

Sunday December 10, 2023  
The 2nd Sunday of Advent

A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols  
Resurrection Philadelphia

# Reflection

This is what Christmas is all about - something radically new that cannot be generated out of the conditions of this world. It does not emerge. It comes. We do not extrapolate it. God promises it. If darkness has descended upon you and your world, you need not try to persuade yourself that things are not as bad as they seem or to search desperately for reasons to be optimistic. Remind yourself instead of a very simple fact: the light of the One who was in the beginning with God shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

-Miroslav Volf, *Against the Tide*

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Reading: from Luke 21:28**

Stand up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory forever.  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment.  
May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.

**All Blessed be God forever.**

# Opening Carol *(please stand)*

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Psalm 24, Weissel, Winkworth, Psalmodia Evangelica

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, be - hold the King of —  
2. The Lord is just, a help - er tried, mer - cy is ev - er —  
3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart, make it a tem - ple —  
4. Re - deem - er, come! I op - en wide my heart to thee, here,

glo - ry waits, the King of kings is draw - ing —  
at his side, his king - ly crown is hol - i -  
set a - part from earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner pre - sence —

near, the sav - ior of — the — world is here.  
ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty — in dis - tress.  
ploy, a - dorned with pray'r\_ and — love and joy.  
feel, thy grace and love — in — me re - veal!

# Opening Prayer

*Concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

## The Lord's Prayer

*All* 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
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.

# First Lesson

## Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

*God tells Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his offspring will strike the serpent's head.*

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel..."

<sup>17</sup>And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

# Carol *(please stand)*

## Joy to the World

Isaac Watts, George Frideric Handel



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re -
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns; let men their
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' - ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bles - sings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the soun - ding joy, re - peat the soun - ding  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
-ness, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the soun - ding joy.  
found, far as, far as, the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders, of his love.

## Second Lesson

### Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises to bless the earth through Abraham's offspring.*

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

## Carol *(please stand)*

### *What Child Is This?*

William C. Dix



1. What child is this\_ who, laid to rest\_ on Ma - ry's lap\_ is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in\_ such mean es - tate,\_ where ox and ass\_ are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, come pea - sant, king\_ to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - them's sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tians, fear\_ for sin - ners here\_ the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lo - ving hearts en - throne him.



This, this\_ is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Raise, raise\_ a song on high,\_ the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son\_ of Ma - ry.  
Hail, hail\_ the Word made flesh, the babe, the son\_ of Ma - ry.  
Joy, joy\_ for Christ is born, the babe, the son\_ of Ma - ry.

## Third Lesson

### Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



# Carol *(please stand)*

## *Come, Light Our Hearts*

Sandra McCracken

The musical score is written on four staves in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "For you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait, for you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait, tru-ly our hope is in you, tru-ly our hope is in you. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, your rad - iance shines on all who O Joy a - bove all o - ther loves, in you we find more than e - look to you in the dark; Em - ma - nu - el, come, come light our hearts. nough. We come as we are, O heal and re - store, come light our hearts." The score includes repeat signs and a double bar line at the end of each line.

For you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait, for you, O Lord, our  
souls in still-ness wait, tru-ly our hope is in you, tru-ly our hope is in you.  
O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, your rad - iance shines on all who  
O Joy a - bove all o - ther loves, in you we find more than e -  
look to you in the dark; Em - ma - nu - el, come, come light our hearts.  
nough. We come as we are, O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.

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## Fourth Lesson

### Isaiah 11:1-9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>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 kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

# Carol (please stand)

## O, Holy Night

Adolphe Charles Adam, John S. Dwight, Placide Cappeau



1. O ho - ly night, the stars are bright - ly shin - ing; it is the  
2. Led by the light of faith se - rene - ly beam - ing, with glo - wing  
3. Tru - ly he taught us to love one a - no - ther; his law is



night of the dear Sa - vior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and er - ror  
hearts by his cra - dle we stand. So led by light of a star sweet - ly  
love and his gos - pel is peace. Chains shall he break for the slave is our



pin - ing, till he ap - peared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the  
gleam ing, here came the wise men from O - ri - ent land. The King of kings lay  
bro - ther and in his name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in



wea - ry world re - joi - ces, for yon - der breaks a new and glo - rious morn. Fall on your  
thus in low - ly man - ger, in all our tri - als born to be our friend! He knows our  
grate - ful cho - rus raise we, let all with - in us praise his ho - ly name! Christ is the



knees, O hear the an - gel voi - ces! O night di - vine, O  
need - to our weak - ness is no stran - ger. Be - hold your king; be -  
Lord! O praise his name for - e - ver! His pow'r and glo - ry



night when Christ was born! O night di - vine, O night, O night di - vine!  
fore - him low - ly bend! Be - hold your king; be - fore him low - ly bend!  
e - ver - more pro - claim! His pow'r and glo - ry e - ver more pro - claim!

# Fifth Lesson

## Luke 1:26-35, 38

*The angel Gabriel greets Mary.*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>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..."

<sup>38</sup>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.

