

St. Columba's Episcopal Church

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The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols is derived from a liturgical tradition which began around the turn of the 20th century at King's College, Cambridge, England. Celebrated in churches throughout the world today, this special service provides an opportunity for Christians to focus and reflect on themes of the Advent season. While the spiritual preparation for Christ's nativity is the most conspicuous characteristic of Advent, equally significant is our anticipation of his second coming to judge the world—the consummation of his covenant.

The lessons begin with a reading from Genesis which depicts the origin of human sin—necessitating our salvation. Additional scriptural passages prophesy Christ's coming: the supreme manifestation of our Lord's everlasting fidelity toward his people.

The lessons from the Gospels tell of the angel Gabriel's announcements to Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi of the coming of Jesus' birth. In the final lesson, St. John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.

The music in our liturgy spans many centuries, from the Middle Ages to our own time. Hymns, motets, and carols serve to adorn the lessons, elaborating on their themes, providing additional opportunities for reflection.

It is our sincere hope that you will find this liturgy a fitting framework for your own devotion and praise as we mark the first season of the new church year.

The Clergy, Vestry and Choir of St. Columba's wish you
a blessed Advent-Christmastide.



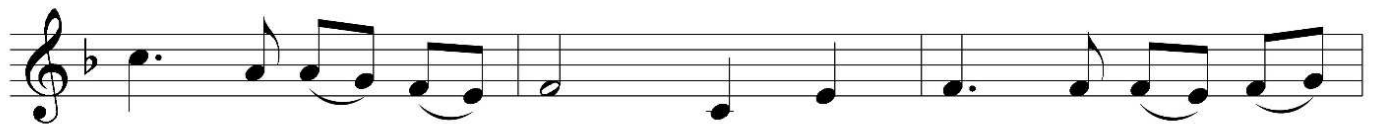
Prelude **“Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme,” BWV 645 (“Sleepers, Awake”)**
Loralee Brown, cello; Brett Hanley, organ J.S. Bach

Introit: **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** M. Prudentius/
 trans. J.M. Neale/13th century plainsong
Michele Mulidor, soloist, and Loralee Brown, cello

Opening Hymn: # 102 (vs. 1-2, 4-6) “Once in Royal David’s City”
David Mitchell and Michele Mulidor, soloists



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
 4. For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
 5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
 help - less is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; and he
 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -



was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

Words: Sts. 1-2, 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady, 1938-
 Music: IRBY (87. 87. 77), Henry John Gauntlett, 1805-1876; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1850-1929.

Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of the God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against Him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

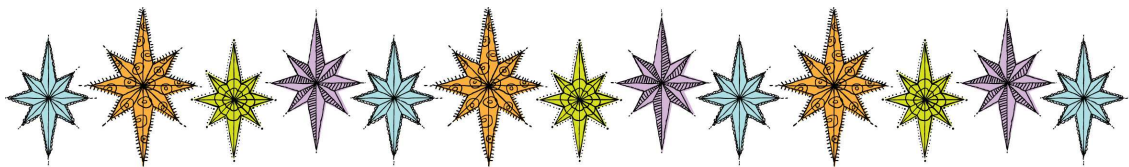
And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

P: The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

C: Amen.

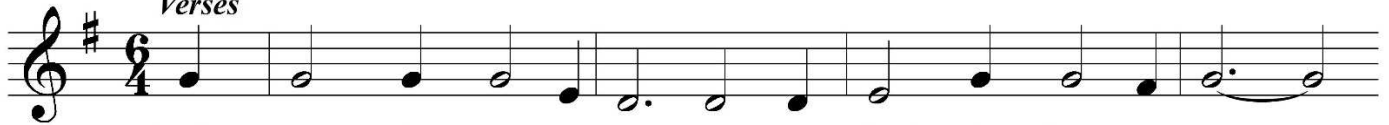


Hymn: # 65

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Michele Mulidor, soloist

Verses



1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw-ing near!
2. He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heav'n a - bove.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em-brace.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro-claim in ev - 'ry place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re-sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be-fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

