



December 13, 2020

- Welcome and Opening Prayer -

During this Advent/Christmas season let's listen again to the message of Christmas.

But first, let us pray

for the needs of the whole world;

for peace on earth and goodwill among all people;

for unity and understanding within the church.

Let us remember, in God's name,

the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed;

the sick and those that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the old and the young;

all those who do not know the heart of God, the heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember

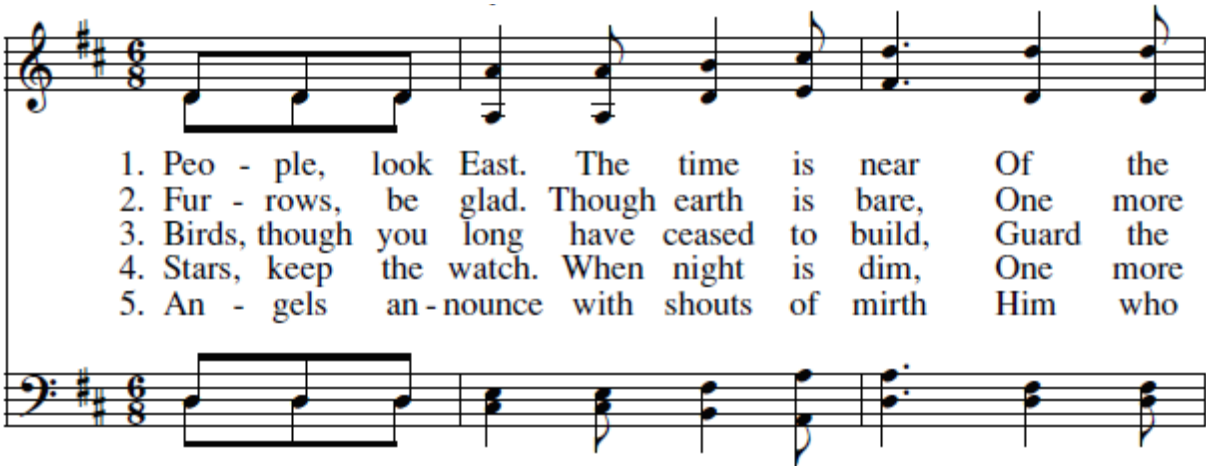
all those who we will celebrate this season with - our friends, family, and school community.

We offer this prayer to God in the words which Jesus himself has taught us:

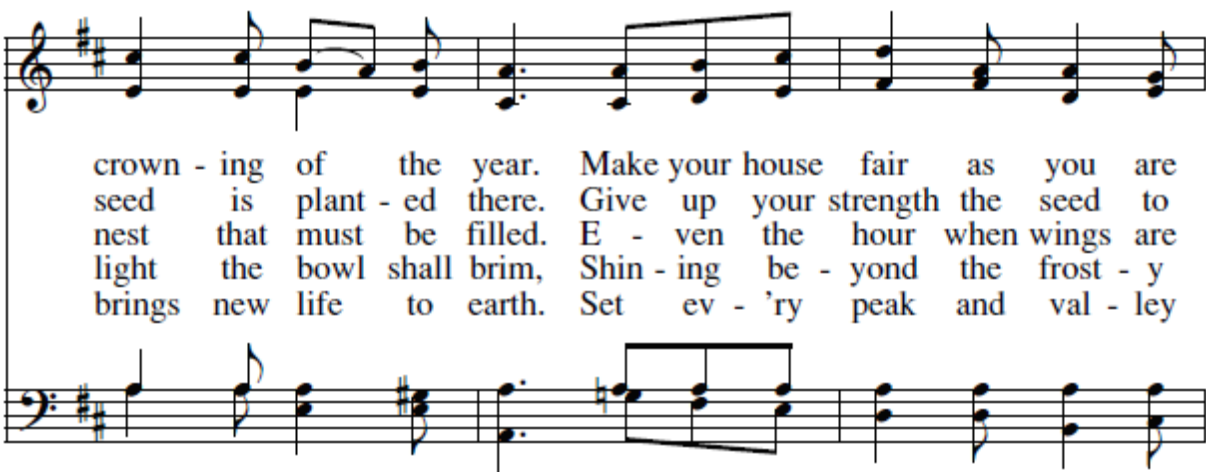
Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Ready the Way, by Curtis Stephan