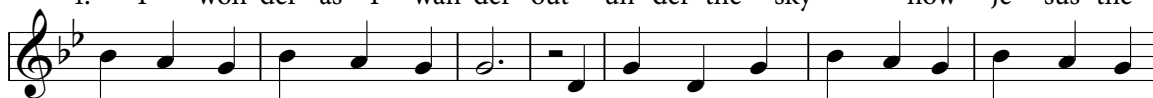
# Carol *(please stand)*

## *I Wonder as I Wander*

John Jacob Niles



1. I won-der as I wan-der out un-der the sky how Je - sus the
2. When Ma - ry birthed Je - sus 'twas in a cow's stall with wise men and
3. If Je - sus had wan-ted for a - ny wee thing, a star in the
4. I won-der as I wan-der out un-der the sky how Je - sus the



sa- vior did come for to die for poor on' - ry peo-ple like you and like  
far-mers and shep-herds and all, but high from God's hea-ven, a star's light did  
sky or a bird on the wing or all of God's an-gels in hea - ven to  
sa- vior did come for to die for poor on' - ry peo-ple like you and like



I; I won-der as I wan-der\_\_\_ out un - der the sky.  
fall, and the pro-mise of\_ a - ges\_\_\_ it then did re - call.  
sing, he\_\_\_ sure - ly could have it,\_\_\_ 'cause he was the king.  
I; I\_\_\_ won-der as I wan-der\_\_\_ out un - der the sky.

## Sixth Lesson

### Luke 2:1-7

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## Musical Response *(please remain seated)*

*Bethlehem Night* - Terry D. Taylor

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On this night a King is born in a cattle shed  
Swaddling clothes will keep him warm in his manger bed.

Shepherds watching flocks by night in the fields nearby  
See an angel in great light--glory fills the sky!

What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!  
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night?

Hear the angels share the news  
Tidings of great joy:  
"Now a Savior comes to you in this baby boy."

What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!  
Love has come, our God is with us on this Bethlehem night.

## Seventh Lesson

### Luke 2:8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

# Carol *(please stand)*

## *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

John Francis Wade, Frederick Oakeley



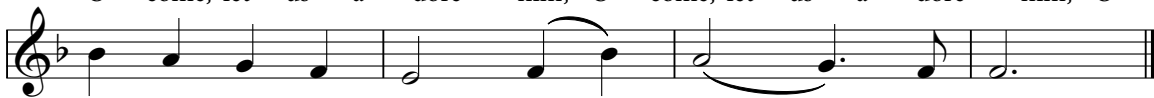
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to
2. God of\_\_ God,\_\_ Light of\_\_ light,\_\_ lo, he ab - hors not the
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye ci - ti zens of
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning; Je - sus, to thee be all



Beth - le - hem. Come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;  
vir - gin's womb. Ve - ry\_\_ God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted  
heav'n\_ a - bove; glo - ry to God\_\_ in\_\_ the\_ high - est  
glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, late 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.



## Eighth Lesson

### Matthew 2:1-12

*The wise men seek Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

<sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

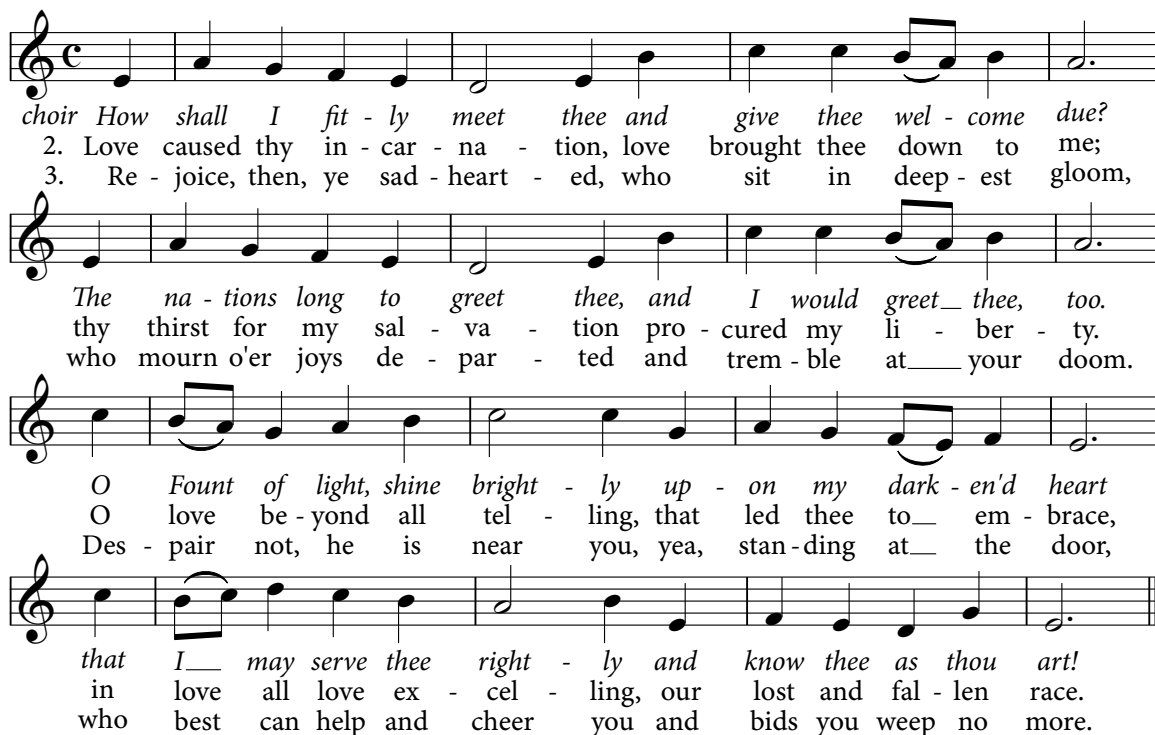
<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

