



A Service of

Nine Lessons and Hymns

December 6, 2020

Lutheran Chapel Church

Congregation & Choir

Reader:

Rev. Michael C. Comer

Lessons and HYMNS for 2020

Lessons contained in The Holy Bible (NKJV)

Pastor Michael C. Comer

***Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will sit for all hymns to honor Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Yiddish folk tune
arr. Wayne L. Wold

1. Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish
2. Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish
3. Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish
4. Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish

dark - ness. He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
dark - ness. He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
dark - ness. Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry!
dark - ness. He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your light be shin - ing!

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The Offering

Confession:

P: Examine your thoughts, your words and deeds. Let us take them to the foot of the cross.

Congregation kneels.

P: Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in Your presence as Your children. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: The Virgin Mary accepted Your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to Your will. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: Your Son, our Savior was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of Your ways. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem. Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: The wise men followed the star to find Jesus the King. Forgive our reluctance to seek You. We have sinned.

C: Forgive us and heal us.

P: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to Himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Once In Royal David's City

C. F. Alexander H. J. Gauntlett
Harmonized by: A. H. Mann

Duet 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty Stood a
Choir 2. He came down - al to earth from hea - ven Who is
Choir 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood He would
Choir 4. For He is our at last - hood's pat - tern, Day by
Congregation 5. And our eyes our at last - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by In a
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble, And His
 hon - our and o - bey, Love and watch the low - ly maid - en, In whose
 day like us He grew, He was that lit - tle, weak and help - less, Tears and
 own re - deem - ing love, For that child so dear and gen - tle Is our
 ox - en stand - ing by, We shall see Him; but in heav - en, Set at

man - ger for his bed; Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; With the poor and mean and
 gen - tle arms He lay; Chris - tian chil - dren all must
 smiles like us He knew; And He feel - eth for our
 Lord's right hand on high, Where like stars His chil - dren

10
 mild, low - ly Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child -
 be - ness, Mild, o - be - dient, good as ho - ly.
 sad - ness, And He the shar - eth in our glad - ness.
 on crowned All in white shall wait a - round.

Introduction/Bidding Prayer/The “Our Father...”:

P: We have come together as the family of God, in our Father’s presence, to celebrate the great festival of Jesus’ coming into our world.

In this service we hear and receive the good news of Jesus’ birth and offer our thanksgiving to God.

As we gather together in the name of Christ, we pray for the world He came to save:

For the church,.... that it may be enabled in our generation to surrender anew to God’s holy Wisdom, and bear the good news of God’s love to our sin-sick world;

For the world, ...which is already Christ’s, that all its peoples may recognize their responsibility for its future, and may be inspired by the message of Christmas to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace everywhere;

For all in special need, ...the sick, the anxious, the lonely, the fearful and the bereaved, that the peace and light of the Christ-child may bring hope and healing to all who sit in darkness. **Intercessions here.**

We commend all for whom we pray to the unfailing mercy of our heavenly Father, and say together, as Christ Himself taught us to pray:

***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,
forever and ever. Amen.***

Hymn: *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? LSB 334

Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Johann Crüger, 1598-1662;

setting Richard J. Heschke, b. 1939

All 1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a -
Men 2. I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me
Women 3. Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to
All 4. Re - joice, then you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est

right? Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, My heart's de -
free. I stood my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or -
me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er -
gloom, Who mourn your joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your

light! O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my
me. A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on
ty. Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em -
doom. All hail the Lord's ap - pear - ing! O glo - rious Sun, and

breast To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
high That will not fail nor leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
brace In love, all love ex - cel - ing, Our lost and fall - en race.
come, Send forth your beams so cheer - ing and guide us safe - ly home.

First Reading

Genesis 3:8-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

⁸ And they heard the ^[a]sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the ^[b]cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

¹² Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, “What *is* this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent:

“Because you have done this,
You *are* cursed more than all cattle,
And more than every beast of the field;
On your belly you shall go,
And you shall eat dust
All the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her Seed;
He shall bruise your head,
And you shall bruise His heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children;
Your desire *shall be* ^[e]for your husband,
And he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

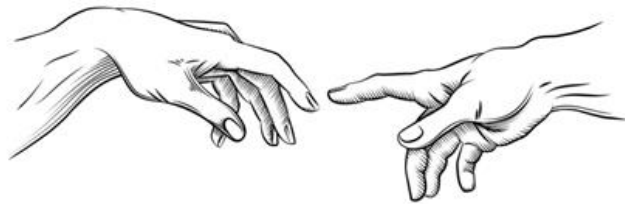
“Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;
In toil you shall eat *of* it
All the days of your life.

¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall ^[d]bring forth for you,
And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread
Till you return to the ground,
For out of it you were taken;
For dust you *are*,
And to dust you shall return.”

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God



Hymn:

In Adam We Have All Been One

In Adam We Have All Been One LBW 372

The Saints' Delight

W. Walker

Southern Harmony, 1835

Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

All 1. In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;
Men 2. We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;
Women 3. But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son

5
We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his brother slew.
That we might hear His Shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.

10
Men 4. O Thou, Who when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all;
All 5. Send us Thy Spir - it teach us truth; Thou Son, oh, set us free
All 6. Then shall our song u - nit - ed rise to Thine e - ter - nal throne;

15
Thou great Good Shep - herd of man - kind, Oh, hear us when we call.
From fan - cied wis - dom, self-taught ways, And make us one in Thee.
Where with the Fa - ther ev - er - more and Spir - it Thou art one.

Second Reading Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵ Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,
¹⁶ and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*— ¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. ¹⁸ In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Hymn: *Sing Praise to the God of Israel*

Sing Praise To The God of Israel LSB 936

Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955
3rd vs. R. Myers

Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774-1842
Setting : The Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978

1. Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2. God spoke by the proph-ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3. The prom - ise to A - bra - ham God kept when Ma - ry gave

vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their
oath re - call - ing To A - bra - ham made in form - er
birth to Je - sus. The Sav - ior of all man - kind He

sin, Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
years: Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, that those He de -
was, And God's love for us did save us. God knew that with -

might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
out Christ we are lost and gave us our on - ly trea - sure.

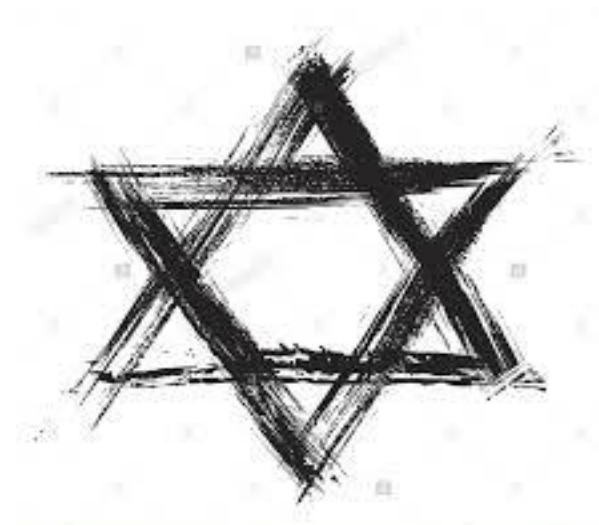
Third Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

⁶For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷Of the increase of *His* government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Comfort, Comfort Now My People ELW256

Johann G. Olearius, 1635-1711
tr. Catharin Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Freu Dich Sehr
Trente quatre pseumes de David,
Geneva 1551

1. "Com - fort com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2. For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3. Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

3
Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

5
To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

7
Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum - ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Fourth Reading Isaiah 11: 1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

1 There shall come forth a ^[a]Rod from the ^[b]stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall ^[c]grow out of his roots.

² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight *is* in the fear of the LORD,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

⁶ “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole,
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.

⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *What Hope! An Eden Prophesied*

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied LSB 342

Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955

Repository of Sacred Music II

Harrisburg 1813

ed. John Wyeth

setting: Kevin J. Heldebrand, b. 1973

1. What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where
2. A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A
3. As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ
4. Come, Je - sus, come Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost

3

tame live with the wild; The lamb and li - on
branch from Da - vid's line, A Prince of Peace in
came to suf - fer loss, That by His death a
Par - a dise re - store; Lead past the an - gel's

6

side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
flam - ing sword, Come o - pen hea - ven's door.

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Hymn: *A Little Child Shall Lead Them*

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Hymn arrangement for Lutheran Chapel
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Bethold

Mark Sedio, b. 1954

hymn arr. R. Myers b. 1956

1. See what once I - sa - iah told:
 2. Cows shall graze where li - ons lie,
 3. Sing a prayer that calls for peace
 4. Je - sus was that lit - tle one

3 "Wolf and lamb shall live to - geth - er." See an im - age
 peace and joy spring forth, un - end - ing; bears shall tend their
 and an end to all di - vi - sions. Sing with love that
 come to know and heal our sor - rows. Both our bro - ther

6 vi - vid, bold grace en - folds us all for - ev - er,
 young near - by, ev - 'ry split on earth is mend - ing.
 dis - cords cease mak - ing real the proph - ets vi - sion:
 and God's Son, come to bring a new to - mor - row.

