MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 24, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: "In the Judean Hills" (from The Winter Rose) (Joseph M. Martin)

Opening Sentences

Hymn 94: "To A Maid Engaged to Joseph"

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Candle of Love

Anthem: "Dance Into the Light" (from The Winter Rose) (Joseph M. Martin)

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon: "FAVORED ONES"

Hymn 113: "O Holy Night"

Benediction

Benediction Response 84 (v. 3): "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er the earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that His Word is never broken.

Greet One Another

<u>Participants</u>: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Rev. Art Ritter, Barb and Jerry Fuller, Lorraine Finison, Glenn and Carol Dunn, Chancel Choir

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

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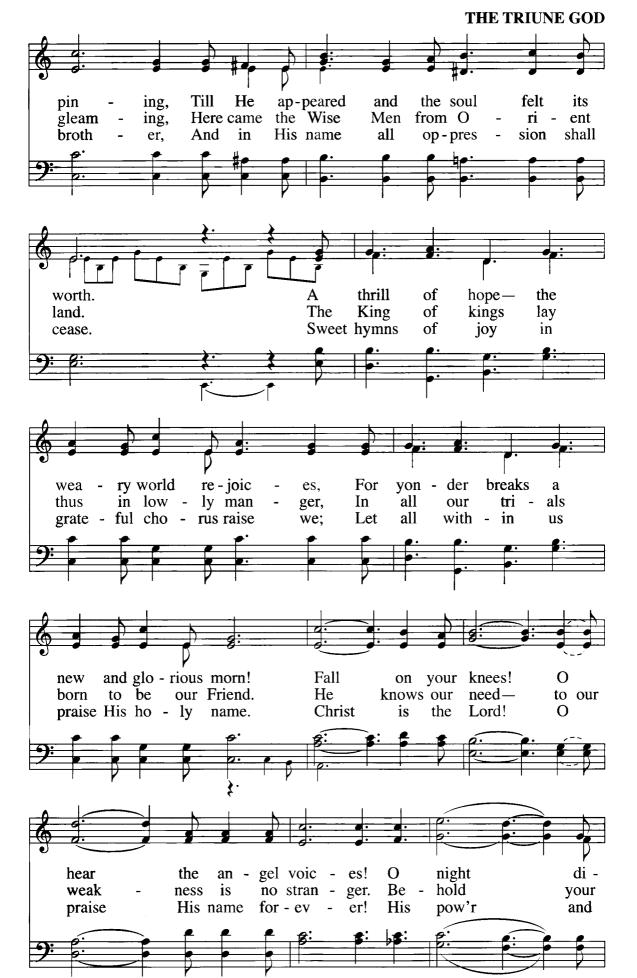
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John S. Dwight, 1813-1893

Adolphe C. Adam, 1803-1856





THE TRIUNE GOD