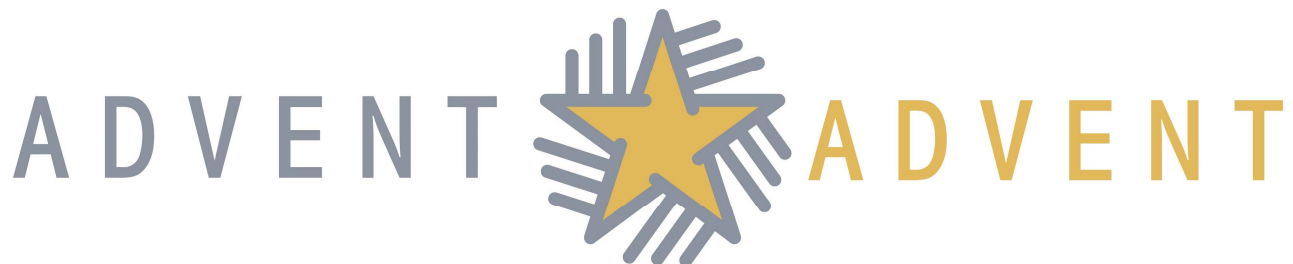
Refrain



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1772-1847; tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price, 1920-1999.

Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (76. 76. 77 with Refrain), melody from *Then Swenska Psalmboken*, 1697.



First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

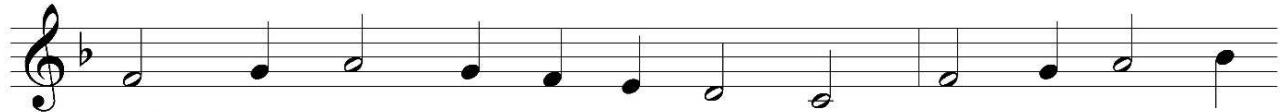
Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Reader: Marjo Gardner

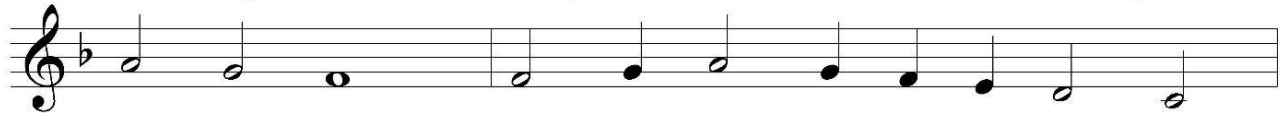
Hymn: # 67

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Michele Mulidor, soloist



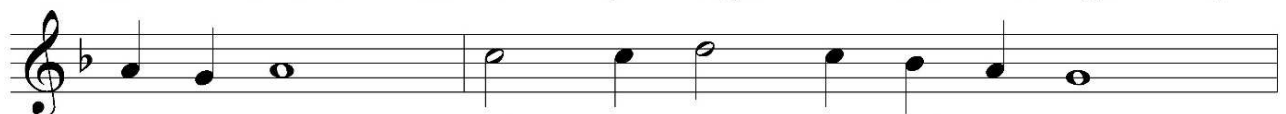
1. Com - fort. com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: PSALM 42 (87. 87. 77. 88), melody Claude Goudimel, 1514-1572.



Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Christ's Birth and Kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Reader: Paul Amendt

Anthem:

“For Unto Us a Child Is Born”

G.F. Handel

Michele Mulidor and David Mitchell, soloists

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,
unto us a Son is given, for unto us a Child is born:
and the government shall be upon His shoulder;
and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.



Third Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

Reader: Marjo Gardner

Hymn: # 762 (WOV)

“O Day of Peace”

Savana Thomas, soloist



1. O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb; ne'er shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.
as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease,
Then en - e-mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac-cord;



till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.
the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1944- © 1982, Hope Publishing Co.
Music: JERUSALEM (L M D), C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848-1918.



The One who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

Reader: Paul Amendt

Hymn: # 79

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Jeffrey Chung, soloist



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we_ see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4. Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the_ bless - ed Child,
 5. 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_ wondering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the_ mo - ther mild;
 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,
 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
 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 men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *St. Louis* (CMD), Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).





The Angel Gabriel tells the Virgin Mary that she will have a baby.

