

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

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9:30 am

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*” BWV 608

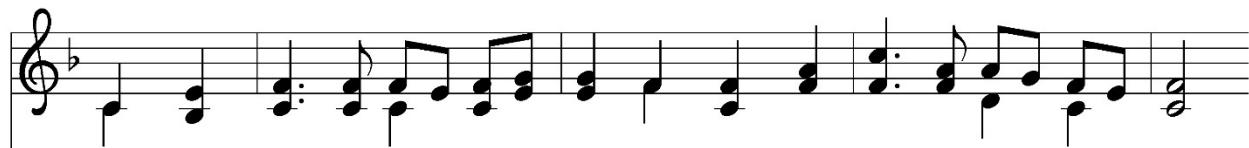
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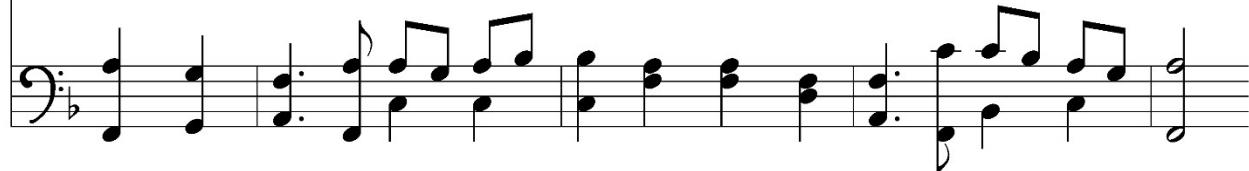
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ENTRANCE HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City*

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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2 He came down to earth from heav-en who is God and Lord of all,
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem-ing love;
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand-ing by,



where a moth-er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth-er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low-ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

DIALOG

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sit

LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST READING

God promises a king

Isaiah 9:2-7

A A reading from Isaiah.

² “The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

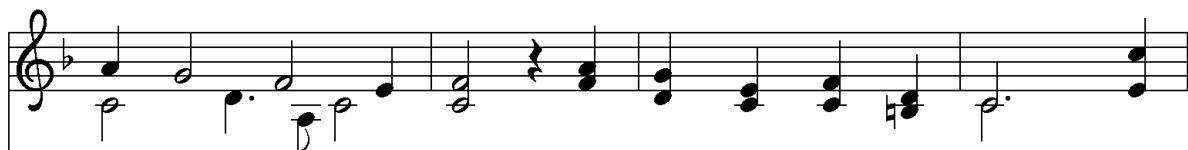
CAROL: *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.



SECOND READING

The king will come from Bethlehem

Micah 5:2-5a

A A reading from Micah.

² “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL: *O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

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!

THIRD READING

The annunciation to Mary

Luke 1:26-35, 38

A A reading from Luke.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CAROL: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*



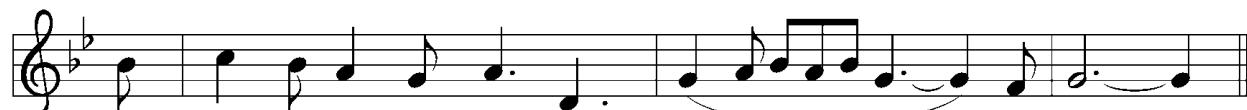
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - - - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

FOURTH READING

The birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

A A reading from Luke.

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CAROL: *Away In a Manger*



Musical notation for the first line of the carol, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Musical notation for the second line of the carol, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.



Musical notation for the third line of the carol, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



Musical notation for the fourth line of the carol, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.



Musical notation for the fifth line of the carol, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.



Musical notation for the sixth line of the carol, featuring a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes.

FIFTH READING

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior

A A reading from Luke.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CAROL: *From Heaven Above*

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your
 Insert additional stanzas as desired.

