



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PARISH DAY SCHOOL

*We strive to bring all people to a closer relationship
with God and each other in Jesus Christ.*



Sunday, January 3, 2021 – 10:15 a.m.
The Second Sunday after Christmas

HOLY EUCHARIST | THE WORD OF GOD

Music pages are indicated in blue and can be found near the back of the bulletin.

Prelude *Mary Rest Your Gentle Head*
Lisa Logan-Roussell and Sadie Roussell, soloists

D. Waters

Welcome

Entrance Hymn *Exult You Just Ones*

M-1

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

T. Ken/L. Bourgeois/arr. E. Tich

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *Please be seated.*

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Read in unison.*

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
 than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
 he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
 from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Second Reading *Please be seated.*

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn *Go Tell It On The Mountain*

M-2

The Gospel of the Lord *Please stand.*

John 1:10-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Ann Ritonia

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able; said by all.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Remain standing.*

The Lector and People pray responsively. At the conclusion of each petition,

Lector From his fullness;
People we have all received, grace upon grace.

The Peace *Remain standing.*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:15, 16

Offertory

Text "SJEC" to 73256 or donate at www.stjohnsec.org/give.

Offertory Hymn *We Three Kings, vs. 1-3*

M-3

Eucharistic Prayer B *Remain standing as you are able.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *St. John's Sanctus*

P.A. Newman

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Hea - ven and earth

are filled with Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Father *Sung*

M-4

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant Behold what you are;

People **May we become what we receive.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer *Pray in unison.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Immediately following the livestream service, Holy Eucharist will be available at the side door of the church from 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Please stay in your car and wear a mask.

Communion Anthem *O Holy Night*

Lisa Logan-Roussell and Sadie Roussell, soloists

The Post-Communion Prayer *Pray together.*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Joy to the World*, vs. 1, 2, and 4

M-5

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Adger McDavid Pearce R. Fisher Boy

Reflection

Welcome to St. John's on the Second Sunday after Christmas. Today we hear the second half of John's prologue where he uses imagery of light and darkness. To live as people in the light, it often means stirring up controversy. It means calling attention to things others may not want to see in response to the love of God for us and the light within. This is why we need each other, people of like mind and faith who will stand together as people of the light. It is not easy to live in the light. It often means standing our as one in the hot seat, when many would prefer life in the cooler shadows of non-commitment. As you consider what it means to live in the light of God, you are invited to reflect on the following:

1. If truth is found in the light, why is it often so difficult to be honest?
2. Where is there darkness in your life that is need of Christ's light?
3. How can you be Christ's light in the world this year?



Then Jesus said, "Come to me all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

~Matthew 11:28

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alma, Autumn Aje, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, William Eric Boin, Kelly Brown, Cathy, Oliver Chang, Melissa Chavez, Teddy Clarke, Diane, Jeffrey Edmonds, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, June Elder, Amy Gebhard, George, Tom Goetting, Frank Grondahl, James Grubb, Jennette & Richard Hamilton, The Rev. Randy Haycock, Natalie Cox Hennes, Chris Jones, Kathy & Joe, Kathryn & Jim, James Kreckel, Cathy Kulpinski, Amy Lederer Shapiro, Nancy Maestri, Emily Mello, Carol Mello, Tom & Pat Merson, Michael, Charles Miller, Bob Monkouski, Jerry O'Neill, Beblon Parks, Famebridge Payne, Pete Riker, Marilyn Scala, Heather Schwenk, Shirley & Jack, Pam Sikora, Kim & Rodney Smith, Lauren Smith, Wallace Stebbins, Bettie Sullivan, Joell Szachara, Karin Tourtellotte, Jim & Verity Truby, Michael Turmala, Jennifer Turner, James Vanderheiden, Chris Walsh, Sr., and Allen "Mitch" Wright.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Charlotte Holland