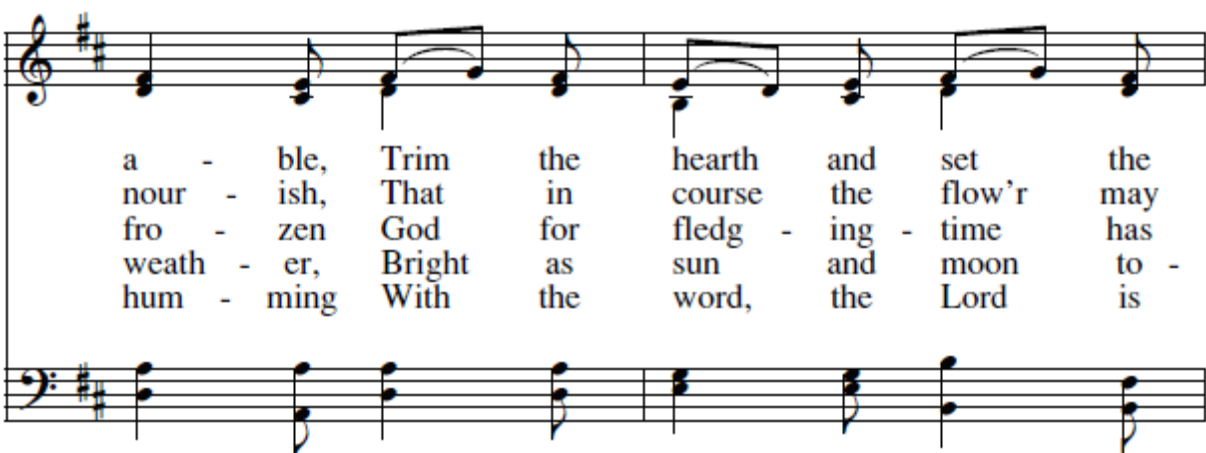
People, Look East, by Eleanor Farjeon



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near Of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, One more
5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth Him who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
brings new life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley



a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the
nour - ish, That in course the flow'r may
fro - zen God for fledg - ing - time has
weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to -
hum - ming With the word, the Lord is

Peo - ple, look East and sing to -

ta - ble.
flour - ish.
cho - sen.
geth - er.
com - ing.

Peo - ple, look East:

Peo - ple, look

day—

Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Bird, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.
East: Love is on the way.

1st Lesson - Genesis 3:8-15

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid so I hid." And God said, "Have you eaten from the tree that I told you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'" To Adam God said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I told you not to eat, 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground.'"

Mary, Did You Know, by Buddy Green

Soloist – Michael Orzechowski


2nd Lesson - Genesis 22:15-18

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Maranatha, Lord Messiah, by Kathy Powell

Based on the "O" Antiphons

Words and music
by Kathy Powell



Ma-ra - na - tha, Lord Mes - si - ah, long a -

wait-ed from a - far. Come and make your home a -

mong us. Let us see your birth - ing star.

3rd Lesson - Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. And he will be called Wonder Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD, God Almighty will accomplish this.

For Behold / The People Who Walked in Darkness, Messiah, by G. F. Handel

Soloist -- Hernan Berisso, baritone

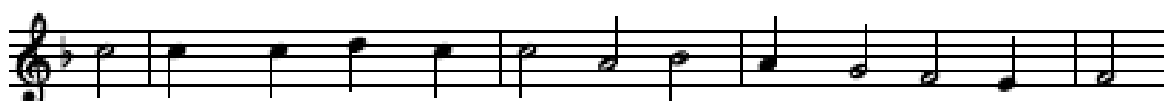
4th Lesson - Isaiah 11:1-9

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion together; And a little girl will lead them. Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

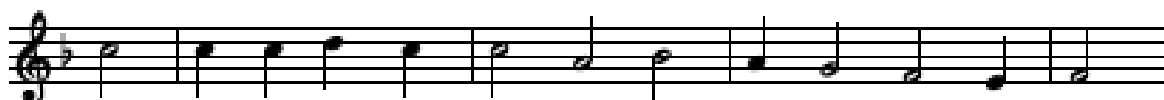
Lo, How a Rose'Er Blooming, a German Carol

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



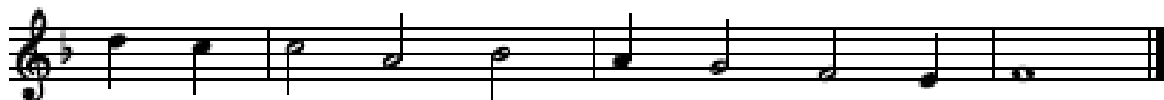
1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,



1. Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
3. Dis - pel in glo-rious splen-dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry - where;



1. It came, a flow - er bright, A - mid the
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and



1. cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

5th Lesson - Luke 1:26-35

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, "Behold, the servant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Gabriel's Message, a Basque Carol

Soloist – Andrea Howland, mezzo-soprano

6th Lesson - Luke 2:1-7

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Night of Silence / Silent Night, by F. Gruber and D. Kantor

