

Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (video presentation)

Procession See Amid the Winter's Snow

*Edward Caswell, 1814 – 1878, John Goss, 1800 – 1880
Arr. Carl Schalk*

(Spirit Kids procession)

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
by thy face so meek and mild,
teach us to resemble thee,
in thy sweet humility:
Hail, thou ever blessed morn;
hail, redemption's happy dawn;
sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Welcome

Call To Worship

Carol **O Come, All Ye Faithful** (Voices United 60)

*Words: English trans. Frederick Oakeley 1841, et al;
Music: attrib. John Francis Wade ca. 1743*

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

- 2 God of God, light of light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

- 4 See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

- 5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Christmas Prayer

Christmas at the Nativity
Narrator – Grace Cave

Introduction

Narration

Anthem

The Gentle Donkey

From 'Carol Cantata' by David Ouchterlony

Narration

Carol **Away in a Manger** (Voices United 69)

Words: Author unknown

Music: William James Kirkpatrick 1895; arr. Desmond Hassell 1992

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- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Narration

Carol **Angels We Have Heard on High**

(Voices United 38, vs. 1 & 2)

Words: French trad; trans. James Chadwick 1860

Music: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes 1937

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- 1 Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
 Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? *Refrain*

Narration

Carol **What Child Is This** (Voices United 74, vs. 1 & 3)

Words: William Chatterton Dix ca. 1865

Music: English melody, 16th century; harm. Attrib. John Stainer 1871

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- 1 What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Conclusion

Reflection "Making Room for God's Gifts"

Carol **It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

(Voices United 44, vs. 1, 2 & 4))

*Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears 1849, alt.; Music: Richard Storrs Willis 1850.
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- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold,
'Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.
- 4 For, lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Presentation of the Offering

Offering Music Away in a Manger

Choral Response **In the Bleak Midwinter**

(Voices United 55, v. 4)

*Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti ca. 1872
Music: Gustav Theodor Holst 1906*

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

Offering Prayer

Prayers For All People and The Lord's Prayer

Carol **Silent Night! Holy Night!** (Voices United 67)

*Words: Joseph Mohr 1818, English trans. John Freeman Young 1863, et al.,
Music: Franz Xavier Grüber 1818*

- 1 Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2 Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah,
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born.
- 3 Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Sending Forth

Choral Benediction **Joy to the World**

(Voices United 59, vs. 1 - 3)

Words: Isaac watts 1791, alt.

Music: attrib. George Frideric Handel 1742, arr. Lowell Mason 1836

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- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

- 2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

*“From our house to yours, wishing you all the blessings of
Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year.”
Merry Christmas!*

Cordova Bay United Church

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