



CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2017

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th'Incarnate Deity.

CHARLES WESLEY

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Wilbur Held

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship Isaiah 7:14, 26:3; Luke 2:14 Mr. Pendley

Minister: Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His Name *Immanuel*.

People: **You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.**

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

† The Hymn Medley

The Hymn No. 218 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE
(stanzas 1 and 4)

The Hymn No. 214 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA
(stanzas 1 and 3)

The Hymn No. 211 *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* GOD REST YOU MERRY
(stanzas 1-3)

† Congregation, please stand as able

The Apostles' Creed
(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

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Matthew 1:18-25
Page 1090 in the Pew Bible

ELLACOMBE

Words by Timothy Dudley-Smith

What songs are ours for singing to welcome Christmas Day!
Come, set the church bells ringing, come, hear the organ play!
Rejoice to tell the story, how in that cattle-stall
was born the Lord of glory, the Child to save us all.

What songs can mourners borrow, laments of grief and loss,
the broken heart of sorrow before that bitter cross?
While earth itself is shaken and darkness veils the skies,
rejected and forsaken, the Lord of glory died.

What songs we sing, rejoicing to welcome Eastertide,
with saints and angels voicing the praise of Him Who died!
From death's devouring prison behold Him strong to save,
the Lord of glory risen, in triumph from the grave.

Our song is never-ending, come, lift your voices high,
our earthbound worship blending with all the starry sky!
Give thanks for love amazing, and heartfelt homage pay,
the Lord of glory praising, the Child of Christmas Day!

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Solo Offertory *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child* spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes
Mollye Gunnells, *soprano*

The Interlude

*Children aged four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the service, please pick up your children from the
Children's Chapel in the Covenant Building (E-100).*

The Homily JOSEPH: TOUGH-MINDED BUT TENDER-HEARTED Mr. McRoberts

✠ The Hymn No. 224 *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

✠ The Closing Prayer

✠ The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, descend and rest in your hearts until the day breaks and all these shadows flee away. **AMEN.**

✠ The Quiet Reflection, Meditation, and Personal Application

✠ The Postlude Angels We Have Heard on High arr. Timothy Albrecht