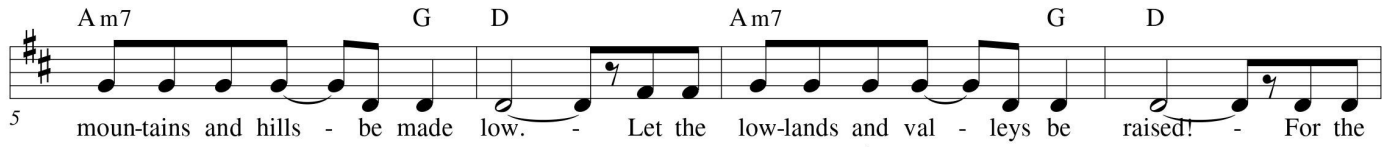
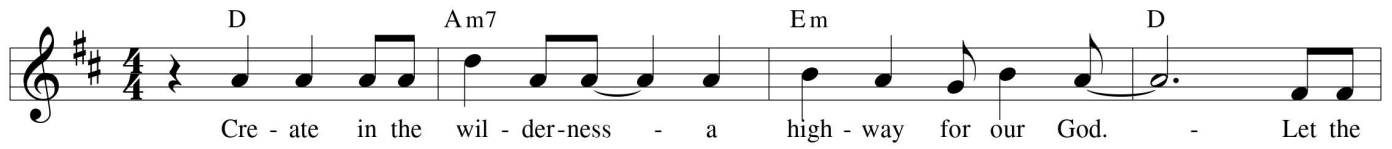
FOR THOSE IN HARM'S WAY: Jonas Kelsall, Keith Scharnhorst, Barry Weimer, Kristina Randazzo, Chris Peterson, Mike Jackson, and Scott Geist.

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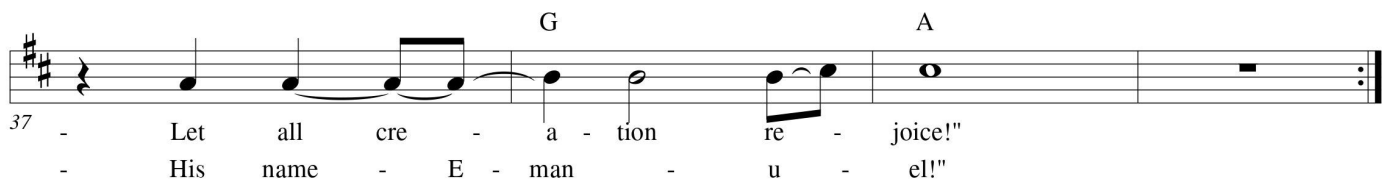
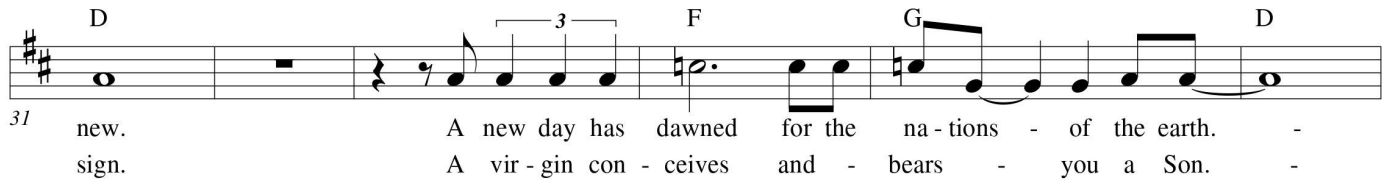
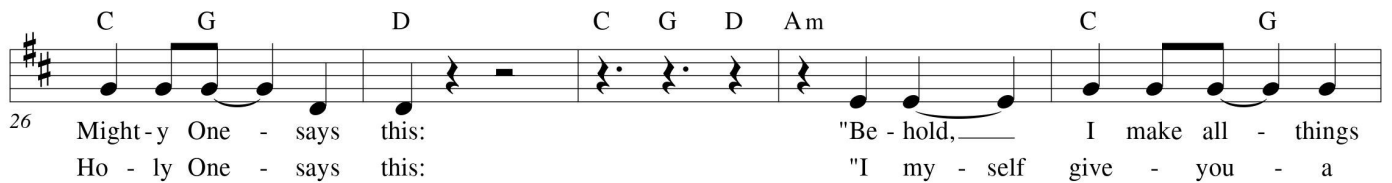
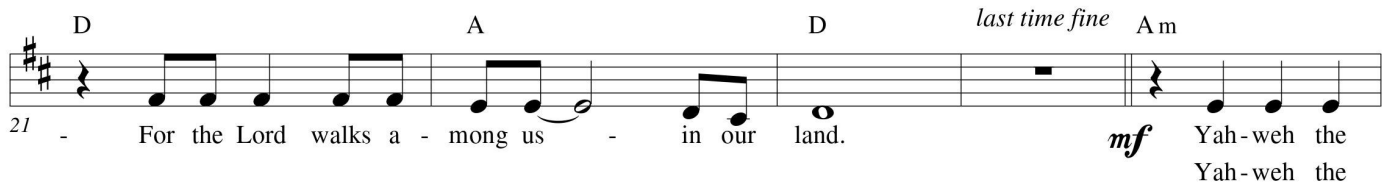
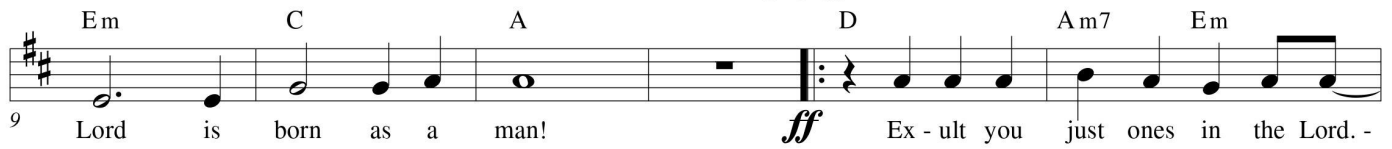
Entrance Hymn *Exult You Just Ones*

