



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2020: 1:00PM and 3:00PM

AS WE GATHER: Jesus as the Lord of the universe and the Son of God, has many names by which He is called. Each name gives us glimpses into who Christ is, what He came to do, and how He will come again on the Last Day. Each name also teaches us how we can call upon Jesus' name in faith by telling us more about who He is. In this Advent Sermon Series, "Hello, His Name Is," we will be exploring the most prominent names that Jesus is given throughout Scripture. Advent is a season when we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child, but it also is in preparation for Christ's Second Coming as we look forward to Christ's return on the Last Day. Philippians 2:10 states that on the last day "at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow..." What is this name that everyone will bow before when Christ returns? We will take a journey throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament learning what it means that Jesus' Name is...

PRELUDE *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* *(John Carter)*
Andrea Dahlman, keyboard

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #379, vs. 1,2,4 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory given! Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing! Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness

People: **Have seen a great light;**

Pastor: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

People: **On them has light shined.**

Pastor: For to us a child is born,

People: **To us a son is given;**

Pastor: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,

People: **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

HYMN OF PRAISE #361

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

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.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

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
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, in the wondrous events of our Savior's birth, You have fulfilled the promise You made through the prophets and delivered to us Your own Son as our Savior and Lord. Help us to meet Christ in the manger of His Word and altar and there to worship Him with joy and thanksgiving. Grant us to carry forth into our lives the wonder of this night and to keep in holy lives the song of the angels at His birth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit we honor one Lord, one God, now and to the end of the ages.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
³You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called*

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Carol of the Angels" (by Anna Laura Page)
Angela Bahr & Dave Wangerin

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-15

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second
chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN #368 *"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

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 heav'nly song? Refrain

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

SERMON *"Hello, His Name is....Savior"*
Pastor Adam Wolfe

HYMN OF THE DAY #380 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

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!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel! Refrain

Pastor: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

HYMN #363

"Silent Night"

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,
Heav'nly hosts . . .sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born!
Christ, the Savior, 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.

BENEDICTION

Luke 2:10-11

Pastor: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy
People: That will be for all the people.
Pastor: For unto you is born this day in the city of David
People: A Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #387

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, 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 world 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.

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Christmas Eve Orchestra

Paige Bartels, flute
Chuck Borth, clarinet
Jonah Felda, bass
Sandra Huenink, clarinet
Gail Kappeler, violin
Cathe Kuehn, trumpet
Randy Kuehn, percussion
Amelia Sitzberger, trombone
Annie Schmidt, viola
Gerry Thronson, tuba
Todd Wenzel, trumpet
Jackson Wisner, percussion
Trey Wisner, trombone

Heidi K. Graf, Director of Music, organ

Acolytes:

1:00PM: Sydney Knutson & Karli Molnau

3:00PM: Logan Neitzel & Alex Harshbarger

Crucifers:

1:00PM: Jackson Menzel

3:00PM: Andrew Harshbarger

Sound:

1:00PM: Pat Klug

3:00PM: Nathaniel Sitzberger

Elders:

1:00PM:

3:00PM: