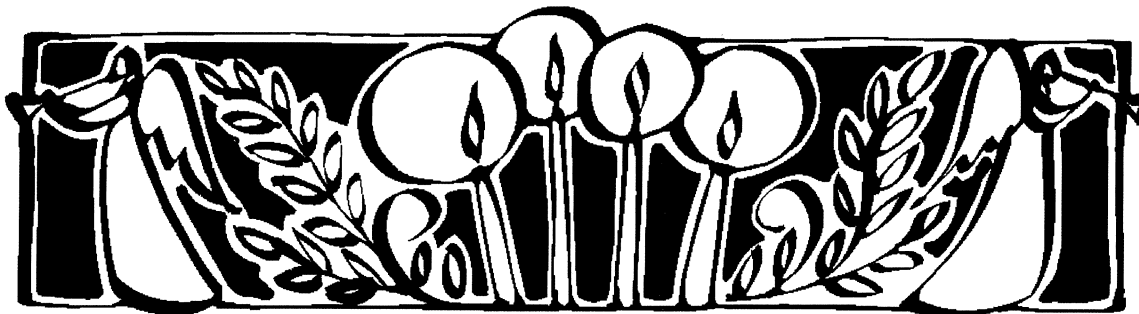




*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

January 1, 2023 11:00 a.m.

First  
Sunday after  
Christmas



**PRELUDE**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

A. Vivian

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**INTROIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#173 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

D                      Em    D                      D                      D                      G                      A

G                      A                      F#

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

D                      G    D                      G    D

D                      D                      D                      D

King; let ev-ery heart pre-pare him room,  
 ploy; 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,

D                      A

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

A7                      D                      G    D                      D                      Em    D                      A7                      D

G                      A                      G

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,

## **\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God our Creator, your faithfulness is great.  
The seasons of the earth praise you in their turn.  
The sun, the moon, and the stars shout,  
“God is great!”

But we fail you:

We turn away from your presence.

We change with the prevailing wind.

Our compassion for others is fleeting.

Faithful God, forgive us and give us your peace;  
bless us with new mercies morning by morning  
that we may share your steadfast love...

(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.

## **FIRST TESTAMENT READING**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Pages 683-684, 1st half of the NRSV Bible


Response to the reading: “Thanks be to God”

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#198 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice


IN DULCI JUBILO

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




1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

$\frac{F}{A}$  Bb C C7 F C7 F  $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F  $\frac{Gm}{F}$  F



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this;  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save;

$\frac{F}{A}$  Bb  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{G}$  F C7 Dm  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F  $\frac{Gm}{F}$  F



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 he has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Dm F A7sus E A7 E Dm C F Dm Gm7 Bb C F

Christ is born to-day!  
 Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save!

Christ is born to-day!  
 Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save!

WORDS: Latin carol, 14th c.; tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
 MUSIC: German melody, 14th c.

IN DULCI JUBILO  
 Irregular

## SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:1-6

Page 282, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

## \*HYMN OF APPROACH

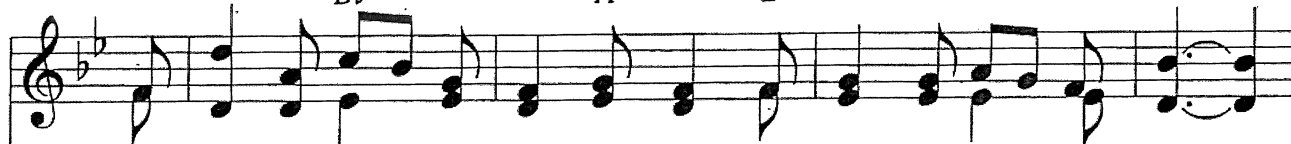
#191 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

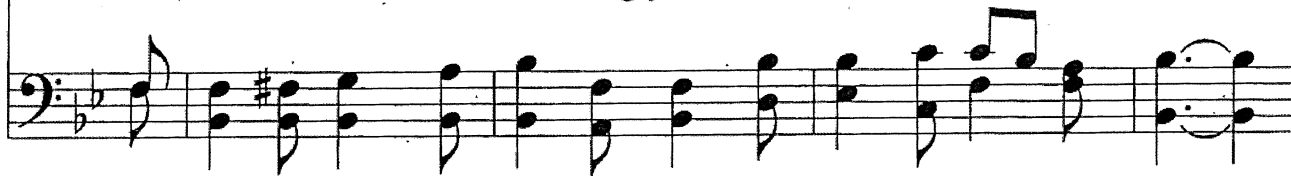
Bb Bb+ Eb Bb F9 Bb Eb Eb C7 C7 F

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,

N.C. B $\flat$  B $\flat$ +  $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F9}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{B\flat}{D}$  E $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
when, with the ev - er - cir - cling years, shall come the time fore - told,



N.C. D  $\frac{D}{C}$   $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$  D Gm  $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C7 F



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, from heaven's all gra - cious King":  
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



F7 B $\flat$  B $\flat$ +  $\frac{E\flat}{B\flat}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{F9}{A}$  B $\flat$   $\frac{B\flat}{D}$  E $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$



the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



WORDS: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876)  
MUSIC: Richard S. Willis (1819-1900)

CAROL  
C.M.D.

## **GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

**\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty**

**from there he shall come to judge**

**the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic\* Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time*

## **WORDS OF SHARING**

One: In an upper room, with his friends,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it.  
He gave it to his friends, and asked them to remember him.  
He picked up a cup of wine,  
he poured it out and shared it.  
Again, he gave thanks and asked his friends to remember him.  
"Do this in remembrance of me."