1. Cold are the peo - ple, win - ter of life, We
2. Voice in the dis - tance, call in the night, On
3. Spir - it a - mong us, shine like the star, Your

trem - ble in shad - ows this cold end - less night,
wind you en - fold us, you speak of the light,
light that guides shep - herds and kings from a - far,

Fro - zen in the snow lie ros - es sleep - ing,
Gen - tle on the ear you whis - per soft - ly,
Shim - mer in the sky so emp - ty, lone - ly,

Flow - ers that will ech - o the sun - rise,
Ru - mors of a dawn so em - brac - ing,
Ris - ing in the warmth of your Son's love,

Fire of hope is our on - ly warmth,
Breath - less love a - waits dark - ened souls,
Star un - know - ing of night and day,

Wea - ry, its flame will be dy - ing soon.
Soon will we know of the morn - ing.
Spir - it we wait for your lov - ing Son.

7th Lesson - Luke 2:8-16

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

O Holy Night, by Adolphe Adam

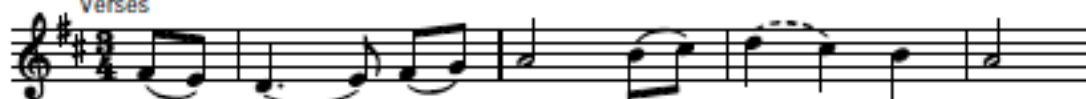
Soloists – Andrea Howland and Elisabeth Quigley

8th Lesson – Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'" Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

The First Noel, a French Carol

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,
6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light,
3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,
4. And there it did both stop and stay,
5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence,
6. Who with the Fa - ther we a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

9th Lesson - John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the Light, but he came to testify about the Light. There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

O Come, All Ye Faithful, *Adeste fideles*, arranged by J. F. Wade

Adeste fideles

John F. Wade, ca. 1711–1786

English tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, alt.

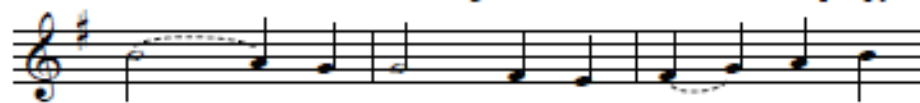
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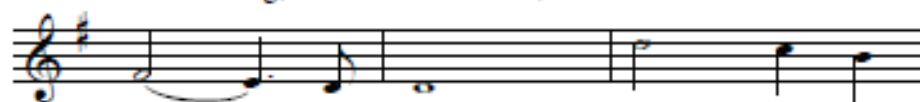
Setting by James Chepponis



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri -
 1. *Ad - e - ste fi - de - les, lae - ti, tri - um -*
 2. ‡ God of God, Light of
 3. ‡ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul -
 4. ‡ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py



um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
phan - tes, ve - ni - te, ve - ni - te in
 Light, ‡ Lo! He comes forth from the
 ta - tion, ‡ sing, all ye cit - i - zens of all
 morn - ing, ‡ Je - sus, to thee be all



Beth - le - hem; come and be -
Beth - le - hem. Na - tum vi -
 Vir - gin's womb. Our ver - y
 heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to the
 glo - ry giv'n; Word of the



hold him, born the King of an - gels;
de - te, Re - gem an - ge - lo - rum.
 God, be - got - ten not cre - at - ed,
 God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve -



come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do -



dore him, Christ, the Lord!
re - mus Do - mi - num.

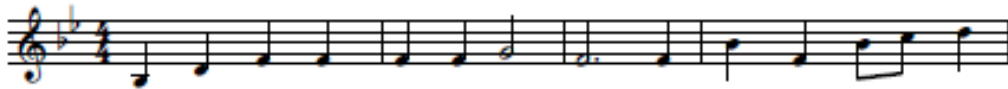
My Advent Journey, by Lori Wilson

Breath of Heaven, by Chris Eaton

Soloist – Tracy Martineau

-Intentions-

Wake, o Wake, and Sleep No Longer, by J. S. Bach



- Closing Prayer -

Loving God, we delight each year as we remember the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we recognize Him when he comes to us in our day to day lives through the people we meet.

May Jesus, who, by becoming one of us, gathered into one - things of earth and things of heaven, fill each of us with the joy of peace and of goodwill not only during the Advent and Christmas seasons—but always.

Amen.

Thank you to all!

- Postlude -

Soon and Very Soon!

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Reader: Bill Baker

St. Catherine of Siena and St. Agnes Musicians:

Liya Petrides, director / organist / pianist

Elisabeth Quigley, soprano

Andrea Howland, mezzo-soprano

Tracy Martineau, alto

Michael Orzechowski, baritone

Hernan Berisso, baritone

Ron Petrides, electric bass

Teddy Petrides, drums

Allison Sobieri, flute