Roc O'Connor/adapt. E. Tich

Intro (freely)



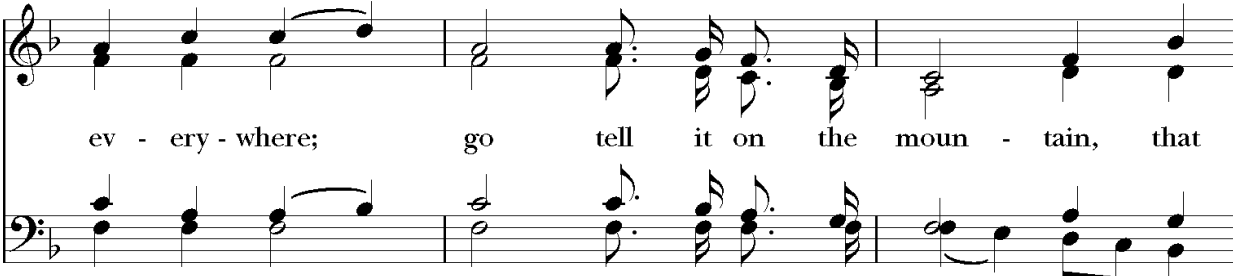
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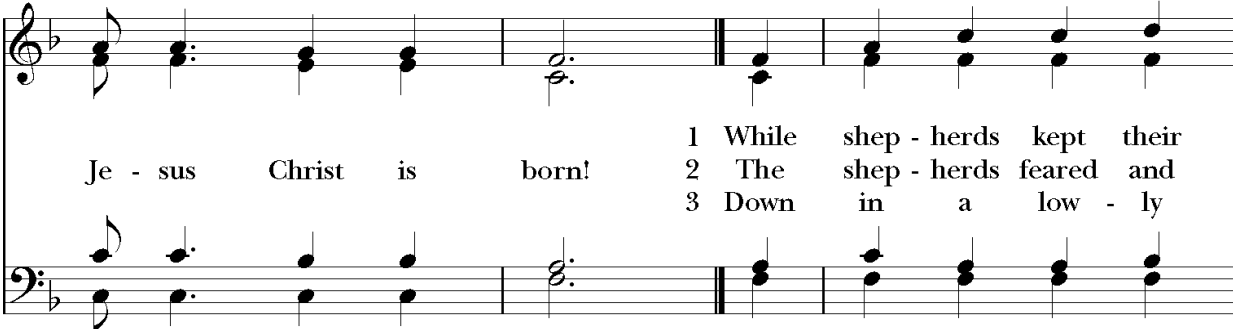
Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and

