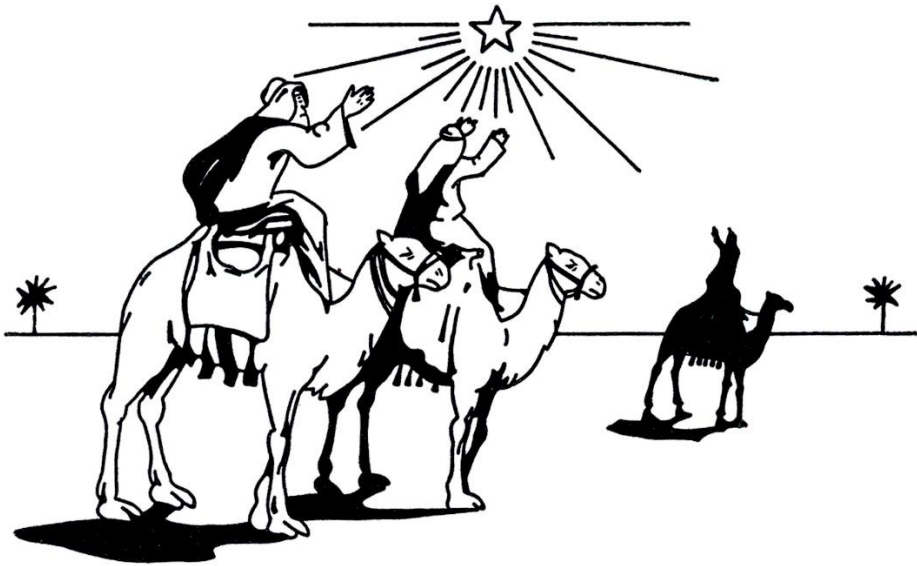


The Eighth Day of Christmas
January 1, 2023
10:00am



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Each year as the sun sets on Christmas Eve and Advent comes to a close, **Christmas** or the **Season of the Nativity of our Lord** commences for Christians who observe the liturgical calendar. **Christmas** culminates in **Epiphany** twelve days later (hence the popular secular carol: *The Twelve Days of Christmas*). The Day of **Epiphany** on January 6th concludes the cycle, commemorating the visit to the Christ Child by the Magi (Three Kings) from the East.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

PRELUDE

Il est nè (He Is Born), a French carol

Wood

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(please stand as you're able)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy, grace, love, and forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

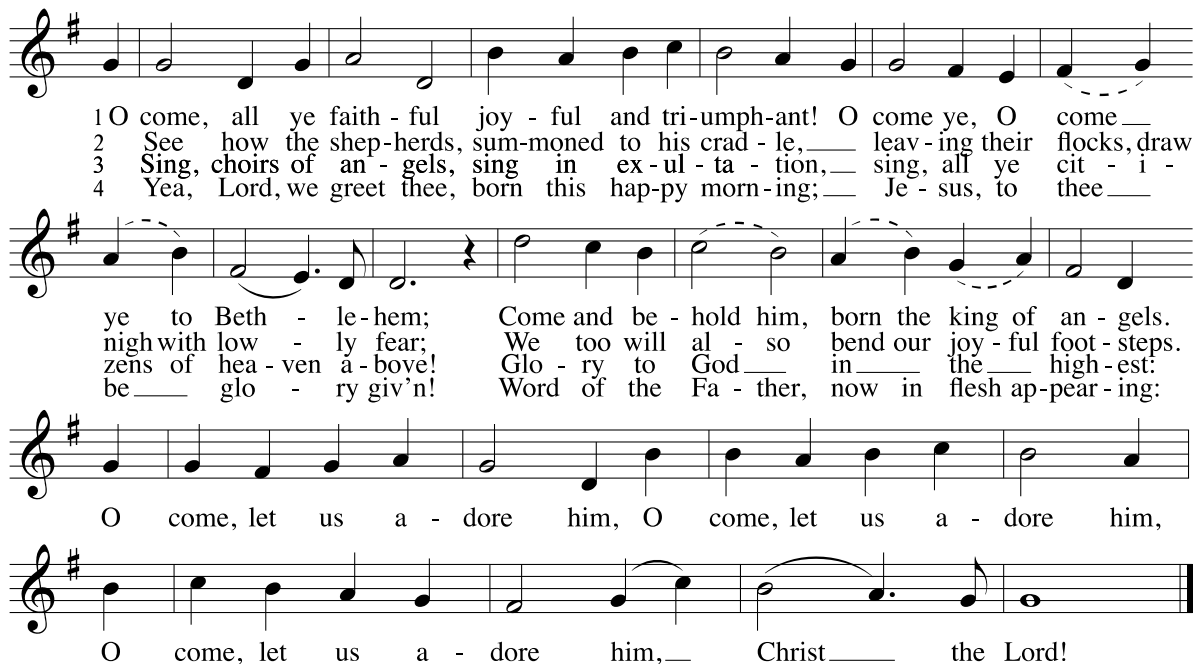
Merciful God,

we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to begin anew. Amen.

