERING

He Came Down



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional
Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray. Glory to God in the highest
And peace to God's people on earth.

Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.

Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.