*Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night

No. 145

- 1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child, holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,

glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia:

Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. 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.

(Raise your light)

4. Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light, with the angels let us sing, alleluia to our King; Christ, the Savior is born, Christ the Savior, is born.

*Benediction

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo
Dee Dee Gain, organ

Marcel Dupré

Join us tomorrow as we begin our Christmas Day worship by pealing the bells and singing "Joy to the World"



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Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Julia Jamieson

Dee Dee Gain

Greeting Michael E. Karunas

*Call To Worship Christina Campbell

Leader: If you are like Joseph, and you are seeking the truth,

People: There is room for you here.

Leader: If you are like Mary, and you are seeking rest,

People: There is a seat for you here.

Leader: If you are like the wise men, and you are looking

for a sign,

People: These candles are here for you.

Leader: If you are like the angels and cannot help but sing,

People: There is a melody for you here. Leader: Come in. You are in God's house.

People: There is love for all of us here.

*Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1, 3, 4) No. 144

*Invocation

Children's Message and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: This Advent we have waited. We have waited for family

to arrive.

People: We have waited, singing, "O Come, O Come

Emmanuel," and we have waited for the casseroles to

bake.

Leader: We have waited for snow to fall. We have waited in

grocery store check-out lines.

People: We have waited around fireplaces and around dinner

tables. We have waited to raise our candles.

Leader: We have waited to sing "Silent Night." We have waited

for the magic of this night.

People: And now the wait is over. It is Christmas, which means

God is here and you are loved.

Leader: May that truth change us. May it inspire us, challenge us, and burn in us like the light from these candles. For tonight we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love to remind us of our journey to this place. And to those

lights we add the Christ candle, for the wait is over.

All: Love is here! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Andrea Shartzer

Reading Matthew 1:18-23 Luke Kirby

Reading Luke 2:1-7 Jim Fitzpatrick

Carol Away in a Manger No. 147

Reading Luke 2:8-14 Gail Prince

Reading Luke 2:15-20 Shirley Swarthout

Carol What Child is This? (vs. 1, 3) No. 162

Reading John 1:1-5, 10-14 Janet Lyman

Anthem Still, Still, Still arr. Luboff

Meditation on the Meaning of Christmas

Invitation to Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer Vicky Woolridge

Communion Music What Child Is This

Dee Dee Gain & Julie Jamieson

Partaking of the Elements