

Christmas Day

December 25, 2016

Order of Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Noël

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1772)

INTROIT

Traditional, arr. David Willcocks
(1919-2015)

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the only Son from the Father.

People: **And from his glory have we all received grace upon grace.**

Minister: No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known. O come, let us adore him!

*CAROL 41

O Come All Ye Faithful!

ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who by the birth of your Holy One into the world gave your true light to dawn upon our darkness; we confess ourselves to be unworthy of your unspeakable Gift. We have not loved you as we ought; nor have we always been loving to one another; kindhearted and forgiving one another, even as you have forgiven us. We have lived to ourselves and not to you; and the good gifts you have given us, we have not used to relieve the burdens of others. Pardon and blot out our offenses, we beseech you, through the incarnate life and willing sacrifice of your holy Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human heart the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

ST. LOUIS

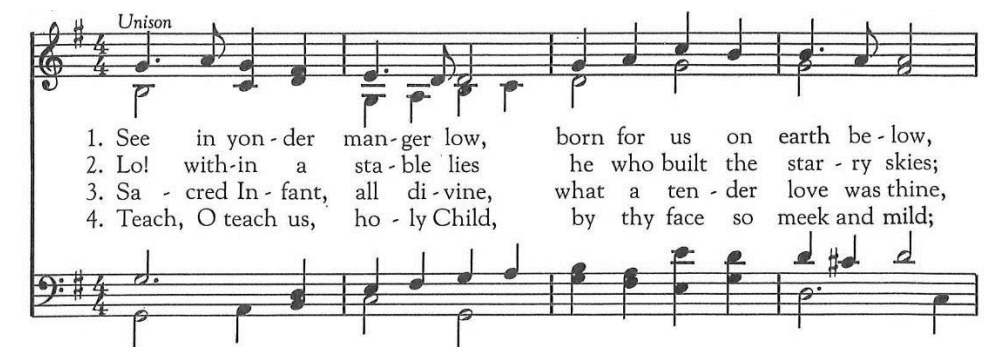
PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

*CAROL

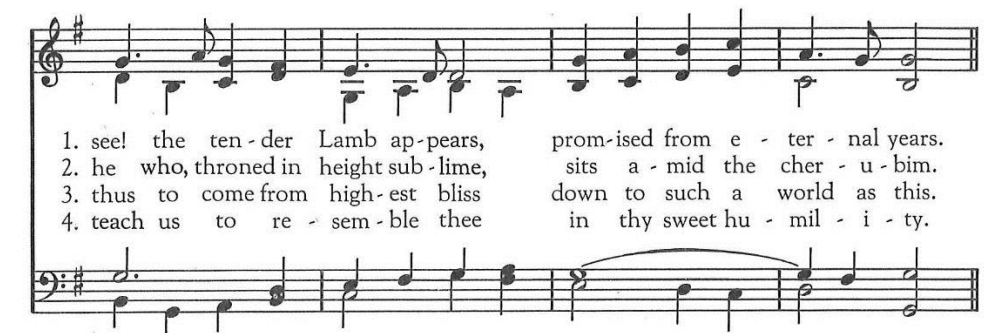
See in Yonder Manger Low

HUMILITY

Unison

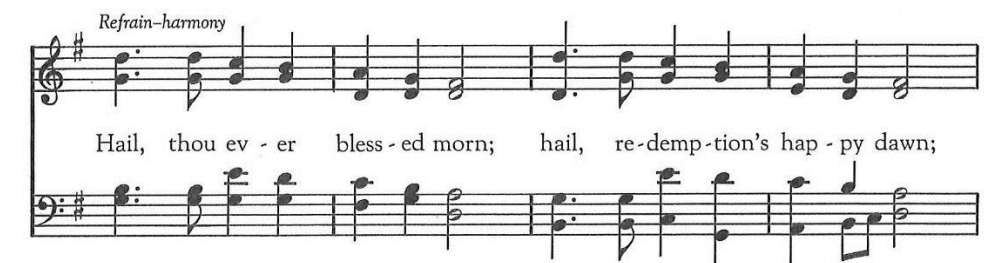


1. See in yon-der man-ger low, born for us on earth be-low,
2. Lo! with-in a sta-ble lies he who built the star-ry skies;
3. Sa-cred In-fant, all di-vine, what a ten-der love was thine,
4. Teach, O teach us, ho-ly Child, by thy face so meek and mild;



1. see! the ten-der Lamb ap-pears, prom-ised from e-ter-nal years.
2. he who, throned in height sub-lime, sits a-mid the cher-u-bim.
3. thus to come from high-est bliss down to such a world as this.
4. teach us to re-sem-ble thee in thy sweet hu-mil-i-ty.

Refrain-harmony



Hail, thou ev-er bless-ed morn; hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn;



sing through all Je-ru-sa-lem, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, whose glory the angels sang when Christ was born: tell us once more the good news of his coming; that hearing of his birth, we may believe and live in his love; that seeing our salvation, we may rejoice and sing your praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 52:7-10 (p. 683)

***CAROL**

Shepherds Come, Their Praises Bringing

QUEM PASTORES

1. Shep - herds came, their prais - es bring - ing, who had heard the an - gels sing - ing,
 2. Sag - es, whom a star had guid - ed, in - cense, gold, and myrrh pro - vid - ed,
 3. Je - sus, born the King of heav - en, un - to us in mer - cy giv - en,

1. "Far from you be fear un - ru - ly; Christ is King of glo - ry born."
 2. made their sac - ri - fic - es du - ly to the King of glo - ry born.
 3. be un - to thy mer - it tru - ly hon - or, praise, and glo - ry done.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:1-14 (p. 91)

***CAROL 21**

All My Heart Today Rejoices

WARUM SOLLT' ICH

MEDITATION

Ms. Jarvis

***CAROL**

Christians Awake!