Dear People of God, hear the good news:

Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL CAROL O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith-ful joy-ful and tri-umph-ant! O come ye, O come
2 See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his crad-le, leav-ing their flocks, draw
3 Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, sing, all ye cit-i-
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-sus, to thee

ye to Beth-le-hem; Come and be-hold him, born the king of an-gels.
nigh with low-ly fear; We too will al-so bend our joy-ful foot-steps.
zens of hea-ven a-bove! Glo-ry to God in the high-est:
be glo-ry giv'n! Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-pear-ing:

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

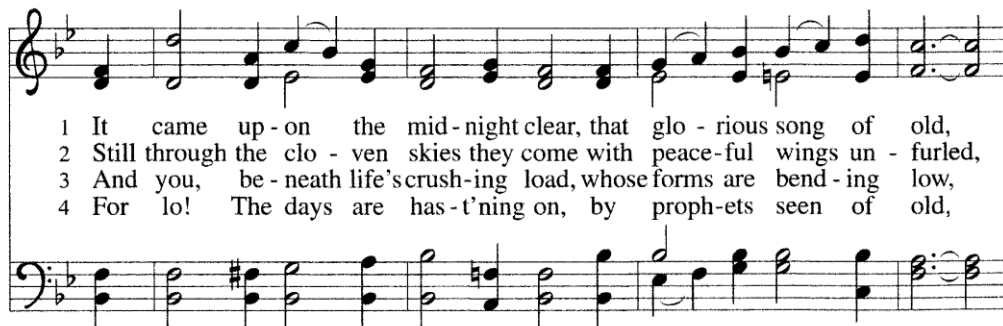
CHRISTMAS GREETING

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all. **And also with you.**

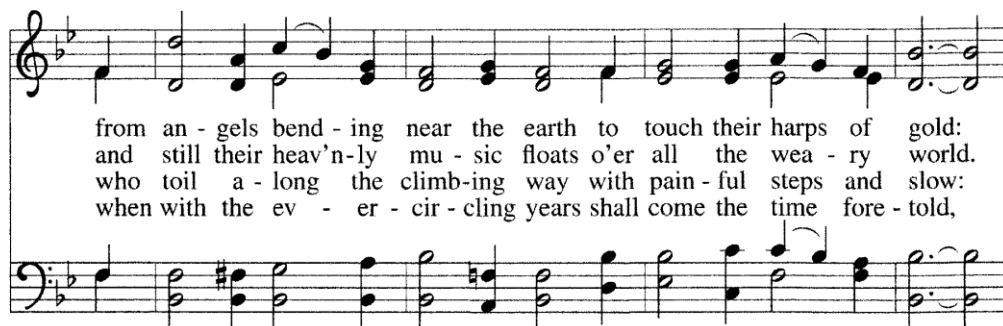
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** (*please be seated*)

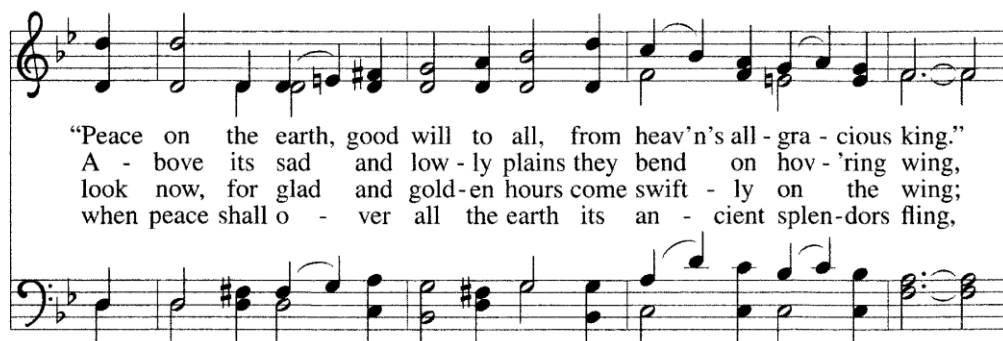
CAROL #282 It Came upon the Midnight Clear Stanza 3 Solo



