

GATHERING "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Lasky

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "Messiah's Grand Entry" Rev. Roger Scott

*OPENING HYMNS

#220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

#234

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

(vs. 1,2,3 & 6)

*GREET ONE ANOTHER

PRAYER & MEDITATION

"CHRISTMAS PEACE"

PRAYERS OF ADORATION

UNISON PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Almighty, all powerful, all loving God we are lost. We have turned away from you and gone our own way. We have forsaken your word, we have silenced your voice, we have resisted your guidance. But in the desert of our lives, you came to us. So today we come to you. We turn around and walk towards you. As you are born into this world, we are born to new life. Thank you for saving us.

SILENT PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF PETITION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN #221 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

OFFERING

UNISON PRAYER **Holy One, as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, we seek to honor you with these monetary gifts. We know that**

everything in this world is a gift from you, O God, so we humbly return a generous portion of all that you've given us. We pray that these gifts may help this church to change people's lives and to spread your message of salvation. In the name of the Babe lying in the manger, we pray. Amen.

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Uehlein
DOXOLOGY #94

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14

"RETOONING THE CHRISTMAS STORY"

MESSAGE

"In The Flesh"

Pastor Paul Baudhuin

CLOSING HYMN #246 "Joy to the World"

*BLESSING

Leader: May the God of peace, hope, joy and love reign over you. May the Holy Spirit of power lead you. And may Jesus the Christ walk with you always. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

arr. Cherwien

JOHN 1:1-14 *The Word Became Flesh*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

MESSIAH'S GRAND ENTRY
by the Rev. Roger Scott

Hear me, my friends and relatives,
Hear me, all you people.

An honor is bestowed upon me to be the Master of Ceremony
to the greatest grand entry of all time.

You who walk in darkness, come to the arena where there
is great light.

The Messiah is making His way to the arena,
And His give-away to all is the good news
that will bring you much joy.

He is coming in from the east, wrapped in a star quilt
and cradled in His mother's arms.

Rise to your feet, all you people, in honor of the "Great One",
as the father and mother step to the beat of the drum.

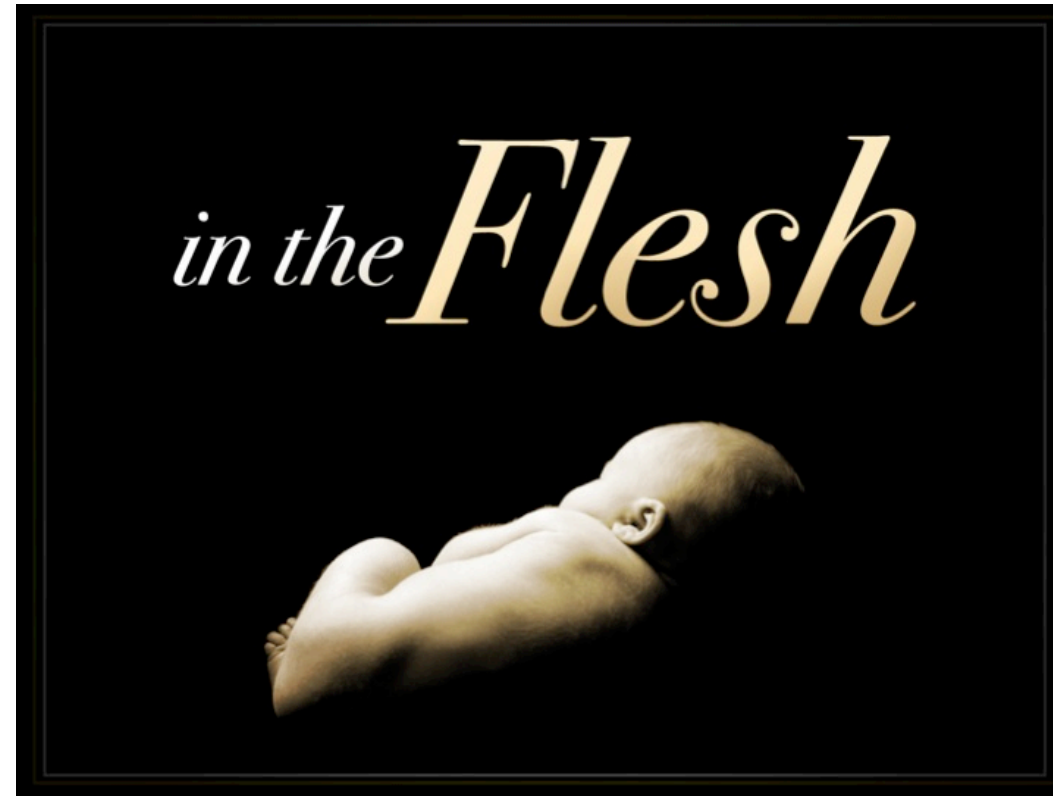
The song that is rendered has been composed
by heavenly hands.

Coming into the arena behind the child are a host
of heavenly angels, adorned in their ceremonial garments;
behind them are the family lineage of the child, followed by
our own ancestors, dressed in their finest regalia,
dancing proudly.

Come, all you people, let us enter the arena,
dance to the beat of His song;
our time has come to celebrate,
to greet the future with traditional dignity.

This sacred circle will make us one,
for unto us a Savior is born. (Luke 2:8-11)

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