STOCKPORT

1. Chris - tians, a - wake! Sa - lute the hap - py morn where - on the
 2. Then to the watch - ful shep - herds it was told, who heard th' an -
 3. He spake, and straight - way the ce - les - tial choir in hymns of
 *4. O may we keep and pon - der in our mind God's won - drous
 *5. Then may we hope th' an - gel - ic thrones a - mong to sing, re -

1. Sav - ior of the world was born; rise to a - dore the mys - ter - y of
 2. gel - ic her - ald's voice: "Be - hold, I bring good tid - ings of a Sav - ior's
 3. joy un - known be - fore con - spire; the prais - es of re - deem - ing love they
 4. love in sav - ing hu - man - kind. Trace we the Babe, who hath re - trieved our
 5. deemed, a glad tri - um - phal song; he that was born up - on that joy - ful

1. love, which hosts of an - gels chant - ed from a - bove; with them the joy - ful
 2. birth to you and all the na - tions up - on earth; this day hath God ful -
 3. sang, and heav'n's whole orb with al - le - lu - ias rang: God's high - est glo - ry
 4. loss, from his poor man - ger to his bit - ter cross; tread in his steps, as -
 5. day a - round us all his glo - ry shall dis - play; saved by his love, in -

1. tid - ings first be - gun, of God in - car - nate and the vir - gin's Son.
 2. filled his prom - ised word; this day is born a Sav - ior, Christ the Lord."
 3. was their an - them still, "Peace up - on earth and un - to all good - will."
 4. sist - ed by his grace, till our first heav'n - ly state a - gain takes place.
 5. ces - sant we shall sing e - ter - nal praise to heav'n's Al - might - y King.

PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you,
People: And with your spirit.
 Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,
People: And grant us thy salvation.
 Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayers concluding with the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Thomas Luis da Victoria
 (1548-1611)

O magnum mysterium,
 et admirabile sacramentum,
 ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
 jacentem in praesepe!
 Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
 meruerunt portare
 Dominum Jesum Christum.
 Alleluia!

*O great mystery,
 and wonderful sacrament,
 that animals should see the new-born Lord,
 lying in a manger!
 Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
 was worthy to bear
 our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!*

DOXOLOGY

REGENT SQUARE
 (Hymn 417)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
 Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***CAROL 40**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

BENEDICTION**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Noël

Daquin

LEADING WORSHIP: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Minister; **MUSIC:** Quartet: Jackson Williams, Steven Williamson, Katy Avery and Rebecca Siler; and Ken Lovett, Organist.

GREETERS: Elder: Emily Camp-Landis; Deacons: Linda Lipscomb and Douglas Olson.

USHERS: William Cobb, Team 3 Leader; Robert Bausman, Peter Cooke, B. Graeme Frazier, and Douglas Olson.

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS



<i>In Loving Memory of</i>	<i>Remembered by</i>
In thanksgiving for Cindy, Austin, Brian, Ken and Daniel	Anonymous
George B. Adair	Elizabeth Adair, his children, and grandchildren
Our loved ones	John and Barbara Armbruster
Our fathers – Jon Baughman and David Larsen	Kelly, Michael, Charlotte, Caroline, Lilly and William Baughman
George A. Butler	Barbara Butler and family
Our loved ones	Canfield family
Loved ones	Ann O. Carr
Mildred S. Owen and Harris A. Carr	Emilie H. Carr
All our loved ones: parents, grandparents, sister Betty Jean, and brother Joel	Susan and William A. Cobb
In honor of Jane Conti, in celebration of music and arts, and in memory of loved ones	Mark S. Conti
Gilbert and Jayne Lorenzon	Diane and Jan Cornely and Blake Brown
In thanksgiving for grandchildren: Blake Brown and Harper and Flynn Herlihy	Ed and Diane Cornely
My husband Cecil and parents	Janet, Mardette and Cecil Cross, III
In celebration of family near and far	Roy and Allison DeCaro
Our loved ones	Barbara and Stan Elwell
Our parents	Barbara and Terry Frazier
Audrey and Russ Van Riper	Cheryl and Debbie and our families
Our parents and our brothers	Nancy and Dick Hassold
Harry M.K. Johnston	Sally R. Johnston
In thanksgiving for kindness of strangers	Antonia Kok
Our loved ones	Lawton family



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS



<i>In Loving Memory of</i>	<i>Remembered by</i>
In celebration of our family	George and Anne Lyons
In celebration of the birth of our grandson, Will; and in memory of our parents: Mr. and Mrs. James Kirlin and Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy, III	Diane and Bill Murphy
Chester and Margaret Olson	Olson family
Jean Benjamin	Olson family
Henry Miller Fahrig	Pendse family
Loved Ones	Ed and Anne Pringle
Jan Rooks	Sue Rooks
In thanksgiving for baby Seth Russo; and in memory of my parents and Brian's grandparents, Helen and Edward Malwitz	Edie Russo
John W. Sheble	Sheble family
In thanksgiving for family	Frank and Taylor Slaughter
Loved ones	Barbara and Harry Spaeth
Loved ones	Geoff and Barrett Stewart
In thanksgiving for grandchildren: Ben, Emma, Charlotte and Colin	Grace and Dick Stewart
Loved ones	Alice Lea and Bill Tasman
James P. VanBlarcom	Mary Anne and Peter VanBlarcom
Christopher Trace	Matt Ward
Bill White	His Wife
Arthur N. Wrigley	His daughters, Beth Wrigley and Pam Yeldham