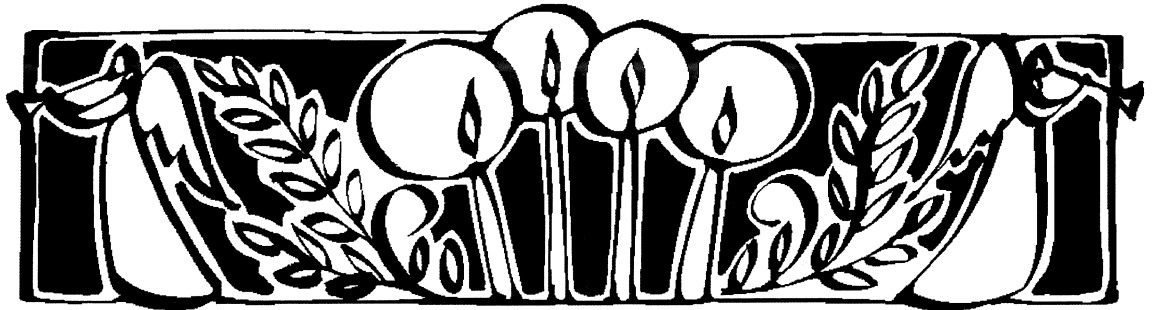




Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

December 25, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Nativity of
our Lord
December 25



Christmas Day Worship Service

PRELUDE

Unto Us a Child is Born

R. Haan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria

GLORIA CUECA

THE GREETINGS OF CHRISTMAS!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#182 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

G Am G D G D G C G D D Em

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

A7 E D A D G B D F# G D A A7 D

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

G B Am G D7 A G D F# G Em Am C D

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain
 G D G D7 G D G D7 G D

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is irregular. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. Above the treble staff, there are guitar chord symbols: G, D7/A, G, D/F#, A7/E, D, G/B, C, G/D, D, and G. The lyrics are: "O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord."

WORDS: Attr. John F. Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)
 MUSIC: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irregular

LITANY OF PRAISE (adapted from Psalm 96)

Voice 1: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Many: Sing to the Lord and bless the Lord's name,
 tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Voice 2: Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations,
 and God's marvelous works among all peoples.

**Many: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
 the Lord reigns above all gods.**

Voice 3: Oh, the honor and majesty of the Lord's presence!
 The strength and beauty of God's sanctuary!

**Many: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the nations,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Voice 4: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice;
 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
 Let the fields exult, and everything in them.

**Many: Let the trees of the forest sing for joy,
 let all creation rejoice;
 the Lord arrives, the Lord brings righteousness
 to the earth and to all peoples.**

Voice 5: Holy One, newborn life and light,
 we sing our new songs of love and joy.

**ALL: "God with us," we worship you,
 glory to God in the highest!**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. (Isaiah 9:2)

Redeeming God, born anew to us today, we confess that we have walked in darkness with our eyes closed to your goodness and our hearts clouded by sin and selfishness. Forgive us.

Shine on us, light of all lights.

On this Christmas morning,

dispel the darkness in our hearts

that we may come joyfully into the light that is Christ.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

ACTS OF PRAISE

A Reading from Luke's Gospel with Carols

Act I: Luke 2:1-7

Anthem: Sleep, Little Sweet Jesus

W. Hatch

Act II: Luke 2:8-14

***Carol #189 Angels From the Realms**

REGENT SQUARE

Bb Bb/D Bb Bb/F F/Eb Bb/D Eb Bb/D Gm F/A F7 Bb

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,

Bb/F Bb/D Bb F7/C Gm/D D Gm D Gm/Bb Gm F/C C7 F

you who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 seek the great De - sire of na - tions, you have seen the na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

F Bb Eb Cm Bb/D Cm/Eb Gm Fsus F7 Bb

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854) REGENT SQUARE
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879) 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Act III: Luke 2:15-16

*Carol # 200 While by the Sheep

JÜNGST

N.C. $\frac{Bb}{D}$ Eb $\frac{F7}{C}$ Bb Gm Dm Eb Bb

1 While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid - ings brought an
 2 There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le - hem a
 3 There shall the Child lie in a stall, this Child who shall re -
 4 This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, that ev - er joy our

Eb F7 Bb Gm D D7 Gm D Gm

an - gel bright.
 Child to - day.
 deem us all. How great our joy! Great our joy!
 hearts shall fill.

Gm F Bb Gm F Bb $\frac{F7}{A}$ Bb D7 Eb

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

$\frac{Adim}{C}$ D7 Gm Bb $\frac{Adim7}{C}$ Gm D7 Eb $\frac{Adim}{C}$ D7 Gm

heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

Act IV: Luke 2:17-20

*Carol #218 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO, TELL IT

Refrain (Unison)

F Bb F Dm Gm $\frac{Bb}{C}$ C F $\frac{Bb}{C}$

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery-where;

F Bb F Dm Bb6 $\frac{Bb}{C}$ C7 (C) F (C)

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

Parts

F $\frac{C7}{G}$ F A F A Gm $\frac{Bb}{C}$ C7 F

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

F $\frac{Am7}{E}$ Dm7 G G7 C $\frac{C7}{E}$

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Rev. Ryan Sato

CHORAL REFLECTION

The Work of Christmas

D. Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Living God,
may the worship we have shared this Christmas
lead to acts of service which transform people's lives;

may the carols we have sung this Christmas
help others to sing, even in their sadness;

may the gifts we have exchanged this Christmas
...the gifts we will give and receive even this day,
deepen our spirit of giving throughout the year;

may the candles we have lit this Christmas
remind us that you intend no one to live in darkness;

may the new people we have met this Christmas
remind us that we meet you in our neighbours;

may the gathering together of family and friends this Christmas
make us appreciate anew the gift of loved ones;

may the stories we have told again this Christmas
be good news of great joy to us and all people on our lips and in our lives;

may the ways you have come close to us this Christmas
not be forgotten but, hidden in our memories,
may they be a well-spring of mercy... to life us when times are painful
and humble us when things go well.

ALL:
CREATOR GOD,
You are our life,
our light and our salvation
this season and always
because of Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

My Lord Has Come

W. Todd

Adrienne Sitko, soprano

*Offertory Response:

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh.

Come peasant, king, to own him;

The King of kings salvation brings,

let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#179 Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; let all 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

Chords: D, Em/G, D/A, A7, D, D/F#, G, A

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

Chords: D, G/D, D, G/D, D

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 (1) and heaven and na - ture sing,

Chords: A7, D, G/D, D, Em/G, D/A, A7, D

sing, and heaven, and heaven 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.
 heaven and na - ture sing,

WORDS: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

MUSIC: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

ANTIOCH
 C.M.Repeats

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the Church into the World. . . begins again this week

POSTLUDE

Festive Recessional on JOY TO THE WORLD

F. Bräuer

***Please stand if you are able.**