9 "And a lit - tle child shall lead them."

Fifth Reading Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; ^[a] blessed *are* you among women!"

²⁹ But ^[b] when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I ^[c] do not know a man?"

³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit* will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Hymn: *My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord (Magnificat)*

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord ELW 573

Stephanie K. Frey, b. 1952
alt., based on the Magnificat

Ich Heb Mein Augen Sehnlich Auf
Heinrich Schutz, 1585-1672
key alt. R. Myers

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and G major. The score is divided into three systems, each with a measure number (1, 3, 6) at the beginning. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, with some words in German in the original image. The piano accompaniment is written in the right and left hands, with the right hand often playing chords and the left hand providing a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1
Women! My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; my spir - it
Men 2 For You a - lone, O God of might, have done a -
All— 3 Your arm is strong; Your strength is great. You scat - ter
All 4 You feed the hun - gry as Your own; the wealth - y
All 5 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or

3
leaps, by joy pos - sessed. You Keep me in Your kind re -
maz - ing things for me. Your mer - cy flows; Your name like
—those of proud in - tent and cast them down from high es -
leave with em - ty hands. You give Your help to Is - ra -
to the in - car - nate Word, and praise the Pow'r of God most

6
gard; all gen - er - a - tions call me blessed.
light re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
—tate; then give the low Your nour - ish - ment.
el; Your gra - cious pro - mise al - ways stands.
high, from age to age by all a - dored.

Sixth Reading

Matthew 1: 18-23

St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being ^[a]a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. ²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is ^[b]conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name ^[c]JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Unto Us Is Born A Son

Vs 1-3 tr. George Ratchliffe Woodward
vs 4 R. Myers

Tune from Piaie Cantiones, 1582
arr. David Willcocks

1. Un - to us is born a Son, King of choirs su -
2. Christ, from heav'n des - cend - ing low, Comes on earth a
3. Born of Ma - ry on this day, By Thy grace trans -
4. Son of Man and Son of God, an - gels sang Him

per - nal: See on earth His life be - gun, Of
stran - ger, Ox and ass their own - er know, Be -
late us To the realm a - bove, we pray, Where
prais - es, Come to us to give us life, And

7
lords the Lord e - ter - nal, of lords the Lord e - ter - nal.
cra - dled in the man - ger, be - cra - dled in the man - ger.
end - less joys a - wait us, where end - less joys a - wait us.
now our hope He rais - es, And now our hope He rais - es.

Seventh Reading Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And ^[a]behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a ^[b]manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill^[c] toward men!”

¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Hymn: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Nahum Tate, 1625-1715

Winchester Old
melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592
harmony from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks". It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is presented in three systems, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The lyrics are arranged in six numbered lines, with some lines having multiple verses. The first system contains lines 1 through 6. The second system contains lines 3 through 6. The third system contains lines 6 through 8. The lyrics are as follows:

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is
4. "The heav'n - ly Babe you there shall find to
5. Thus spake the ser - aph, and forth - with ap -
6. "All glo - ry be to God on high and

3
seat - ed on the ground, the an - gel of the
seized their troub - bled mind; "Glad tid - ings of great
born of Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, Who is
hu - man view dis - played, all mean - ly wrapped in
peared a shin - ing thron - of an - gels prais - ing
on the earth be peace; good will hence - forth from

6
Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
joy I bring to you and all man - kind.
— Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
swath - ing bands, and in a man - ger laid.
God, who thus ad - dressed their joy - ful song:
heav'n to men be - gin and nev - er cease."

Hymn:

All My Heart Again Rejoices

All My Heart Again Rejoices ELW 273

Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Warum Sollt Ich

Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-1676

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system has four lines of lyrics. The second system has four lines of lyrics. The third system has four lines of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

All 1. All my heart a - gain re-joic - es as I hear, far and
Women 2. Je - sus' voice from low - ly man - ger soft - ly thus calls to
Men 3. Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; here let all, great and
All 4. You, dear Lord, I'll ev - er cher - ish; though my breath fail in

5
near, sweet - est an - gel voic - es; "Christ is born," their choirs are
us: "You are safe from dan - ger; come and see; from all that
small, kneel in awe and won - der; love Him Who with love is
death, I will nev - er per - ish: by Your side in light e -

9
sing - ing, till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
grieves you you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."
yearn - ing; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burn - ing.
ter - nal I shall be end - less - ly filled with joy su - per - nal.