12 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly child, pre - pare a
 13 My heart for ve - ry joy now leaps; my voice no
 14 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, who un - to

news to ev - 'ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of low - ly
 sad and bit - ter cry, who will him - self your Sav - ior

bed, soft, un - de - filed, a qui - et cham - ber in my
 long - er si - lence keeps; I too must sing with joy - ful
 us the Son has giv'n." With an - gels sing in pi - ous

bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:
 birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
 be and from the sin will set you free."

heart, that you and I may never part.
 tongue the sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:
 mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

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SIXTH READING

Jesus receives his name

Luke 2:21-40

A A reading from Luke.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CAROL: *In His Temple Now Behold Him*



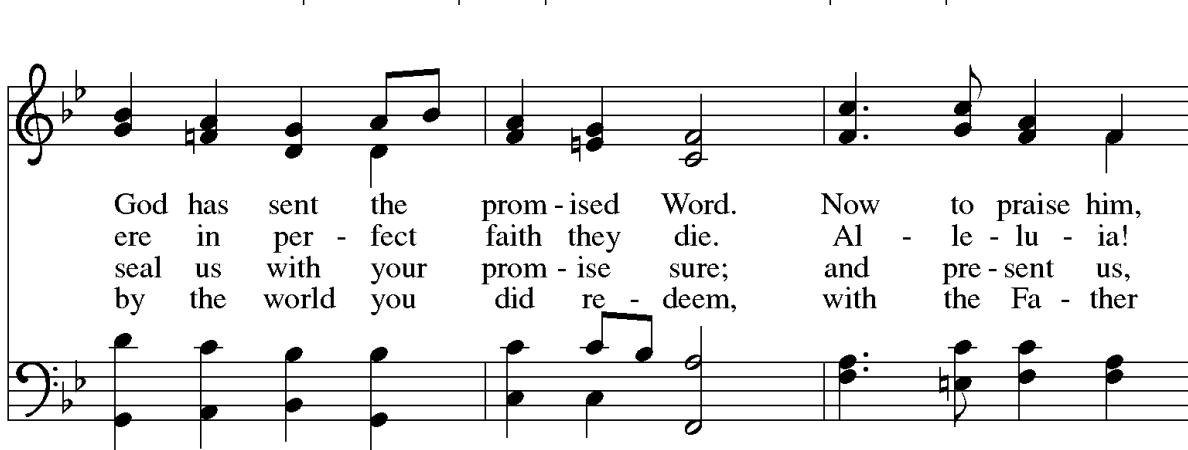
1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!



SEVENTH READING

The magi follow the star

Matthew 2:1-11

A A reading from Matthew.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CAROL: *We Three Kings*



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain;
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



EIGHTH READING

The slaughter of the holy innocents

Matthew 2:13-18

A A reading from Matthew.

¹³ Now after they 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.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and 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.”

¹⁶ When 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. ¹⁷ Then 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.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

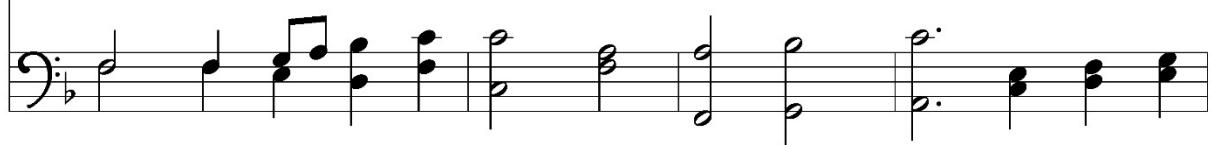
CAROL: *All My Heart Again Rejoices*



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es as I hear, far and
2 Je - sus' voice from low - ly man - ger soft - ly thus calls to
3 Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; here let all, great and
4 You, dear Lord, I'll ev - er cher - ish; though my breath fail in



near, sweet-est an - gel voic - es; "Christ is born," their choirs are
us: "You are safe from dan - ger; come and see; from all that
small, kneel in awe and won - der; love him who with love is
death, I will nev - er per - ish: by your side in light e -



sing - ing, till the air ev - ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
grieves you you are freed; all you need I will sure-ly give you."
yearn - ing; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burn - ing.
ter - nal I shall be end-less - ly filled with joy su - per - nal.



NINTH READING

John 1:1-14

The mystery of the incarnation

A A reading from John.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CAROL: *A Child Is Born in Bethlehem (Christmas)*

1 A child is born in Beth - le - hem, Beth - - - - -
 2 His moth - er is the vir - gin maid, vir - - - - -
 3 There in a low - ly man - ger lies, man - - - - -
 4 The Fa - ther's Word on high did take, high - - - - -

hem, the joy of all Je - ru - sa - - - lem.
 maid, who gave him birth with no man's aid.
 lies, the Lord who reigns a - bove the skies.
 take, a mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Our feeble flesh and his the same,
 his the same,
 our sinless brother he became,
 Alleluia, alleluia!

