

To you in David's town this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,
and to the world be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to earth
begin, and never cease."

CLOSING WORDS



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Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th, 2019

7 p.m. at St. Mary's

A SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS

at ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Friday, December 20th, 2019, 2 p.m.

WITH WOMEN OF NOTE

Officiant: The Rev'd. Sarah Belknap

Incumbent: The Rev'd. Gyllian Davies

We acknowledge that we gather
on the territories of the Coast Salish peoples,
the SENĆOŦEN & HUL'Q'UMI'NUM'-speaking people,
where we, the settler Church, now live, work, worship, & play.
We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here, one based in
honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

CAROL 89: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

REFRAIN

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace.

REFRAIN Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to you, O Israel.

WORDS OF WELCOME

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-2, 5-6, 9

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

POEM: O Emmanuel—Malcolm Guite

WOMEN OF NOTE:

I Shall Light a Candle Sheena Phillips, based on traditional Bengali tune
*I shall light a candle of understanding
in thine heart which shall not be put out*

FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-20

CAROL 136: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down
and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind.
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind.

Shen Kar traditional Georgian chorale

1. You are a vineyard
just blossoming.
2. Young and good.
Springing up in Eden,
3. A fragrant poplar,
Growing in paradise.
4. May God adore you,
none is more worthy of praise.
5. You yourself
are the sun brilliantly shining.

*Ma Navu from Isaiah 52:7 Hebrew, music: Yossi Spivak, arr:
How pleasant on the mountains
are the feet of the messenger of good tidings.
Proclaiming salvation,
proclaiming peace.*

FOURTH READING: John 1:1-5, 14

CAROL 91: People Look East

**People, look east! The time is near
of the crowing of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.**

**People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.**

**Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.**

WOMEN OF NOTE:

*Musica Est Dei, Orlando di Lasso, 1576 (1532-1594)
Music, the gift of the supreme God,
draws men, draws gods;
music makes savage souls gentle
and uplifts sad minds;
music moves the trees themselves
and wild beasts,
affording solace to all.*

Divinum Mysterium, Prudentius, 348

1. *Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!*

2. *O that birth forever blessed,
When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Saviour of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face,
evermore and evermore!*

3. *O ye heights of heaven adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him,
and extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert sing,
Evermore and evermore!*

Hodie Christus Natus Est, Claudio Monteverdi, (1567-1643)

*Today Christ is born:
Today the Savior appeared:
Today on Earth the Angels sing,
Archangels rejoice:
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest.
Alleluia.*

POEM: Remembering It Happened Once

Wendell Berry

come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

PSALM 130 A Song of Ascents

(Tree of Life Translation from *The Messianic Jewish Bible Society*)

PRESIDER Out of the depths I cry to You, *ADONAI*!

Lord, hear my voice!

ALL Let Your ears be attentive to the sound of my
supplications.

PRESIDER If You, *ADONAI*, kept a record of iniquities—
my Lord, who could stand?

ALL For with You there is forgiveness,
so You may be revered.

PRESIDER I wait for *ADONAI*, my soul waits,
and in His word I hope.

ALL My soul waits for my Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
watchmen for the morning.

PRESIDER O Israel, wait for *ADONAI*.
For with *ADONAI* there is loving kindness,

ALL and with Him is full redemption,
and He will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SECOND READING: Isaiah 9:2-3a, 4, 6

CAROL 143: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill the eternal throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down:

POEM: Excerpt from The Four Quartets—T.S. Eliot

THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38 The Annunciation

WOMEN OF NOTE:

Nova Radasts Stala, Belarus wassailing song

1. A new joy appeared such as had never been known before,
Above the stable, dawn's bright light shone (x2)

2. Where Christ was born of the Virgin, in human flesh,
He was incarnated as a man and wrapped in swaddling clothes (x2)

3. Angels sing his glory in heaven
They proclaim peace in Heaven and on Earth.