# Carol *(please stand)*

## *How Shall I Fitly Meet Thee*

Gerhardt, Hassler, Bach



The musical score is written on four staves of a grand staff (treble clef). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

choir How shall I fit - ly meet thee and give thee wel - come due?  
2. Love caused thy in - car - na - tion, love brought thee down to me;  
3. Re - joice, then, ye sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,  
The na - tions long to greet thee, and I would greet thee, too.  
thy thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my li - ber - ty.  
who mourn o'er joys de - par - ted and trem - ble at your doom.  
O Fount of light, shine bright - ly up - on my dark - en'd heart  
O love be - yond all tel - ling, that led thee to em - brace,  
Des - pair not, he is near you, yea, stan - ding at the door,  
that I may serve thee right - ly and know thee as thou art!  
in love all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

# Ninth Lesson

## John 1:1-14

*John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>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.

## Reflection

**“The Word Made Flesh”** - Rev. Chris Currie

## Musical Response *(please remain seated)*

*I See Your World in Light* - Josh Rodriguez

*“I am the light of the world”* - Malcolm Guite

I see your world in light that shines behind me,  
Lit by a sun whose rays I cannot see,  
The smallest gleam of light still seems to find me  
Or find the child who's hiding deep inside me.  
I see your light reflected in the water,  
Or kindled suddenly in someone's eyes,  
It shimmers through the living leaves of summer,  
Or spills from silver veins in leaden skies,  
It gathers in the candles at our vespers  
It concentrates in tiny drops of dew  
At times it sings for joy, at times it whispers,  
But all the time it calls me back to you.  
I follow you upstream through this dark night  
My saviour, source, and spring, my life and light.

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# Blessing & Sending

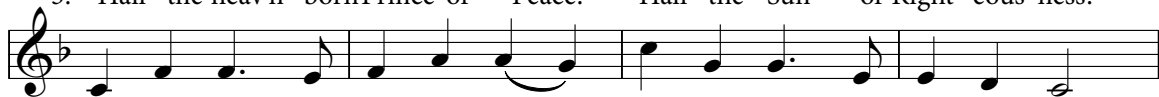
## Sending Carol *(Please stand)*

### *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn



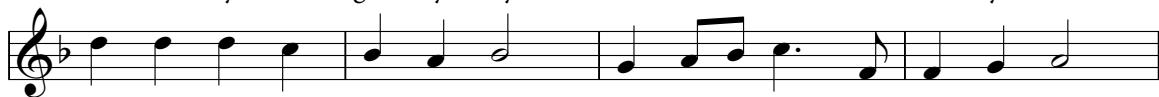
1. Hark! The he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ the e - ver - las - ting Lord;
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"  
late in time, be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God head see; hail th'in - car - nate de - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die.



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus our Em - ma - nu - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them se - cond birth.



Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

## Benediction

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Let us go forth to serve the world  
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Musicians**

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Sarah Long: voice

Kristin Slipp: voice

Chris Parker: guitar

Alec Spiegelman: bass clarinet

Koof Ibi: trumpet

Jeremy McDonald: bass

Evan Chapman: drums

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# CONNECT

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

**CONNECTION GROUPS** provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).



To see current groups, visit [resurrectionphl.org/groups](https://resurrectionphl.org/groups) or scan the QR code at right.

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**FAMILY MINISTRIES** come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, [terri@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:terri@resurrectionphl.org)
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhardt at [paul@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:paul@resurrectionphl.org).

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick ([ryan@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:ryan@resurrectionphl.org)) for more information about these events.



# GROW

**Resurrection is a community committed to** growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrectionphl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

# GIVE

**The intentional financial participation** of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

# SERVE

**We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city.** This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



## Announcements

### Do You Get Resurrection News?

If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of [resurrectionphl.org](http://resurrectionphl.org), or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

### Cookies & Carols at Woodland on December 17

All are welcome to Cocoa, Cookies & Carols at the Woodland Annex on Sunday, December 17 at 3:30 pm. Weather permitting, we'll have a fire pit going! There will be a train set up for kids to enjoy, we'll provide cocoa, and you can bring some cookies from home to round out the table!

### Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on December 24 @ 5 pm

Please join us for a family-friendly Christmas Eve Service at the Center City building on Friday, December 24 at 5 pm.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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### December

17: Cookies & Carols at  
Woodland Annex

24: No AM service; 5 pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight  
service

# Help us welcome you.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me:  Weekly Newsletter  Morning & Evening Prayer

## Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prayer Requests

*Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.*

*Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.*

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