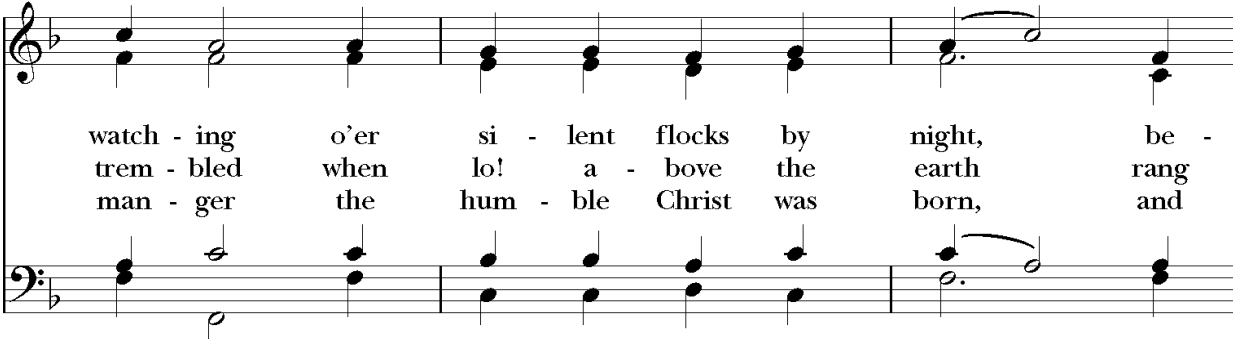


ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that



Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep - herds kept their
2 The shep - herds feared and
3 Down in a low - ly



watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth, rang
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

Repeat Refrain



hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Offertory Hymn *We Three Kings, vs. 1-3**Three Kings of Orient*

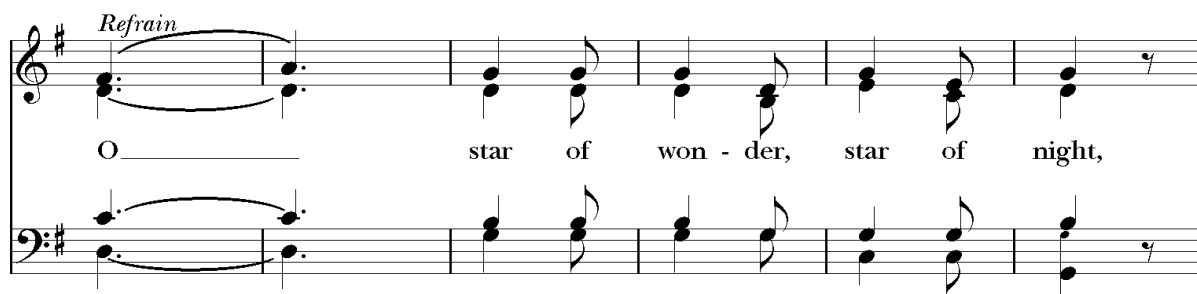
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



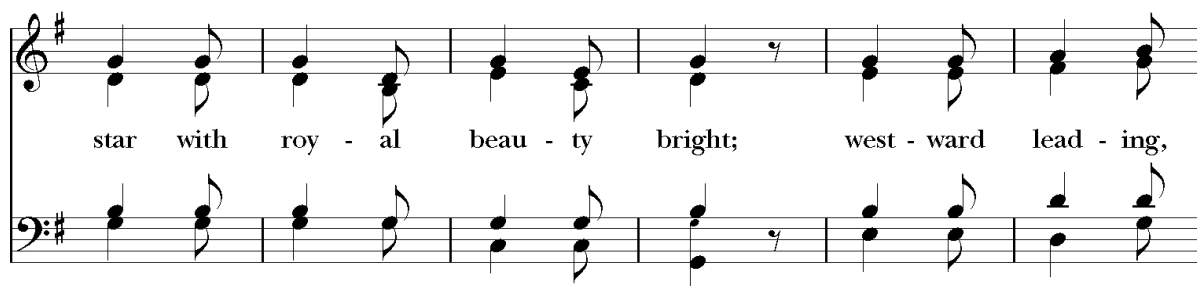
1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,
 3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



