

CHRISTMAS DAY

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Sharing Christ's Light Daily

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Prelude

Brandenburg Concerto III, Movement 1

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

Away in a Manger

ELW 277,278

*verse 1 ELW 278, verse 2 ELW 277, verse 3 ELW 278

Prayer of the Day

P: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Reading

John 1:1-14

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 overtake 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.

Meditation

Pastor Dan Smith

Christmas Concerto

Arcangelo Corelli

Fiddling after Forty

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, your son is truly among us today. God in flesh, he is our brother. As a model of the godly life, he will lead us on a path to you and to everlasting life, and from this day forward, he will dwell with us, and we will never be alone again. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: Music is the universal language, and we can all hear your word when we listen to music. We are thankful for chamber orchestras, rappers, bluegrass bands, opera companies, country singers, modern jazz combos, and church musicians. Be with those who feel you moving in their hearts when they hit that high note in the soprano section or play a crystal clear tone on the violin or jam together on the perfect improvisational piece. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: Lord you have a special place in your heart for music instructors. They are a gift to the 5-year-old Suzuki violinist, the 4th grade budding clarinetist, the marching tuba player, the teenager playing Wild Thing on the electric guitar after only one lesson, or the opera prodigy who needs support to make it professionally. All students of music feel your presence when they learn from a good teacher. Continue to give music teachers patience and help them to see the virtuoso in all their students. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

other prayers offered here...

The Lords Prayer

P Gathered by the Spirit into one body, let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught:

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Joy to the World

ELW 267

Postlude

Brandenburg Concerto III, Movement 3

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