
OUR JOURNEY:

WONDER OF WANDERING

CHRISTMAS II
January 3, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Divinum Mysterium"

T. F. H. CANDYLN

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Order of St. John

WELCOME

Pastor Amy Kienzle

GATHERING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

HYMN 283

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1, 3, and 4 indicating the starting line for each voice part. The music is a traditional setting of the hymn, featuring a mix of half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes, with some rests for the lower voices in the second system.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

Music continued on next page...

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

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

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, our redeemer,

you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

LESSON

Mary Robinson, Lector

Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile.

*In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gifts of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing;
God will give gladness instead of sorrow.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joyful And Triumphant
St. John's Handbell Choir

R. MANESS

LESSON

Eliseo Paniagua, Lector

Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made know as heaven and earth are united in Christ.

Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Angel's We Have Heard on High

HYMN 289

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

Refrain on next page...

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created.
This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

Angel's We Have Heard on High

See previous, refrain only

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Zylstra Family

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assisting Minister Mary Robinson

After each petition: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you and your households.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

In this time of national emergency and global concern, we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's lavish love with our tithes and offerings.

You may now pause this worship service for a few minutes, return to the email that transmitted this worship service, where you will find the "Giving Link" that takes you to the St. John's website and the secure giving app or simply click the OFFERTORY title above. You can give directly to the St. John's General Fund, ensuring the church's ministries stay strong in this time of expanding need. You can also make your offering by check and mail it to St. John's at 1701 L Street, Sacramento, CA, 95811.

If you are new to St John's, the greatest gift you could give us would be to fill out our Worship With St John's Card here.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Manger Lullaby

C. JOHNSTON/J. CARTER

Mary, look, your baby's sleeping, sleeping on his bed of hay;

Mary, look, our Savior's resting, resting for another day.

Rock him gently, keep him warm, sheltered from the wind and storm;

Mary, look, our Savior's lying helpless on his bed of hay.

Angel hosts proclaim his glory, shepherds humble tribute bring;

wise men open wide their treasures, treasures from an infant King.

Rock him gently keep him warm, sheltered from the wind and storm;

Mary, look, our Savior's lying helpless on his bed of hay.

Born to be a king forever, born to reign on David's throng;

but for now a child most helpless, needing comfort, warmth and home.

Rock him gently, keep him warm, sheltered from the wind and storm;

Mary, look, our Savior's sleeping, resting for another day.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. We praise you, O God,

for your creating, liberating, and life-giving Word! You set the foundations of the world, you lead your people into freedom, you lift up the lowly, and fill the hungry with good things. Our hearts sing of your mercy and might! Send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may witness to your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN

Joy to the World

HYMN 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonder of His love, and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the lord,
and live God's love in the world!

POSTLUDE

*Chorale Improvisation on
"In Dulci Jubilo," Op. 75, No. 2*

S. KARG-ELERT

SERVING IN VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Amy Kienzle
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Children's Sermon	The Zylstra Family
Assisting Minister	Mary Robinson
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