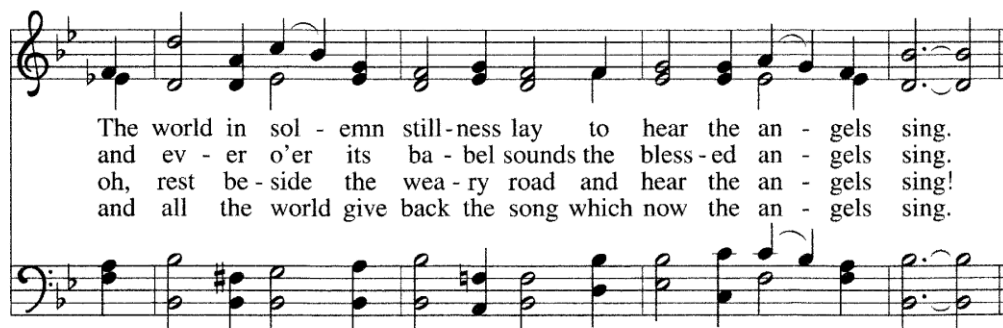
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



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.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

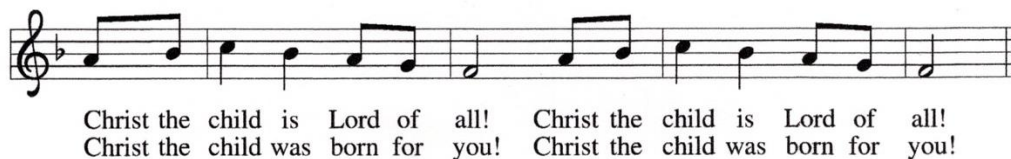
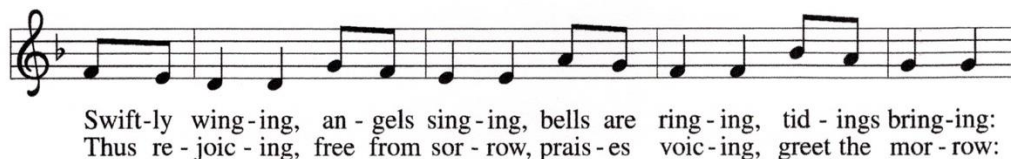
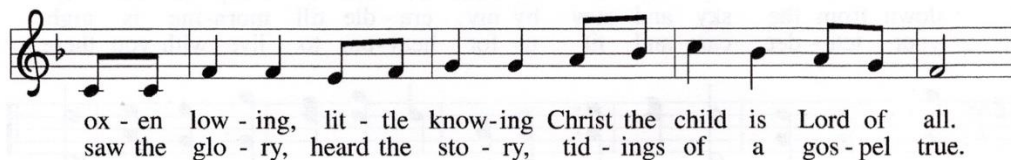
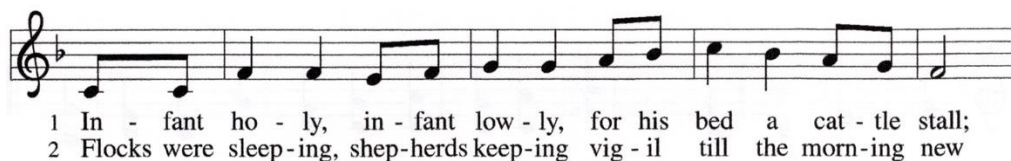
God does not delegate divine intervention to a messenger or an angel. God's own presence brings salvation. The prophet and all who read these words join in celebrating God's gracious deeds. God trusts that the people will not act falsely.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 63:7-9

Reader: Christa Brombaugh

⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. ⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior ⁹in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL #276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



Through Jesus' suffering and death, the trail to eternal salvation has been blazed for us. We do not fear death, because he has conquered the power of death. Thus Christ, our merciful and faithful high priest, has the final say over the destiny of our lives.

