



## Christmas Eve 2021

### **Hymn # 36 “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”**

#### Advent and Christ Candle Lighting:

We gather...

*(All candles are lit)*

One: Arise and celebrate: God loves the world, a child is born.

**All: The glow of the Divine lightens our hearts like an infant stepping to love.**

One: Here we are together in a world caught between anxiety and hope, celebrating what God has done in Christ. We will never be alone. May our remembering and celebrating change how we live and open our hearts and communities, so that all can together live and share in fullness of life.

*We listen...*

The Story

**All: Because God loves, holiness continues to break into the messiness of our lives.**

We pray...

God-always-with-us, we thank you for your love that keeps faith with and encourages us to imagine a world where the power of love can loosen the grip on restrictive ways to embrace a new life of flourishing possibilities. Through Jesus, stir us by the light of your love so that we may return to your way of fullness of life you intend for all.

**Solo ~ “A Wondrous Story”**

**-Hannah Cole**

#### Call To Worship:

Hush...hush...listen...Can you hear it?

**Hear what?**

A mother’s tears. A father’s sigh of relief.

The hustle and bustle of the night.

Hush...hush...listen...

Can you hear it?

**Hear what?**

The rhythm of your heart.

The blessing of your neighbour.

The cry of the newborn child.

Can you hear it?

**We hear in the silent places and in the songs of praise, in the peace of the night and in the chaos of the morning, in this place and in all places, we hear God’s love.**

Alive!

**Abundant!**

For all!

#### Opening Prayer:

Be still this holy night,

Be still in this sacred time and place, on this night of great joy.

Be still and let your spirit stir.

We are in the presence of God.

Let the whole world rejoice in the newborn King. Amen.

### **Choir Anthem ~ “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”**

*Communion*

**Hymn # 60 “O Come All Ye Faithful” (verses. 1,3,5)**

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 1-20

**Choir Anthem ~ “Cradle Carol”**

Meditation

### **Hymn # 44 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

Christmas Prayer

#### Christmas Blessing:

And as we leave this time of worship, from this house to yours, may you feel God’s love, come to us in Jesus the Christ child, and may the hope, peace, joy and love of Christmas be with you now and always. Amen.

### **Choir Anthem ~ “Night of The Father’s Love”**