

# Love Came Down



*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.  
James 1:17*

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## CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30PM

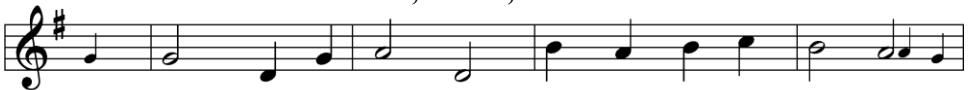
### CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH CONOVER, NC

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*We stand.*

**OPENING HYMN “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” 379**



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come\_\_\_ ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to Thee\_\_\_ be\_\_\_ glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God\_\_\_ In\_\_\_ the\_\_\_ high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,



O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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## INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, prepare our hearts to worship now. Fill us with joy as we celebrate that Love came down at Christmas – that Jesus, our Savior, was born at Christmas. Help us always treasure Your great love and share the news of Christ’s birth with others.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

## PART 1: HOPE COMES DOWN

### HYMN

### “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

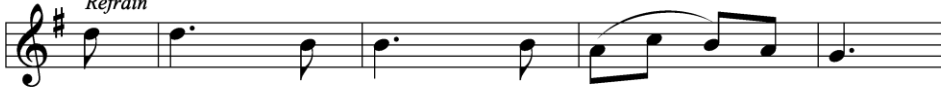


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## PART 2: JOY COMES DOWN

**FINGERPLAY**

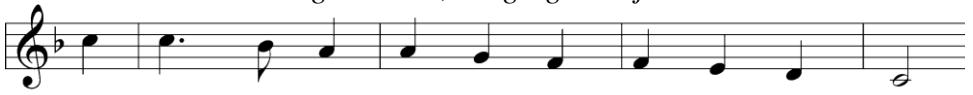
“Joy Came Down at Christmas”

**THE SONG**

“Away in a Manger”

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*Children sing stanza 1, congregation joins on st. 2-3.*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the sky \_\_\_\_\_ looked down where He lay,  
I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Thy ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
And take us to heav - en to live with Thee there.

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**FINGERPLAY**

“Here is Baby Jesus”

**HYMN****“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”****380**

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.  
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”  
 Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King!”

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**PART 3: PEACE COMES DOWN**

*We stand.*

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** In the silence of this moment, let us prepare ourselves, and confess our sin to God.

*Silence for reflection.*

P Holy and gracious God,

**C I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

P In the silence of this night, by the mercy of God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and joy.

**C Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*We sit.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	361
“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”	366
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## **PART 4: LOVE COMES DOWN**

### **CHILDREN'S SONG**

“One Night in Bethlehem”

*We stand.*

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**P** Lord God, we praise You that in infinite love You sent Jesus – our hope, our joy, and our peace. Help us celebrate Your gifts to us this Christmas and always. Open our eyes to see the many opportunities You give us to tell others the wonderful news that Jesus is our Savior and Lord. In His name we pray.

**C Amen.**

### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

*The Pastor gives light to the ushers, they in turn give light to the first worshipper in each pew, who passes it on. (please tip only your unlit candle to receive the flame.)*

### **HYMN “Silent Night, Holy 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, Heav’nly hosts sing, Alleluia!**  
*Raise candle:* **CHRIST, THE SAVIOR, IS BORN!  
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**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **THE BIDDING**

Children: *Jesus is Born! Merry Christmas!*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Joy to the World”**

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -  
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions



King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings  
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -



room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His



sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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**POSTLUDE**