



Bethlehem

YET IN THY DARK STREETS SHINETH

Trinity Lutheran Church - Indio, CA

Advent Service,

December 118 2024 - 3PM

"Yet in Thy Dark Streets Shineth..."
A Service for Advent
Bethlehem

Advent Approach

Response from Matthew 2, Micah 5

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here. His coming rends the dark of night where shines the everlasting Light. God send the Light divine in our dark streets to shine!

- P: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem.*
- C: "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."**
- P: When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him. And calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.*
- C: "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:**
- P: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah;*
- C: for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"**

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Savior is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in mercy comes!
As once in humble Bethlehem his coming brought the light to them,
God send the Light divine in our dark streets to shine!

- P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come among us with great might, so that whatever is hindered by our sins may be speedily accomplished by your boundless grace and mercy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*
- C: Amen.**

A Psalm of David

Psalm 23 Solo by Bobbi Smith

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 10-13, 21-22

At Bethlehem young David is anointed Israel's future king.

Holy Gospel

Joh 7:37-44

The Messiah will come from David's town, Bethlehem.

Theme Hymn

O Little Town

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.

Homily

Canticle

The Angels' Gloria in Excelsis
Melody: French Carol

Let the praise of God increase--raise God's glory higher still!
And on earth to them be peace who receive the Lord's good will!
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Offerings & Prayers

P: O WISDOM, come!

C: You govern all creation with your strong yet tender care.

P: O holy Word of God:

C: Come; teach us; make us wise!

P: O SACRED LORD, come!

C: You showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Mount Sinai.

P: O Ruler of the house of Israel:

C: Stretch out your arm and save us!

P: O BRANCH OF JESSE, come!

C: Kings are silent in your presence and nations bow before you.

P: O Sign for all peoples:

C: Come quickly to deliver us!

P: O KEY OF DAVID, come!

C: You open and no one can close; you close and no one can open.

P: O Royal Power of Israel:

C: Break down the walls of prison death!

P: O RADIANT DAWN, come!

C: Shine on those who dwell in deadly darkness.

P: O Splendor of Eternal Light:

C: Arise and come, O Sun of Righteousness!

P: O KING OF THE NATIONS, come!

C: You are the only joy of every human heart; you bring together peoples long apart.

P: O Cornerstone:

C: Save us, whom you fashioned from the dust!

P: O EMMANUEL, come!

C: You are the King of creation, the Hope of all nations, the Savior of all.

P: O King and Lord:

C: God-with-us, come!

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Closing Hymn

O Little Town

O humble Lord from Nazareth, the blessed virgin's Son
Born to fulfill God's gracious will, thy will in us be done!
Lord, let thy saving splendor in brilliance now be seen
Till all the earth proclaim thy worth, beloved Nazarene!