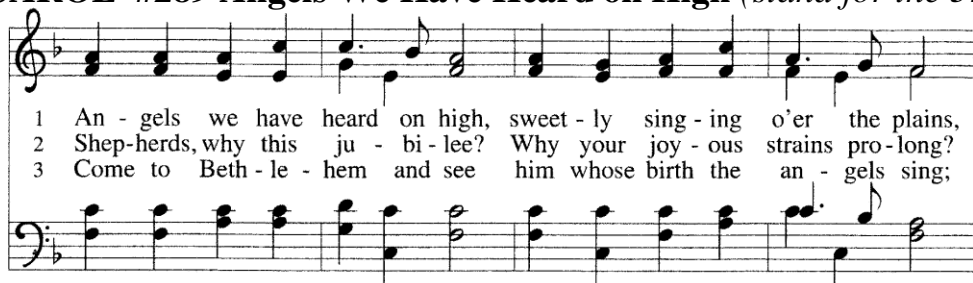
SECOND LESSON Hebrews 2:10-18

Reader: Christa Brombaugh

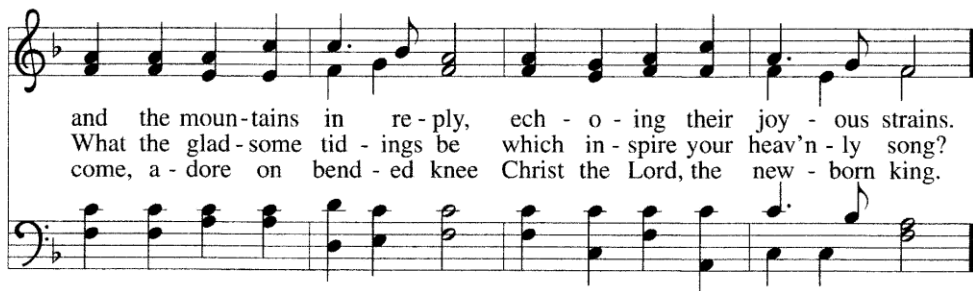
¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." ¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL #289 Angels We Have Heard on High (*stand for the 3rd stanza*)



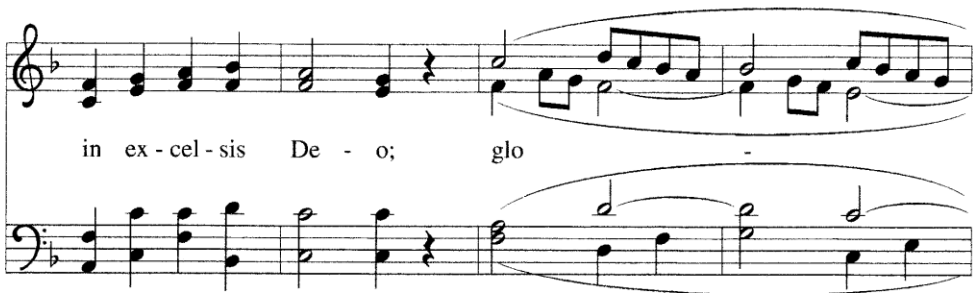
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



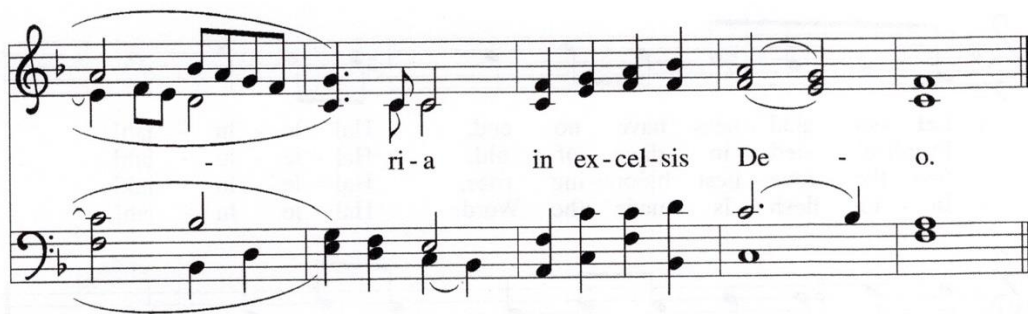
and the moun-tains in re-ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Refrain
 Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” ¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” ¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CAROL OF THE DAY #290 Go Tell It on the Mountain (*please stand*)

Refrain



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



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



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 lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



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.