Reader: Marjo Gardner

Anthem:

“Ave Maria”

F. Schubert

Savana Thomas, soloist

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



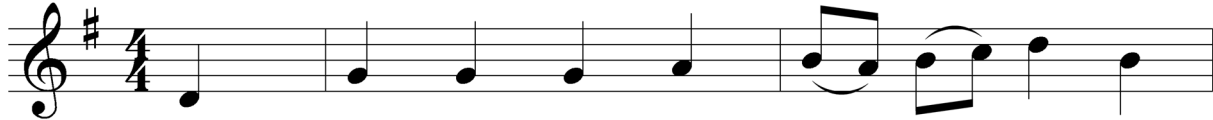
Saint Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Savior.

Reader: Paul Amendt

Hymn:

“The Hands that First Held Mary’s Child”

David Mitchell, soloist



1. The hands that first held Mar - y's child were
2. When Jo - seph mar - veled at the size of
3. "This child shall be Em - man - u - el, not
4. The tools which Jo - seph laid a - side a



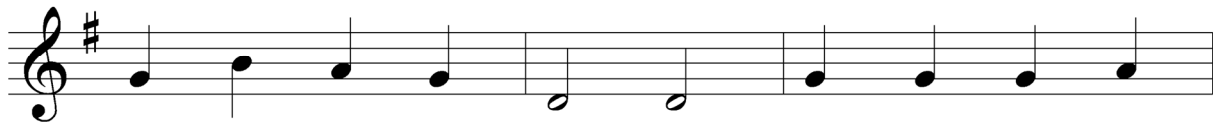
hard from work - ing wood, from boards they sawed and
that small breath - ing frame and gazed up - on those
God up - on the throne, but God with us, Em -
mob would lat - er lift and use with an - ger,



planed and filed and splin - ters they with - stood.
bright new eyes and spoke the in - fant's name,
man - u - el, as close as blood and bone."
fear and pride to cru - ci - fy God's gift.



This day they gripped no tool of steel, they
the an - gel's words he once had dreamed poured
The ti - ny form in Jo - seph's palms con -
Let us, O Lord, not on - ly hold the



drove no i - ron nail, but cra - dled from the
down from heav - en's height, and like the host of
firmed what he had heard, and from his heart rose
child who's born to - day, but charged with faith may



head to heel our Lord new - born and frail.
stars that beamed blessed earth with wel - come light.
hymns and psalms for heav - en's hu - man word.
we be bold to fol - low in his way.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger, © 1994, Oxford University Press, Inc.

Tune: FOREST GREEN, CMD; English; harm. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, © Oxford University Press, Inc.



Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshipped by angels and shepherds.

Reader: Marjo Gardner

Anthem:

“The Friendly Beasts”

12th cent. French/H.H. Hopson, based on *ORIENTUS PARTIBUS*

Jeffrey Chung, Fr. Greg Larkin, David Mitchell, Michele Mulidor, Savana Thomas; soloists

Verse 1

Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude,
And the friendly beasts around him stood;
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

Verse 2

“I,” said the donkey, shaggy and brown,
“I carried his mother uphill and down,
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town;”
“I,” said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

Verse 3

“I,” said the cow, all white and red,
“I gave him my manger for his bed,
I gave him my hay to pillow his head;”
“I,” said the cow, all white and red.

Verse 4

“I,” said the sheep with curly horn,
“I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn;”
“I,” said the sheep with curly horn.

Verse 5

“I,” said the dove, from the rafters high,
“I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry.
We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I.”
“I,” said the dove, from the rafters high.

Verse 6

Thus ev’ry beast, by some good spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.



The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reader: Paul Amendt

Hymn: # 109 (v. 1, 3, 5, 6)

“The First Nowell”

Michele Mulidore, soloist



1. The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2. And by the light of that same star
 3. Then en - tered in those wise men three
 4. Then let us all with one ac - cord



was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,
 sing prai - ses to our hea - ven - ly Lord;



in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 and of - fered there in his pres - ence
 that hath made heav'n and earth of nought,



on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 and to fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain



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



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Words: English carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm: John Stainer (1840-1901)



Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Reader: Fr. Greg Larkin

Anthem

“Ding Dong Merrily on High”

David Mitchell and Michele Mulidor, soloists

G.R. Woodward/
French tune

Verse 1: Ding dong! merrily on high in heav’n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv’n with angel singing.

