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**Les Fenêtres de l'Avent 2023**  
**Open Air Carol Service**  
**Westlake Church Lausanne**

**1. 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 hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"*

Christ, by highest heaven 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.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"*

**2. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay!  
for Jesus Christ our saviour  
was born on Christmas Day,  
to save us all from Satan's power  
when we had gone astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

At Bethlehem in Israel  
this blessed babe was born;  
and laid within a manger  
on this most happy morn,  
at which his mother Mary  
did neither fear nor scorn:

From God our heavenly Father  
a holy angel came;  
the shepherds saw the glory  
and heard the voice proclaim  
that Christ was born in Bethlehem  
and Jesus was his name:

Fear not, then said the angel,  
let nothing cause you fright;  
to you is born a saviour  
in David's town tonight,  
to free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's power and might:

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
all you within this place!  
with true love and fellowship  
each other now embrace,  
and let this Christmas festival  
all bitterness displace:

### 3. 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,  
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour 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!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing  
"Alleluia" to our King:  
"Christ the Saviour is born!  
Christ the Saviour is born."

### 4. Angels from the Realms

Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight through all the earth;  
Heralds of creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth!

*Come and worship  
Christ, the new-born king;  
Come and worship,  
Worship Christ the new-born king.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching by your flocks at night,  
God with us is now residing:  
See, there shines the infant light!

*Come and worship....*

Wise men, leave your contemplations!  
Brighter visions shine afar;  
Seek in him the hope of nations,  
You have seen his rising star:

*Come and worship....*

Though an infant now we view him,  
He will share his Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to him;  
Every knee shall then bow down:

*Come and worship....*

## 5. See Amid the Winters' Snow

See amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below;  
See the Lamb of God appears  
Promised from eternal years.

*Hail thou ever blessed morn!  
Hail redemption's happy dawn!  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
Christ is born in Bethlehem*

Lo within a manger lies,  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who throned in height sublime  
Sits amid the cherubim.

*Hail thou ever blessed morn...*

Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
What your joyful news today,  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?

*Hail thou ever blessed morn...*

As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light,  
Angels singing peace on earth,  
Told us of the Saviour's birth.

*Hail thou ever blessed morn...*

Sacred Infant all divine,  
What a tender love was Thine;  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this.

*Hail thou ever blessed morn...*

Teach, O teach us holy Child  
By Thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble Thee,  
In Thy sweet humility.

*Hail thou ever blessed morn...*

## 6. O Holy Night

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;

*Fall on your knees,  
O, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine,  
O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night,  
O night divine!*

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our Friend;

*He knows our need,  
To our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King,  
Before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King,  
Before Him lowly bend!*

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace;  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our  
brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise  
we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name;

*Christ is the Lord,  
O, praise His name forever!  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim!  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim!*

# The Promises of Advent

## *First Reading: Matthew 1:18-25.*

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

## *Second Reading: Luke 1:26–38*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

## *Third Reading: Micah 5:2-5*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.  
And he shall be their peace.