Eighth Reading Matthew 2:1-12

The wisemen are led by the star to Jesus.

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, ^[a]wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

³ When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵ So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the ^[b]wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: *We three Kings of Orient Are*

We Three Kings of Orient Are WOV 646

JHI, alt.

Three Kings of Orient
John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

The musical score is written for piano accompaniment in G major and 3/8 time. It consists of four systems of music. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn, with lyrics for Men, Women, and All. The second system contains the next five lines of the hymn. The third system is the Refrain, starting at measure 16. The fourth system contains the final line of the hymn, starting at measure 25. The piano part features a simple, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

All 1. We three kings of o - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
Men 2. Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him a -
Women 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty
All 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing
All 5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -

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far, field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
gain; King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
— nigh; prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most Hight.
gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed int he stone - cold tomb.
fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia; al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

16 Refrain:
Oh, — star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty

25
bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Hymn: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786
tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802/1880 sts. 1, 3-4
tr. unknown st. 2

attr. John Francis Wade

Unison 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
SATB 2. The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
Unison & Descant 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
Unison 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold Him,
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes; Son of the Fa - ther
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove! Glo - ry to God
Je - su, to Thee be glo - ry giv'n! Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels,
now in flesh a - pear - ing!
in the high - est. O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
now in flesh a - pear - ing:

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

Ninth Reading

John 1: 1- 14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ^[a]comprehend it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹ That ^[b] was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His ^[c]own, and His ^[d]own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the ^[e]right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Hymn: *The Only Son from Heaven*

The Only Son from Heaven

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Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500-1535;
tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-1874, alt.

HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN
Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524

1. The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,
2. Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!
3. A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,
4. O Fa - ther, here be - fore You with God the Ho - ly Ghost,

by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the King a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin born,
in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,
and Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel - host,

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly shin - ing
grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be - fore us
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en prov - ing,
be - fore You mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

as He, our Morn - ing Star.
and bring us life a - gain.
may reap its full - ness there.
O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"



Hymn:

All Praise To Thee, Eternal Lord

All Praise To Thee, Eternal Lord SBH 21

11th cent. Latin Hymn
14th cent German Hymn
Martin Luther, 1483-1546
tr. anonymous 1858

Tallis' Canon
Thomas Tallis, ca. 1505-1585

All 1. All praise to Thee, E - ter - nal Lord, Clothed
Men 2. Once did the skies be - fore Thee bow, A
Women— 3. A lit - tle child, Thou art our guest, That
All 4. Thou cam - est in the dark - some night, To
SATB 5. All this for us Thy love hath done, By

in a garb of flesh and blood; Choos - ing a man - ger
Vir - gin's arms con - tain Thee now; An - gels, who did in
— wear - y ones in Thee may rest; For - lorn and low - ly
make us chil - dren of the light, To make us in the
this to Thee our love is won, For this we tune our

for Thy throne, While worlds on worlds are Thine a - lone.
Thee re - joice, Now lis - ten for Thine in - fant voice.
— is Thy birth, That we may rise to heav'n from earth.
realms di - vine, Like Thine own an - gels, 'round Thee shine.
cheer - ful lays, And shout our thanks in cease - less praise.

Blessing:

P: May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon us. May Christ, who by His incarnation gathered into one.... things earthly and heavenly, fill us with joy and peace. May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give us grace to carry the news of Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us now and always.

C: Amen.



Recessional Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1720?-1788, alt.

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847
arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

The musical score is written for SATB voices and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The score is divided into four systems. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the continuation of the lyrics. The third system contains the continuation of the lyrics. The fourth system contains the refrain, which begins at measure 17. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Unison 1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King; peace on earth and
SATB 2. Christ by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord, late in time be -
Unison & descant 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Light and life to

mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled." Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise;
hold Him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see!
all He brings, ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. Mild He lays His glo - ry by, —

join the tri-umph of the skies; with an - gel - ic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
Hail! in-car-nate de - i - ty! — Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus our Em-man-u-el!
born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

17 *Refrain*
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

PARISH NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Annual Congregational Meeting is next Sunday, December 13 during the 10:30 worship service. Please note that there will only be one service that morning.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICES: Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:30 during Advent for Night Prayer. The services will be held in the Sanctuary both in-person and streamed.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need a few good men AND women! With changes to our 10:30 worship service due to COVID-19 our weekly usher opportunities have also changed. We are currently in need of volunteers to serve as our single “inside sanctuary” usher to primarily meet, greet and seat, distribute masks, open/close doors during service and oversee dismissal. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please contact Steve Clark or Ervin Hoffman. Thank you!

SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING: During 2020 our Lutheran Chapel staff members have stepped up to provide as much normalcy as possible for our congregation to worship together, stay connected, give back and return to the church campus. With this in mind, the congregational council would like to provide a love offering to all of our staff as a thank you. If you would like to participate in this love offering, please mark “staff gift” on your contribution in the Sunday offering plate, via mail to 702 N. New Hope Rd., Gastonia, NC 28054 or church website (lutheranchapelchurch.org) Give option. Deadline to contribute is 12/13 as love offering will be distributed 12/20. Many thanks for your prayerful consideration in this love offering.

2021 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR: If you’d like to sign up for a special Sunday in 2021 to donate altar flowers, please contact Susan Lewis at 704-864-5242.

ROOTS SERVICE PROJECT: On Saturday, December 12th at 2 pm the Roots youth group will be helping the Outreach Committee stuff gift bags for our Angel Tree project. We will meet in the FLC. A Christmas treat will be provided.

SPROUTS: We will continue with virtual meetings through December. Our next youth group meeting will be **Wednesday, December 16**. We will also be meeting on **December 20 at 9:30 am** for *Zoom Sunday School*. Amy will email the Zoom link during the week.

WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB: The next novel in our women's book club will be *Mere Christianity*. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, January 21st at 6 pm**, location TBD. If you are interested in attending this book club session, please contact Amy at amy@lutheranchapelchurch.org.

DAILY PRAYER

EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD. (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The “*Our Daily Bread*” devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Lynda Ellington, Kathy Finch, Paulette Hale, Helen Hoffman, Henry Hoffman, Pr. Peter & Nancy Homovich, Dru Huffstickler, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, Bill Robinson, and Karen Shambaugh.

FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP: Ruth Benoy, Vera Beutler, Eula Brazell, Lee Brinkley, Taylor Brinkley, Amelia Edwards, Jeannie Ehlers, Garry and Carole Farmer, Jamison Franklin, James Goudelock, Harriet Grantham, Alice Hester, Sherry Hester, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Paula Kadel, Dave and Crystal Lanning, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Monica Morrissey, Frieda Moses, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Craig Rooney, Martin Salois, Meredith Scruggs, Pastor Peter Setzer, Jimmie Sloop Jr., Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

WEEK 50: DECEMBER 6 to DECEMBER 13, 2020

12/06 Morning Reading: 1 John 5—Evening Reading: Daniel 3, 4

12/07 Morning Reading: 2 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 5, 6, 7

12/08 Morning Reading: 3 John—Evening Reading: Daniel 8, 9, 10

12/09 Morning Reading: Jude—Evening Reading: Daniel 11, 12

12/10 Morning Reading: Revelation 1—Evening Reading: Hosea 1, 2, 3, 4

12/11 Morning Reading: Revelation 2—Evening Reading: Hosea 5, 6, 7, 8

12/12 Morning Reading: Revelation 3—Evening Reading: Hosea 9, 10, 11

12/13 Morning Reading: Revelation 4—Evening Reading: Hosea 12, 13, 14

Song Of Praise “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*” ELW #257

Next Sunday, DECEMBER 13, 2020 ~3rd Sunday of Advent & Congregational Meeting

One service only at 10:30

9:00 Zoom Sunday School: A Kingdom Torn in Two

10:30 Service of the Word & Congregational Meeting: Ruth 1:1-17 and John 1:6-8, 19-28

“Ruth the Moabite and John the Forerunner”

Note: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.



This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020

Sun-06	8:30 am	Early Service (Family Life Center)
	9:00 am	Sunday School via Zoom
	9:30 am	Sprouts Sunday School via Zoom
	10:30 am	Service of Nine Lessons & Hymns (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Chancel Choir
	8:00 pm	Faith Group (Prayer Hut)
Mon-07	8:30 am	Preschool
Tues-08	8:30 am	Preschool
	10:00 am	Clothing Closet Workday
Wed-09	8:30 am	Preschool
	6:15 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Advent Service
Thur-10	8:30 am	Preschool
Sat-12	2:00 pm	Roots Service Project with Outreach Committee (FLC)

*We are so happy you joined us for worship this morning.
Please fill out the information below and leave this page in the pew
following the service. Thank you!*

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Prayer Request: _____