Refrain: Gloria, hosanna in excelsis! (2 times)

Verse 2: E’en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And *i-o, i-o, i-o* by priest and people sungen.

Refrain

Verse 3: Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.

Refrain



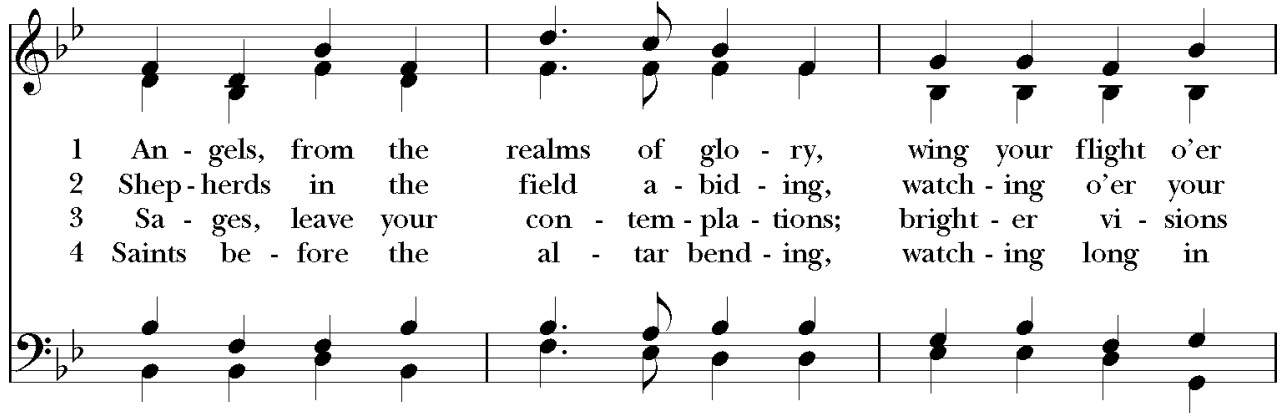
Closing Collects

Blessing

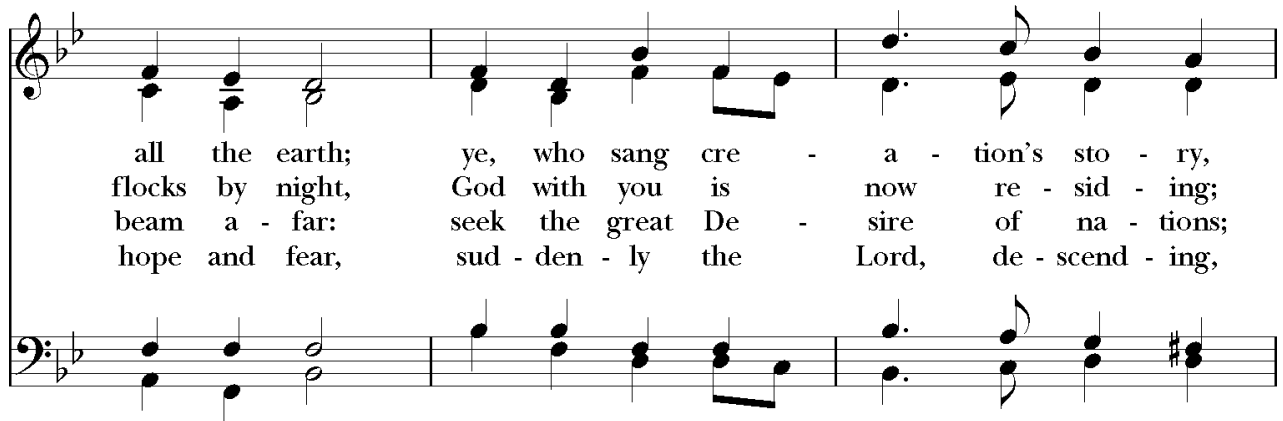
Closing Hymn: # 93

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

David Mitchell and Michele Mulidor, soloists



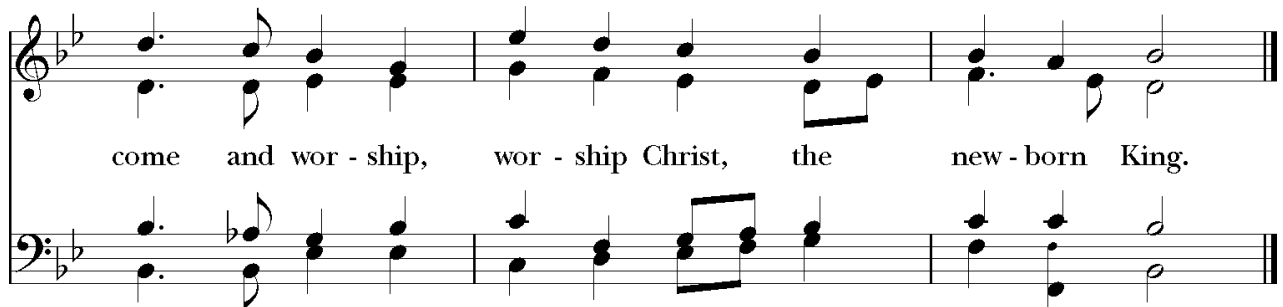
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,



Refrain
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
ye have seen his na - tal star:
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

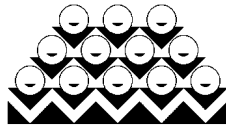


Postlude:

“The Heavens Are Telling”

G.F. Handel

Michele Mulidor and Savana Thomas, soloists



VOCALISTS

Jeffrey Chung
Fr. Gregory B. Larkin
David Mitchell
Michele Mulidor
Savana Thomas



INSTRUMENTALISTS

Loralee Brown, *cello*
Jeffrey Chung, *ukulele*
Brett Hanley, *organ*

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*Even though we are not able to gather together this Christmas, we will still have Christmas services. Those wishing to contribute to the **Christmas flowers** and decorations for the livestream service may do so by sending their donation to the parish office or dropping it through the slot in the office door. Donations may be made in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones—
please note that information with your gift.*



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for the church:

- For our Bishops: **Justin** (Archbishop of Canterbury), **Michael** (Presiding Bishop), **John**, and **Diane**.
