

Christmas Eve 2023

A Service of Lessons & Carols

10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP

Read Responsively

Prayer for Advent

Leader: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Congregation: Those who look to him are radiant and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Congregation: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

Leader: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears towards their cry.
Let us call out in prayer together.

Congregation: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1, 27-28, 31; 2:15-17; 3:1-6, 8-15

CAROL Is He Worthy?

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:1-3, 9-18

CAROL The Blessing

THIRD LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

CAROL O Come, O Come Emmanuel

FOURTH LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9

CAROL God With Us

FIFTH LESSON Luke 1:26-38

CAROL Mary Did You Know?

SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

HOMILY Matt Seiter

"The Greatest Story that Ever Was"

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

John 8:12

(The Christ candle is lit, and a moment of silence is kept)

CAROL *Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful)*

SEVENTH LESSON Luke 2:8-20

CAROL Angels We Have Heard on High

EIGHTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

CAROL Worthy of It All/O Come All Ye Faithful

NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14

CAROL Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

CAROL Silent Night (Heavenly Peace)

BENEDICTION