**Many: We now remember Jesus**

**-- his life of love and forgiveness  
-- how he gathered little children and blessed them  
-- how he cared for the sick and healed them  
-- how he invited people like us to be his followers  
-- how he promised to come alongside us  
in sadness and gladness,  
and be with us always.**

One: We gather today, around this table and many tables.  
Some of us separated by distance but united  
by the Spirit of God.

***All: As we eat the bread and drink the cup,  
may the risen Christ fill our bodies  
so we might be the hands, feet and voice  
of Jesus to a world that needs to be  
healed and loved.***

**The Bread**

**The Cup**

*All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate*

## **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

Sussex Carol

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

T. Shaw

**\*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!**




# \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#185 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

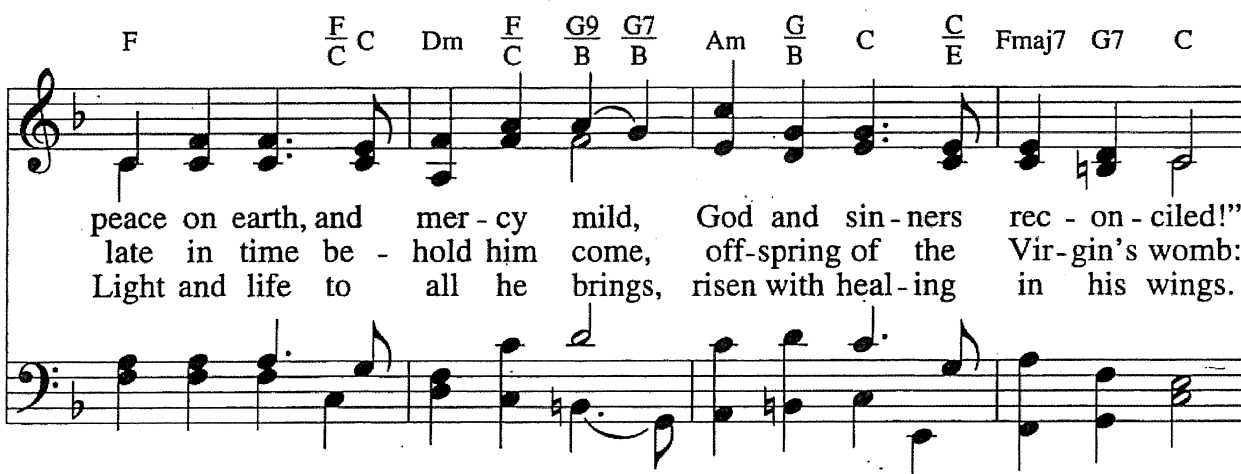
MENDELSSOHN

F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C  $\frac{F}{A}$  Am B $\flat$ 2  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{C}$  C F



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King:  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C Dm  $\frac{F}{C}$   $\frac{G9}{B}$   $\frac{G7}{B}$  Am  $\frac{G}{B}$  C  $\frac{C}{E}$  Fmaj7 G7 C



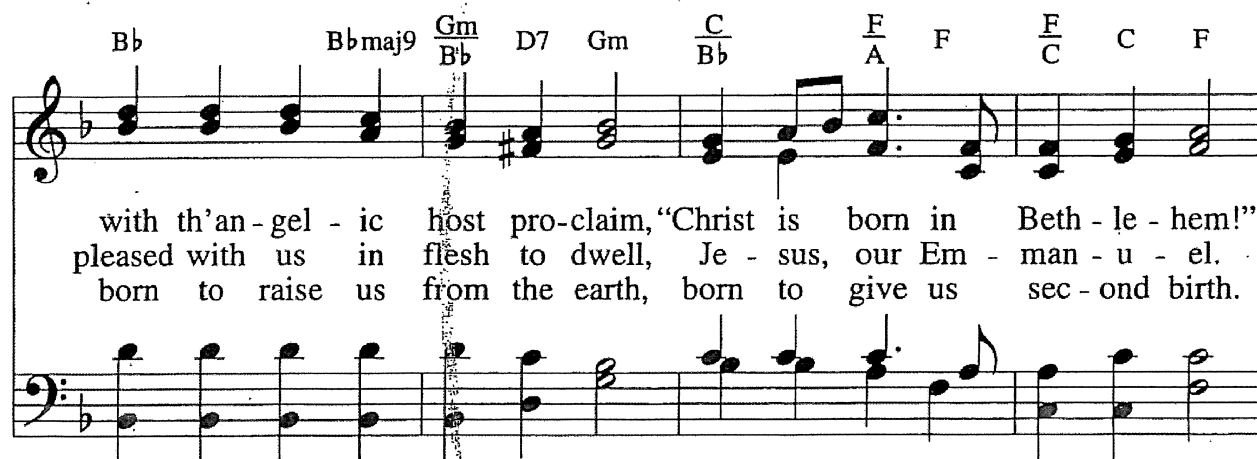
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of the Vir - gin's womb:  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

N.C.  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C N.C.  $\frac{F}{A}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

B $\flat$  B $\flat$ maj9  $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$  D7 Gm  $\frac{C}{Bb}$   $\frac{F}{A}$  F  $\frac{F}{C}$  C F



with th'an - gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

B $\flat$  B $\flat$  maj9 G $\flat$  B $\flat$  D G $\flat$  G $\flat$  F C E C B $\flat$  F A F F C C7 F

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King."

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

MENDELSSOHN  
7.7.7.7.D.

### **\*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**

In dulci jubilo

\*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Worship Leading: Rev. Amanda Strain

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