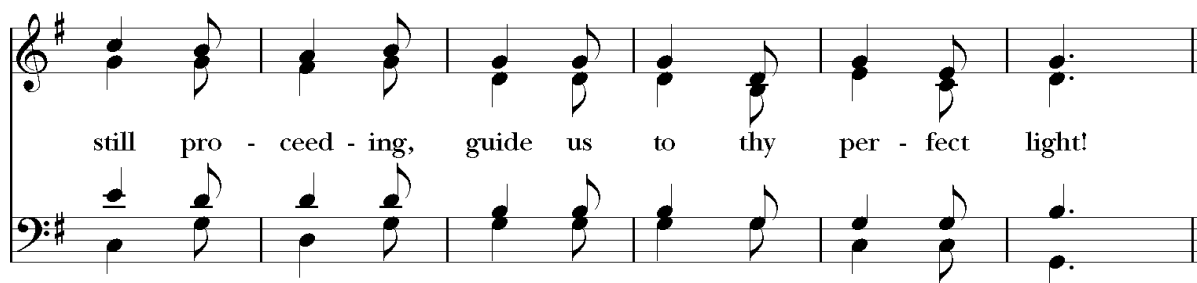
1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O star of won - der, star of night,



star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Our Father

Jim Strathdee

Sung as a call and response. Congregation sings words in parentheses.

Our Father (*Our Father*)

Who art in heaven (*Who art in heaven*)

Hallowed be Thy name (*Hallowed be Thy name*)

Thy kingdom come (*Thy kingdom come*)

Thy will be done (*Thy will be done*)

On earth (*On earth*)

As it is in heaven (*As it is in heaven*)

Give us this day (*Give us this day*)

The food we need (*The food we need*)

And forgive our sins (*And forgive our sins*)

As we forgive those (*As we forgive those*)

Who sin against us all (*Who sin against us all*)

And lead us not (*And lead us not*)

Into temptation (*Into temptation*)

But deliver us (*But deliver us*)

From all evil (*From all evil*)

UNISON: *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever*

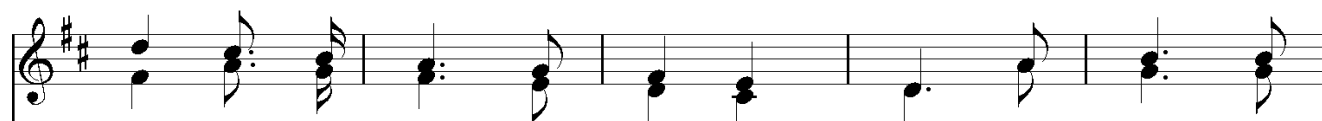
Forever (*Forever*)

And ever (*And ever*)

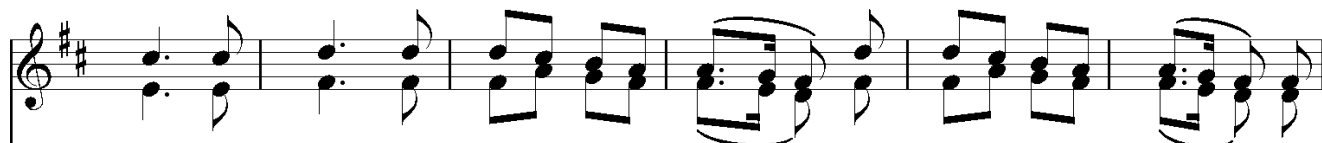
UNISON: *Hallowed be Thy name.*

Closing Hymn *Joy to the World*, vs, 1, 2, and 4

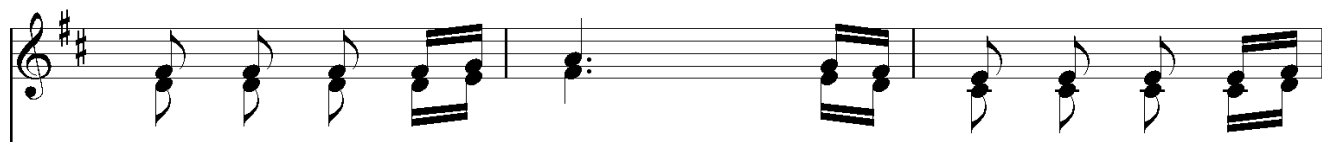
Antioch



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far - as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 3 far as the curse is found, far
 4 and won - ders of his love, and



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



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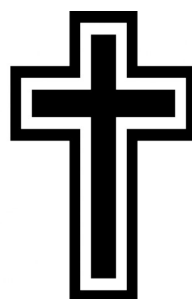
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