

We three kings of O-ri-ent are,
 Bear-ing gifts we tra-verse a-far,
 Field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain,
 Fol-low-ing yon-der star.

Refrain

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!

Born a King on Beth-le-hem's plain,
 Gold I bring to crown Him a-gain,
 King for ev-er, ceas-ing nev-er
 O-ver us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frank-in-cense to of-fer have I:
 In-cense owns a De-i-ty nigh;
 Prayer and prais-ing we are rais-ing,
 Wor-ship-ing God Most High. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine; its bit-ter per-fume
 Breathes a life of gath-er-ing gloom;
 Sor-rowing, sigh-ing, bleed-ing, dy-ing,
 Sealed in the Stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glo-rious now be-hold Him a-rise,
 King and God and Sac-ri-fice;
 Al-le-lu-ia, Al-lelu-ia
 Sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

THE SIXTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . And the Word was made 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."

CHORAL ANTHEM "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
 Prudentius harm. By C.W. Douglas

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "Greensleeves"
 R. Vaughan Williams arr. Stanley Roper ed. Christopher Morris

*Doxology 440

**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. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

***HYMN 31** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The Her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King.
 Peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!"
 Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies;
 With the an-gel-ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
 Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

Christ by high-est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord!
 Late in time be-hold Him come, Off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty,
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el.
 Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal-ing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glo-ry by, Born that we no more may die,
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec-ond birth.
 Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE** "Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion" from *The Messiah*
 G.F. Handel

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship, and we ask that you sign our Ritual of Friendship as it is passed along the pew. We hope that you will return to worship with us again! We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members.

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
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December 29, 2019

**"A family of faith in Jesus Christ,
 yesterday, today, and tomorrow."**

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. If you are a visitor, please pick up a church information brochure, found in the pew holders. Whether you are just visiting, looking to stay or have worshipped here your whole life, it is great to worship the Lord together this day!



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The Service for the Lord's Day The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 29, 2019

9:55 A.M.

PRELUDE

Christmas Hymn Medley

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

TRINITY CHIMES

LESSONS AND CAROLS

**HYMN 41* "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTES FIDELES

O come, all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri-um-phant,
O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem!
Come, and be-hold Him, Born the King of an-gels!
O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,
O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap-py morn-ing,
Je-sus, to Thee be all Glo-ry given;
Word of the Fa-ther, Now in flesh ap-pear-ing!
O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,
O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of an-gels, Sing in ex-ul-ta-tion!
Sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove!
Glo-ry to God, all Glo-ry in the high-est!
O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him,
O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. . ."
"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. . ."

**HYMN 50* "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" African-American Spiritual
(Congregation to join Choir on Refrain)

(Choir) There's a star in the East on the Christ-mas morn,
Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. It will lead to the place where
The Christ was born, Rise up, shepherd and fol-low.

(Congregation)

Fol-low, fol-low, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low,
Fol-low the Star of Beth-le-hem, Rise up, shep-herd,
And fol-low.

(Choir) If you take good heed to the an-gel's words,
Rise up, shep-herd and fol-low, You'll for-get your flocks,
You'll for-get your herds. Rise up, shep-herd,
And fol-low.

(Congregation)

Fol-low, fol-low, Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low,
Fol-low the Star of Beth-le-hem, Rise up, shep-herd,
And Fol-low.

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 1:26-35, 38

"And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth. . ."

**HYMN 23* "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

An-gels we have heard on high,
Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Glo---ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o; Glo----ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Shep-herds, why this ju-bi-lee?
Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
What the glad-some tid-ings be
Which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
Glo---ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o; Glo----ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Come to Beth-le-hem and see
Him whose birth the an-gels sing;
Come, a-dore on bend-ed knee Christ,
the Lord, the new-born King.
Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o; Glo----ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

THE THIRD LESSON Luke 2:1-7

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."

**HYMN 49* "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY

Once in roy-al Da-vid's cit-y
Stood a low-ly cat-tle shed,
Where a moth-er laid her ba-by
In a man-ger for His bed.
Ma-ry was that moth-er mild,
Je-sus Christ her lit-tle child.

He came down to earth from heav-en
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shel-ter was a sta-ble,
And His cra-dle was a stall.
With the poor, op-pressed, and low-ly,
Lived on earth Our Sav-ior ho-ly.

Je-sus is our child-hood's pat-tern,
Day by day like us He grew;
He was lit-tle, weak and help-less,
Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sad-ness,
And He shares in all Our glad-ness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own re-deem-ing Love,
For that Child so dear and gen-tle
Is our Lord in heaven a-bove;
And He leads His chil-dren on
To the place where He is gone.

THE FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:8-16

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. . ."

**HYMN 53* "What Child Is This?" GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shep-herds guard and ang-els sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean es-tate
Where ox and ass are feed-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here
The si-lent Word is plead-ing.
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shep-herds guard and ang-els sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him in-cense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings sal-va-tion brings;
Let lov-ing hearts en-throne Him.
This, this is Christ the King
Whom shep-herds guard and ang-els sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

THE FIFTH LESSON Matthew 2:1-11

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."