

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

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

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,

G D7 G D A7 D G C G D G
 A F# E B C D

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

***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 (Covenant Service of the Methodist Church)

For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ,
reluctant to follow him, and afraid to bear the cross:
Lord, have mercy.

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship,
the formality and selfishness of our prayers,
our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,
and our hesitating witness for Christ:
Lord, have mercy.

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts,
evade our responsibilities,
and fail to be good stewards of your creation:
Lord, have mercy.

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good,
tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn,
and selfish in sharing your love with others:
Lord, have mercy.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

R. Goodson

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 148

Pages 645-646, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE READING

One: In this Christmas season,
we join Mary in praising God.

Many: God's mercy is for all generations.

One: We join Zechariah in praising God.

Many: God has looked favourably on God's people and redeemed them.

One: We join the angels in praising God.

Many: Glory to God in the highest heaven.

One: We join Simeon in praising God.

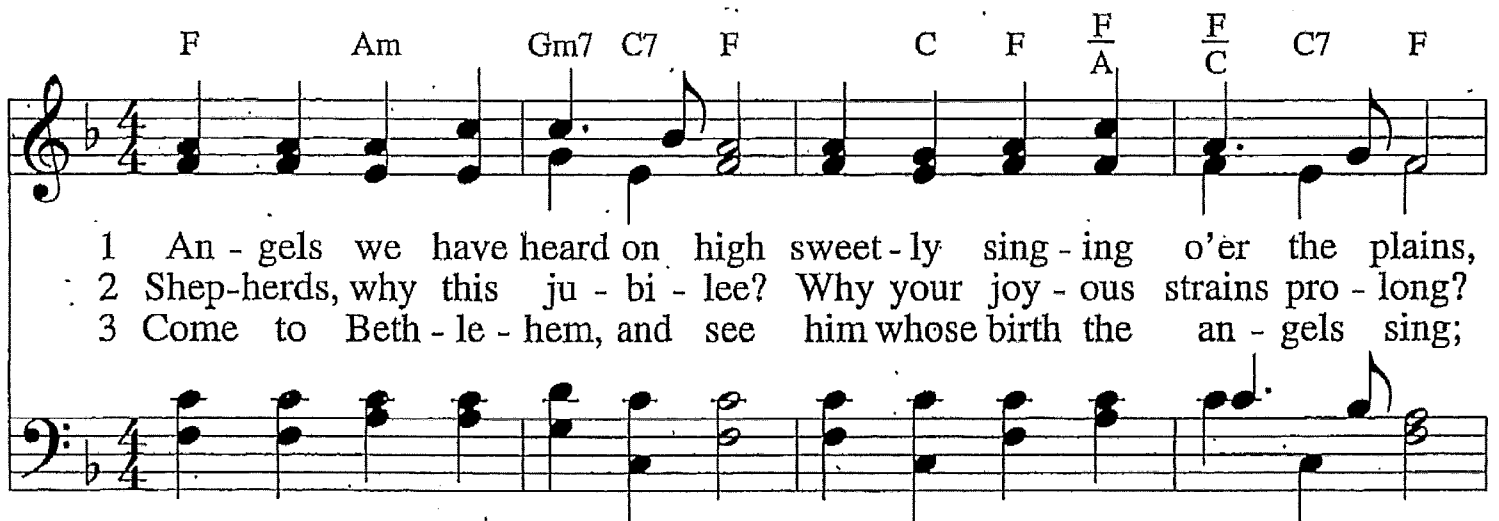
Many: We have seen God's salvation.

