

*St. Paul's United Church Edmonton
December 24 2022 at 4 p.m.*

Christmas Eve

Music to draw us in

Welcome

Call to worship

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God! The gift of Emmanuel, God with us,
is the gift of hope, peace, joy, and love.

We join the angels and the multitudes of heavenly hosts
in singing songs of praise:

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among
those with whom God is pleased.**

We light this Christ candle as a reminder
of the indescribable gift of Emmanuel.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

The Christ candle is lit

Hope is a Star

MOON BEAM VU 7

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

When God is a child
there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. *Refrain*

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Savior is born. *Refrain*

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart. *Refrain*

Land acknowledgment

The Gifts of Christmas - A Family Pageant

What's under the tree?

What is this gift?

O Come All Ye Faithful vs 1

ADESTE FIDELES VU 60

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:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Bethlehem

What is this gift?

O Little Town of Bethlehem vs 1

ST LOUIS VU 64

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.

Mary and Joseph

What is this gift?

Once in Royal David's City vs 1

UBBY VU 62

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle-shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Baby Jesus

What is this gift?

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG VU 69

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

The animals

What is this gift?

Jesus Our Brother vs 1, 6

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS VU 56

Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around him stood,
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

Thus all the beasts, by some good spell,
in the stable dark were glad to tell
of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,
the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

Angels

What is this gift?

Angels We Have Heard on High vs 1-3

GLORIA VU 38

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

Shepherds

What is this gift?

***While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* vs 1-4**

WINCHESTER OLD VU 75

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.
"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind.

"To you, in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid."

The Magi

What is this gift?

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Blessing the offering

The Star

What is this gift?

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT VU 67

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour 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.

Sharing the Light

***Joy to the World* vs 1, 2, 4**

ANTIOCH VU 59

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.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Benediction

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Go out into the starry night and remember what you have seen
and heard, and may the love of God surround you, the peace of
the Christ Child calm you, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
hold you and enfold you. Go forth rejoicing remembering that you
are a gift to all you meet! Go forth rejoicing that Christ has come!

Music to see us out

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