



## CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2011

Welcome

Prelude

Preparation for Worship

O God, you make us glad by 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 lies and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** Amen!

Pastor: Comfort, yes comfort My people! Says your God. Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned!

**People:** For she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Pastor: The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

**People:** Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Pastor: Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low;

**People:** The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;

Pastor: The glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

**People:** And all flesh shall see it together;

**Pastor:** For the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Amen!

**People:** Amen

Prayer

First Lesson: The Announcement in Eden: The First Promise of the Gospel, Genesis 3:8-15

\*The First Carol        *Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem (#271)*

The Second Lesson: Christ's Birth and Kingdom Foretold by the Prophet, Isaiah 7:14, 9:2, 6-7. 11:1-9

\*The Second Carol    *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (#197)*

The Third Lesson: The Prophet Micah Announces the Birthplace of Our Savior, Micah 5:2-4

\*The Third Carol        *O Little Town of Bethlehem (#201)*

The Fourth Lesson: Matthew tells of the Birth of Jesus, Matthew 1:18-25

\*The Fourth Carol        *Away in a Manger (#204)*

The Fifth Lesson: Luke Tells of the Birth of the Christ Child, Luke 2:1-7

\*The Fifth Carol        *Of The Father's Love Begotten (#162)*

The Sixth Lesson: The Shepherds are Told of the Birth of Jesus, Luke 2:8-12

\*The Sixth Carol        *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (#222)*

The Seventh Lesson: The Angels Proclaim Peace, and the Shepherds visit the House to See the Child Jesus. Luke 2:13-20

\*The Seventh Carol    *Hark the Herald Angels Sing! (#203)*

The Eighth Lesson: John describes the Mystery of the Incarnation, John 1:1-5, 14, 16-17

\*The Eighth Carol    *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (#193)*

Homily

The Ninth Lesson: John Exhorts Us to Love One Another, I John 4:7-11

(The reader will light a candle and will take the candle to the worshipers on the inside aisle of each row. For safety, we ask that you hold the lighted candles upright and dip the unlighted candle into the flame. The worshipers will share the flame until the whole sanctuary show the light of the candles.)

\*The Ninth Carol        *Silent Night! Holy Night! (#210)*

Prayer—Extinguish the Candles

Concluding Carol:        *O Come, All Ye Faithful (#208)*