

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Handbell Prelude: "He Is Born," "Rocking Carol," "While by My Sheep"

Welcome and Opening Sentences

Introit: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (Spiritual, arr. Carolyn Jennings)

Carol 100: "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Handbell Anthem: "I Wonder as I Wander" (Appalachian Carol, arr. Sandra Eithun)

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5 and Haggai 2:6-7

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts.

Solo: "Scots Nativity" (Traditional Scottish text, Alan Bullard)

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 2:8-14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

Duet: "Gesù Bambino" ("The Infant Jesus") (Frederick H. Martens and Pietro A. Yon)

Compassionate Giving

Echoes from "A Christmas Carol"

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Carol 118: "Sussex Carol"

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:11 and Matthew 11:28-30

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Duet: "Before the Paling of the Stars" (Christina Rossetti and John Boda)

Meditation: "OVERCOMING THE SCROOGE IN ALL OF US"

Special Music: "Night of the Father's Love" (AURELIUS PRUDENTIUS, Pepper Choplin)
(The congregation joins on the first verse of "Silent Night")

Benediction

Benediction Response 466: "This Little Light of Mine"

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Dr. Paul and Beth Patton, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Marsha Hacker, April Lakatos, Jamie Keller, Kim and Lorraine Finison, Gina Patton, Roger Kennedy, Ann McClelland

The Christmas Eve collection will be given to the Salvation Army, partly in memory of Blanche Samohovetz, who was a long-time volunteer there, as well as at Mayflower, and to help with their disaster relief efforts in the wake of the recent extremely destructive tornados. Thanks for your support of this most worthy charity!

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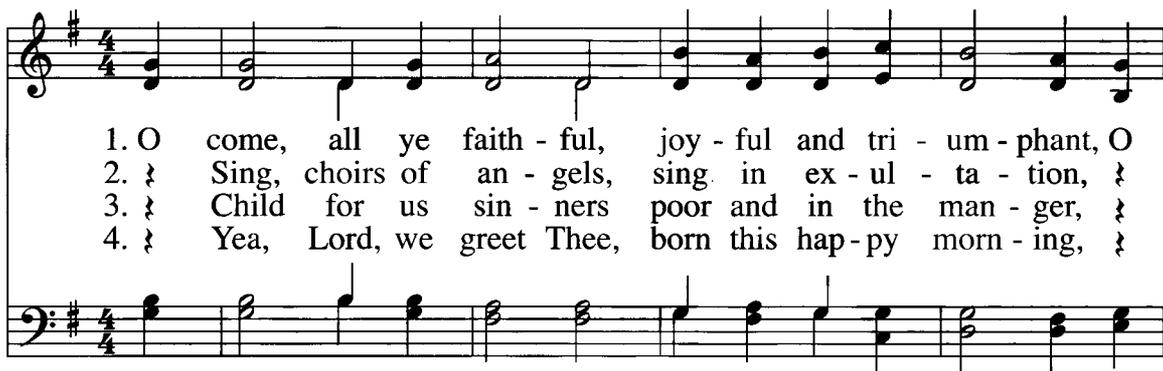
Carleen Brammell	In memory of loved ones
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of her parents, Angelo and Gwendolyn Vassallo
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of his parents, Joe L. and Velma Finison
Kim and Lorraine Finison	In memory of Peggy, Ruth, Ardath, Saralu, Laura, Linda, and Liz
Jan Fleck	In memory of her mother, Ida Mae Johnson
Jerry and Barb Fuller	With special thoughts of loved ones past and present
Terry and Sharon Graham	In memory of Doris--mom, grandma, and greatgrandma
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, and Bob Z	In memory of Bob Pearson
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, and Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's wife, Patricia
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, and Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's and Darleen's mother, Lelah Gress-Smith
Bob Gress, Darleen Wirt, and Bob Z	In memory of Bob G's and Darleen's grandparents, Rev. George and Pearle Hall
Roger and Meredith Kennedy	In memory of loved ones
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In memory of her parents, Loyal and Arlene Dean
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In honor of his mother, Loverna McCormick
Mark and DeeAnn McCormick	In memory of his father, Everett McCormick
Nancy McKay	In memory of her husband, Dick, and their parents, Russell and Leone Parish and Norman and Ila McKay
Beverly Miller	In memory of her husband, Fred
Arlene Moore	In memory of her husband, Jimmy
Eugene and Shirley Potts	For those grieving loved ones
Mary Robison	In loving memory of her dear Norm, who died seven years ago Dec. 19
Mary Robison	In memory of her brother, Bill Bishop, who passed away Nov. 28
Mary Robison	In loving memory of her mother, Myra Lu Bishop
Mary Robison	In loving memory of her father, David Bishop
Terry and Gwen Tisdale	In honor of Pastor Mark and DeeAnn
Frank and Linda Wheeler	In memory of their parents, Raymond and Ruth Keller and Glen and Delores Pettis
Gordon Wilson and Deenie Leshar	In memory of their mothers, Doreen Brown and Jean Johnson
Susan Yaeger and family	In loving memory of her parents, Dan and Blanche Samohovetz