- For St. Columba's, the Threshold Project, our Children's Learning Center, our Project Hope food ministries, and our Clergy and Staff.

We pray for

those with immediate needs:

Sandie, Denise, Lynn, *Ron*, Rob, Ilana, Scott, Therese, Dana, *Kerry*, Robbie, Wendy, Carol, Michele, Guy, Robb, Bill, *Richard*, Donna, Dick, Aimee, *Ted*, *Vicky*, *Judy*, Ron, Lisa, *Mary*, Linda, Linda, *Savannah*, Aracely, Agustin, Loren, Roger, *Mona*, *John*, Elise, Steven, *Terry*, *Val*, Joyce, Ronald, Clark, Danny, Richard, Erin, Ken

and those who need our continuing prayers:

Arlene, Lori, Kate, Kylie, Joy, Brad, Lisa, Sofia, John, Wanda, Jan, Debbie, Roni, Pauline, Marty, *Alison*, Thea, *Bob*, *Harry*, *Eileen*, Taka, Thom, the children at Good Shepherd Mission in Belize, Ingrid, Kalle, Blair, Jill, *Betty*, Ron, Danielle, Marlene, Leslie, Susan, Cara, Harold, Ben, *Evelyn*, Frossula, *Sharon*, Amory, Karen, Belen, *Sally*, Rob, Clarice, Rex, Justin, Maria, Pam, Mariana, Luana, *Jennie*

(Italicized names are parishioners.)

We give thanks for all members of our St. Columba's parish family and we pray for the time when we may worship in person again.

We pray for the world:

- For all who are suffering or have died because of the coronavirus pandemic;
- For all victims of violence, and to turn the hearts of those who would do harm;
- For those affected by natural disasters, especially wildfires;
- For peace in the Middle East and all troubled areas of the world;
- For all those serving at home and abroad: **Liam O'Brien, Simon Cunningham, Ed Dambach, Matthew Bamberger, Matt Zelinskas, Nathan Halpin, Jonah Hershman, David Barraza, Noah Knights, Garrett Smith, DeLondon Abbott, and Marty Bohm.**

To make changes to the prayer list for St. Columba's, please contact the church office (office.manager@stcolumbaca.com) or 805-482-8831.