Refrain



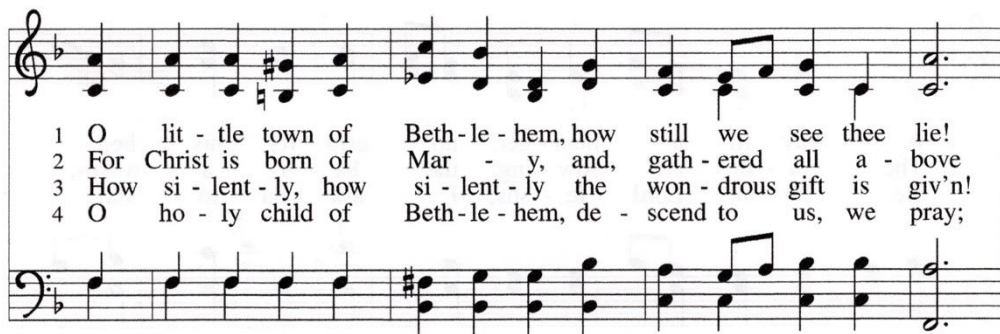
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*please be seated*)

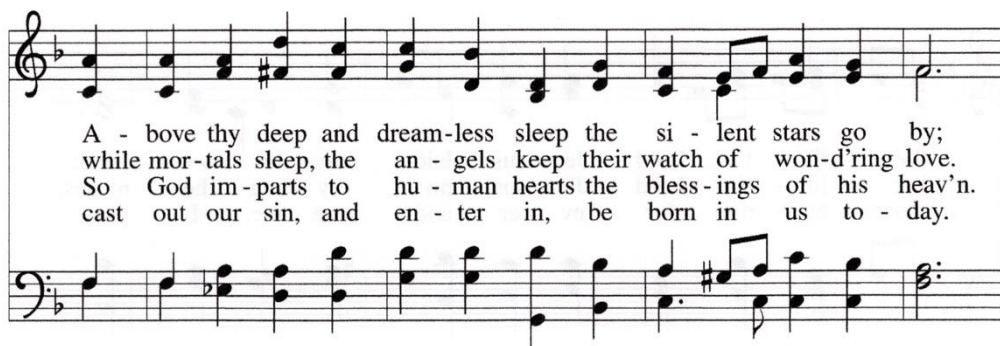
OFFERING 'Cold December Flies Away'

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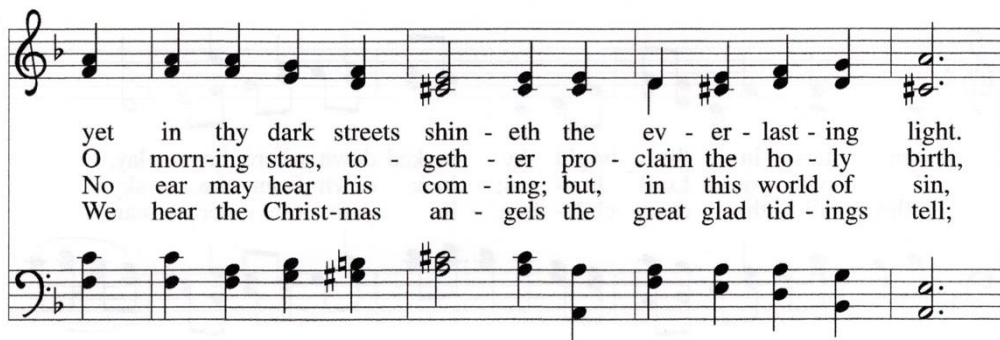
OFFERTORY CAROL #279 O Little Town of Bethlehem St 3. Solo



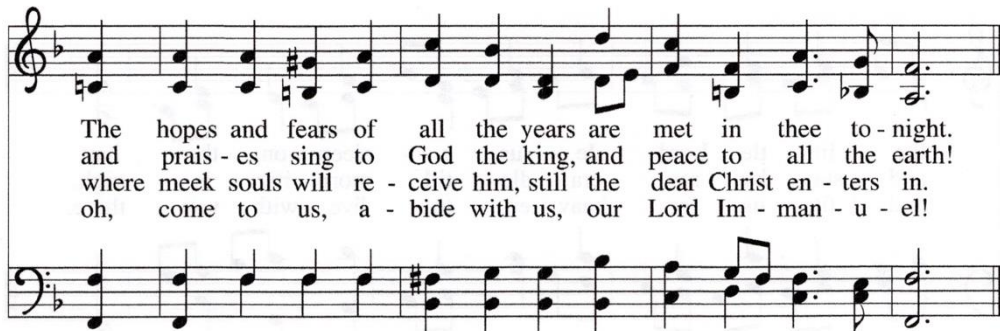
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