**All: Praise the name of the LORD,
for God's name alone is exalted.**

*CAROL OF PRAISE

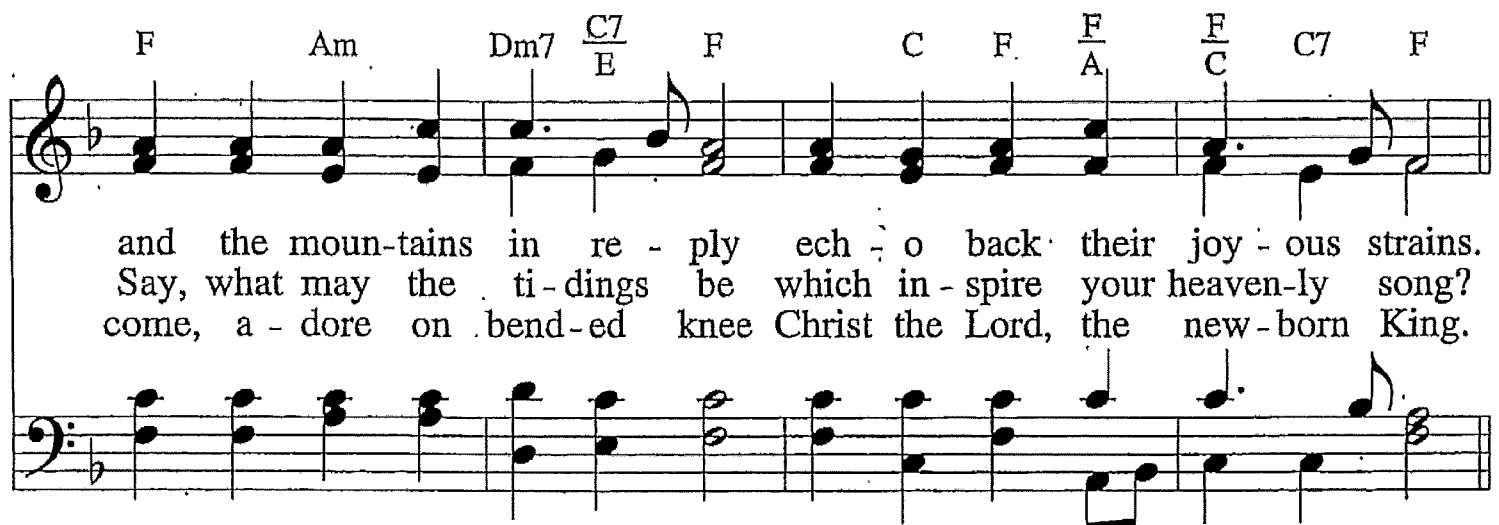
#188 Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA



F Am Gm7 C7 F C F F/A F/C C7 F

1 An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem, and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



F Am Dm7 C7/E F C F F/A F/C C7 F

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
Say, what may the ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

F Dm Gm7 C Fmaj7 Bb $\frac{C}{E}$ C

Glo ri - a

$\frac{F}{A}$ C F Bb $\frac{F}{C}$ C F Dm Gm7 C

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo

Fmaj7 Bb $\frac{C}{E}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ C F Bb $\frac{F}{C}$ C7 -F

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

WORDS and MUSIC: French carol, 18th c.

GLORIA
7.7.7.7.Ref.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CAROL OF MEDITATION**

#208 Oh, How Joyfully

SICILIAN MARINERS

Unison D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D

1 Oh, how joy - ful - ly, oh, how hope - ful - ly,
 2 Oh, how joy - ful - ly, oh, how peace - ful - ly,
 3 Oh, how joy - ful - ly, oh, how thank - ful - ly,

$\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{E7}{B}$ A D $\frac{A}{E}$ E7 A $\frac{A}{G}$ Em $\frac{A7}{C\#}$

waits the world on Christ - mas Eve! Love comes heal - ing,
 sleeps the world on Christ - mas Night! Sins are cov - ered,
 wakes the world on Christ - mas Morn! God has spo - ken,

D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A}{G}$ $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

God re - veal - ing. Friends, be joy - ful and be - lieve!
 grace dis - cov - ered. In our dark - ness shines the light!
 death is bro - ken. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is born!

WORDS: Brian Wren (1936-)
 MUSIC: Steiltian melody, 18th c.
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SICILIAN MARINERS
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SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Luke 2:22-40

*First Nations Version: An Indigenous
 Translation of the New Testament*

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. N. Rawsthorne

*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

*CAROL 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,
 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,

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,

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

Sussex Carol

arr. D. Wood

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Writing & Worship Leading - Jo-Ann Badley, Debbie Benson;
Prayers of the People - Grant McIntyre, read by Allan Effa;
Readers - Ken Badley, Christina Ward;
Guest Organist - Lori Klingbeil;
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— FBC Council

