

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY: LESSONS & CAROLS

December 27, 2020

Organ Prelude: Noel Variations

Daquin

Welcome & Announcements

Carol: "Angels from the realms of glory"

No. 146

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

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship;
worship Christ, the newborn King.

4. Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear. (Refrain)

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

5. Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down. (Refrain)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." (John 1:1-2)

We have gathered and recalled the story of Christ's birth, but our worship does not begin and end with the story of Jesus as a baby.

We come to worship to recall the whole story of God—creation, promises, birth, death, resurrection, new life; it is not just God's story, but also our own.

Our worship leads us to experience the whole story of God in every aspect of our daily living. Through recollection we awake each day with new eyes and ears to witness the unceasing presence of God our Creator, our Word, and our Comforter.

Let us worship God together!

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Special Music: Past three o'clock

Traditional English Carol

soloists Joanne Nasmith, Erin Stone, Elias Theocharidis and Jim Nasmith conducted by Bruce Nasmith

Worship Theme/Introduction

FIRST LESSON: Created by love

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27

Carol: "I wonder as I wander"

No. 142

1. I wonder as I wander,
out under the sky,
how Jesus the Saviour
did come for to die
for poor or'n'ry people
like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander,
out under the sky.

3. If Jesus had wanted
for any wee thing,
a star in the sky,
or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels
in heav'n for to sing,
he surely could have it,
'cause he was the King.

2. When Mary birth'd Jesus,
'twas in a cow's stall,
with wise men and farmers
and shepherds and all,
but high from God's heaven
a star's light did fall;
the promise of ages
it then did recall.

4. I wonder as I wander,
out under the sky,
how Jesus the Saviour
did come for to die
for poor or'n'ry people
like you and like I;
I won der as I wander,
out under the sky,
out under the sky.

SECOND LESSON: I will make of you a great nation

Genesis 12:1-4, 7

Special Music: This Day the Christ was born

Jim Nasmith

soloists Joanne Nasmith, Erin Stone, Elias Theocharidis and Jim Nasmith with guitarist Bruce Nasmith

THIRD LESSON: Looking at things inside out

1 Samuel 16:6-7, 10-13

Carol: "Once in Royal David's City"

No. 166

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. Christ came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
sheltered by a humble stable,
cradled in a cattle stall:
with the poor, oppressed and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy,

3. and our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above,
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there God's children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned

FOURTH LESSON: The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Carol: "Joy to the world"

No. 153

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

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.

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

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

FIFTH LESSON: New Life in Christ

Colossians 3:12-17

Carol: "See amid the winter snow"

No. 168

1. See amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below;
see, the Lamb of God appears,
promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, O ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2. Lo, with in a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
and who, throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim. (Refrain)

3. Say, now holy shepherds, say,
tell your joyful news today;
tell us why you left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep. (Refrain)

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "Good Christians all rejoice"

Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;

1. now give heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today,
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today.

Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;

2. now you hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: The Rejoicing

4. "As we watched at dead of night,
lo, we saw a wondrous sight,
angels, singing peace on earth,
told us of the Saviour's birth?" (Refrain)

5. Sacred infant, all divine,
of God's tender love the sign,
for you came from highest bliss,
down to such a world as this! (Refrain)

No. 141

He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this.

Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;

3. now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save,
calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save.

G. F. Handel