O Come, All Ye Faithful

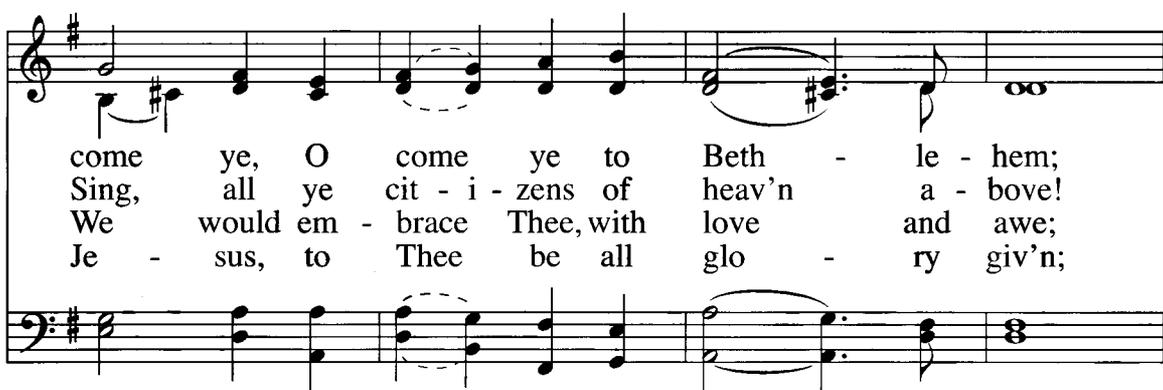
Latin by John F. Wade, 1711–1786

John F. Wade's, *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

Trans. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, and others



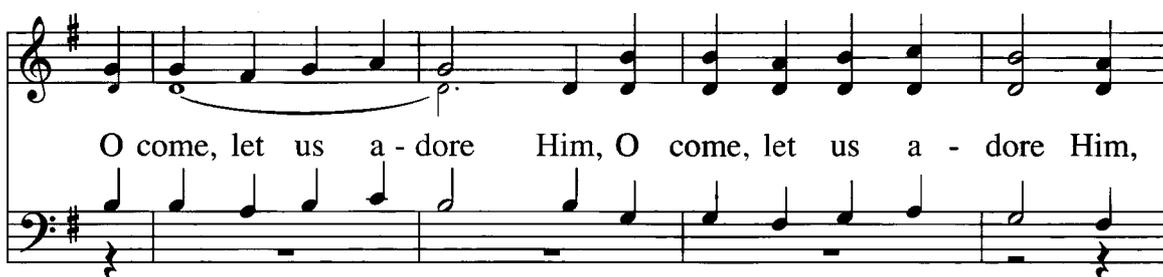
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. ♪ Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, ♪
 3. ♪ Child for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, ♪
 4. ♪ Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing, ♪



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
 We would em - brace Thee, with love and awe;
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 Who would not love Thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the notes.

Adeste Fideles

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John F. Wade, 1711–1786

1. Adeste fideles,
 Laeti triumphantes,
 Venite, venite in Bethlehem:
 Natum videte
 Regem angelorum:
 Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,
 Venite, adoremus Dominum.