6 From all our sin to set us free,
 set us free,
 that we again like him might be.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

7 All filled with joy at Jesus' birth,
 Jesus' birth,
 we bless the Lord who came to earth.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

8 All praise the Holy Trinity,
 Trinity,
 from now unto eternity!
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Stand

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Sung to God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen*)

In peace, together let us pray unto the Lord most high,
That he might give us heav'ly peace, and save us ere we die.
For peace throughout the world; the church's health; and unity:
O Lord, God, have mercy on us, mercy on us;
O Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

For this, the holy house of God, we offer up our prayer,
For all who praise and worship him, both here and ev'rywhere,
That through his Word and Sacraments, his Presence we might share:
O Lord, God, have mercy on us, mercy on us;
O Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

For bishops, pastors, people, all the servants of God's Word,
For those who toil and those who sing, their hearts of one accord;
For those who offer gifts and praise, we pray unto the Lord:
O Lord, God, have mercy on us, mercy on us;
O Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

For public servants, government, that they be just and wise;
For all protectors of our nation and communities;
For peace and justice, health and safety, Father, hear our pleas:
O Lord, God, have mercy on us, mercy on us;
O Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

For kindly weather, fruitful harvest, peaceful times, we pray;
Deliverance from evil, wrath, and danger ev'ry day;
For this, and for your sure defense and comfort, Lord, we pray:
O Lord, God, have mercy on us, mercy on us;
O Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

In gratitude for saints of God who from their labors rest;
In fellowship with them, let us commend our lives to Christ,
Forever worship him, his Father, and the Spirit Blest:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, O God most high!

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C **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.

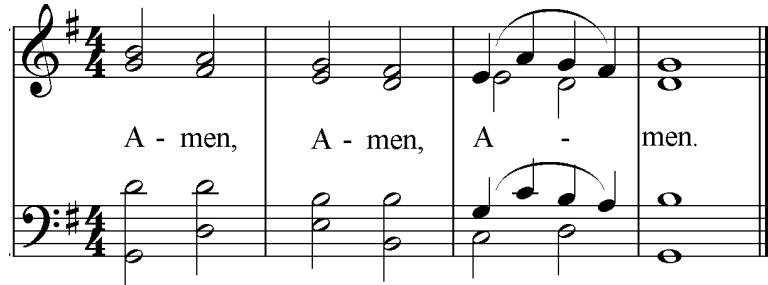
BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child;
and may almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

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HYMN: *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

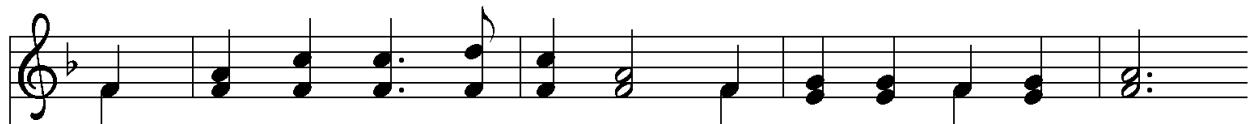
Refrain



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.



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*” BWV 729

J. S. Bach



The Christmas Cycle celebrates the events surrounding Christ's coming — the prophecies, his birth, his manifestation (epiphany) to the Gentiles, and his baptism — through the Advent season, the Christmas season, and the Epiphany season.

Christmas is a great twelve (12) day celebration, beginning on 25 December and ending on the Feast of the Epiphany, 6 January. Outward signs of the celebration of Christmas should remain visible for all twelve (12) days: trees, wreaths and other decorations, music, gift-giving, joy.

The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ.