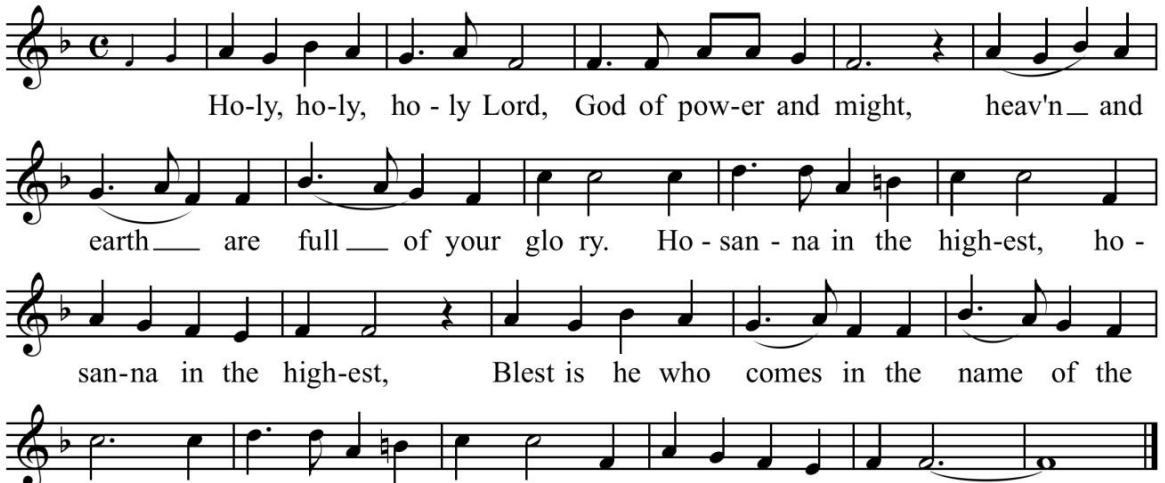
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n__ and
earth__ are full__ of your glo ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho -
san-na in the high-est, Blest is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est._____

Richard Proulx

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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, forever, and ever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

COMMUNION CAROLS DURING DISTRIBUTION

#296 What Child Is This



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



#281 Silent Night, Holy Night!

(You may sing the first stanza in either German or English.)



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you, now and forever. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, so send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us to shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

CAROL Good King Wenceslas Looked Out



1 Good King Wenceslas looked out, On the Feast of Stephen**,
2 "Hither, page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it, tell - ling,
3 "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine. Bring me pine - logs hi - ther:
4 "Sire, the night is dark - er now, And the wind blows strong - er;
5 In his mas - ter's steps he trod, Where the snow lay dint - ed;

When the snow lay round about, Deep, and crisp, and e - ven:
Yonder pea - sant, who is he? Where and what his dwel - ling?"
Thou and I will see him dine, When we bear them thi - ther."
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no long - er."
Heat was in the ve - ry sod Which the saint had print - ed.

Bright - ly shone the moon that night, Though the frost was cru - el,
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, Un - der - neath the moun - tain,
Page and Mon - arch, forth they went, Forth they went to - geth - er;
"Mark my foot - steps, my good page, Tread thou in them bold - ly:
There - fore, Christ - ian folk, be sure, Wealth or rank pos - sess - ing,

When a poor man came in sight, Gath' - ring win - ter fu - el.
Right a - gainst the wind's wild la - ment By Saint A - gnes' foun - tain."
Through the rude win - dows the win - ter's rage And the bit - ter wea - ther.
Thou shalt find the win - ter's rage Freeze thy blood less cold - ly."
Ye who now will bless the poor, Shall your - selves find bless - ing.

** "Feast of Stephen," for the first Christian martyr, is December 26.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

A French Noël

Louis Claude Daquin

Together Tuesdays will resume on January 10th with the meal served beginning at 5:15pm, followed by Music Together, Children's Choir, and Adult Education from 6-6:45pm. (Note: There will be no Together Tuesday activities on Jan. 3.)

Music Together - Winter Term (10-week classes) begin the week of January 10th. This is a unique program for children under the age of 5 years to be exposed to early childhood music education. The child must be accompanied by a parent/grandparent. To register, or for more info, go online to musictogethereugene.com.