2. Cantet nunc iohannes
 Chorus angelorum,
 Cantet nunc aula caelestium:
 Gloria in
 Excelsis Deo:
 Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,
 Venite, adoremus Dominum.

3. Ergo qui natus
 Die hodierna,
 Jesu, tibi sit gloria:
 Patris aeterni
 Verbum caro factum:
 Venite, adoremus, venite, adoremus,
 Venite, adoremus Dominum.

Sussex Carol

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Traditional

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As sung by Mrs. Verrall, Monks Gate, Sussex

Harm. by Walter Ehret, 1918-

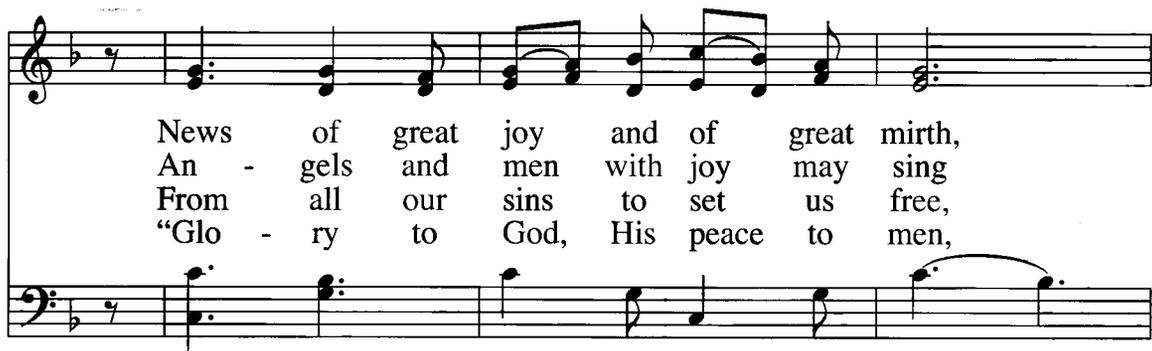
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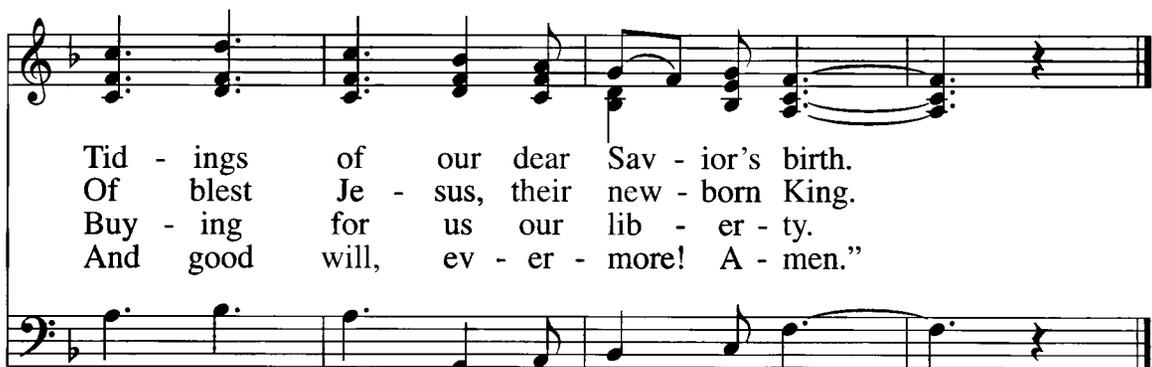
1. On Christ - mas night, all Chris - tians sing, To
 2. The King of Kings to us is giv'n, The
 3. So how on earth can we be sad, When
 4. From out the dark - ness have we light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring,
 Lord of earth and King of Heav'n;
 Je - sus comes to make us glad?
 makes the an - gels sing this night:



News of great joy and of great mirth,
 An - gels and men with joy may sing
 From all our sins to set us free,
 "Glo - ry to God, His peace to men,



Tid - ings of our dear Sav - ior's birth.
 Of blest Je - sus, their new - born King.
 Buy - ing for us our lib - er - ty.
 And good will, ev - er - more! A - men."

"He," "Him," or "His" may be replaced by "God(s)" or "You(r)."

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