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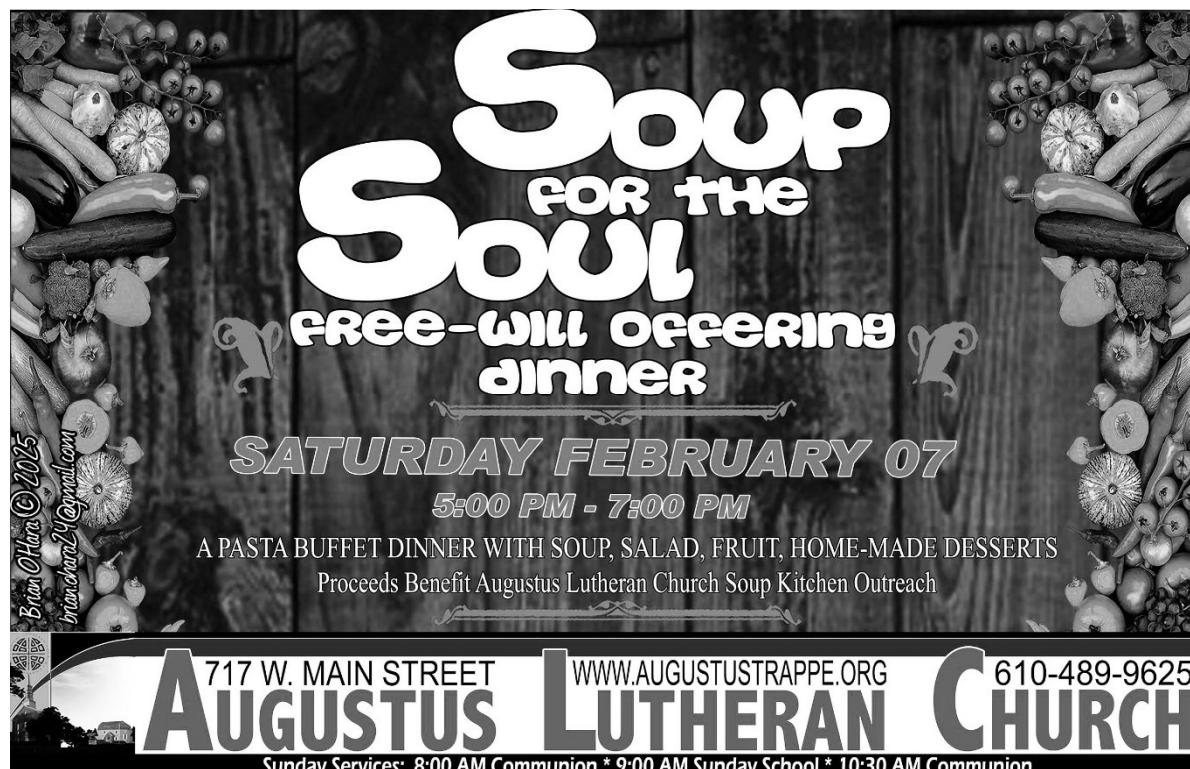
The Flowers that Adorn the Altar are given to the glory of God by John and Charlotte Wentworth in memory of loved ones

The Wreaths on the Church Doors are given to the glory of God by The Holcombe Family in memory of loved ones.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Judy Bubeck in loving memory of parents Clyde and Anna Prettyman

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Chilly Lyaro and family in thanks for blessings received.

The Choir Music is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gail Martin by her family and friends.





Poinsettias 2025

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allebach in memory of Loved Ones.

Augustus Women of the ELCA given to the Glory of God in loving memory and in honor of all its members.

Mike and Laurel Beattie in memory of family and friends. Merry Christmas!

Celebrating the birth of grandson Leopold Lin Bubeck, from Judy Bubeck. Glory to God!

Nancee Clelland in memory of loved ones.

Nancee Clelland in honor of children and grandchildren.

Anita Halteman in memory of husband, Galen Halteman.

Elaine Johnston in loving memory of my husband and parents.

John and Marie Kochel in loving memory of our parents, Elizabeth and Joseph Julia; and Joan and Donald Kochel.

Pastors Howard and Martha Kriebel rejoicing in God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of my parents, Tom and Anne Lachenmayer.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of Dorothy Keffer and Miriam Bennett.

Rosaria Lehman in loving memory for Stanley and Jeanette Lehman and Carlo and Rosina Riccitelli.

Heather and Stan Lilenthal in loving memory of our parents and grandparents and with thankfulness for our many blessings.

Karen McClain in loving memory of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Hee.

Bill and Minetta O'Boyle in memory of loved ones.

Dale, Patrick and Brian O'Hara given to the Glory of God in loving memory of family and friends.

Rich and Dot Opperman remembering all loved ones.

Richard and Gemma Patten to the Glory of God in memory of Patten, Pofahl, McHenry, Wagner, and Honafius families.

In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Nancy G. Miller from the Redeyoff Family.

Barbara Rice in loving memory of my husband, Richard and my parents and sister.

Deborah Scholl in memory of loved ones.

Susan Snow and Berry Amole in honor of their grandchildren.

Michael and Janet Stokes to the Glory of God and prayers for peace on earth.

Pastor Weleck given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hilda and George. Weleck.

Michael Van Blaricum in loving memory of Doris and Herb Van Blaricum.

John and Charlotte Wentworth in loving memory of parents, Leon and Leona Linsenbigler and John and Mary Wentworth.



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