

OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 13, 2020

Third Advent

On the road to restoration

Worship Leader: Patty Friesen

Reflections: Alex Thiessen, Benjamin Penner, Micah Guenther

Children's Time: Jake Buhler

Pianist: Melanie Boldt

Sound: Matthew Stefaniuk

Song Leaders: Loretta Sawatzky, Michelle McKinnell, Alex Tiessen

Ushers: Lloyd Sawatzky, Harold Loewen

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to worship: *(Adapted from Psalm 126:2-60)*

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us, and so we rejoice!

People: Our mouths are filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.

Leader: Those who sow in tears will reap shouts of joy.

People: Those who go out weeping will come home with shouts of joy.

(Lighting 3 Advent Candles)

All: The Lord has done great things for us—we rejoice!

Hymn: Blue/HWB #189 "To us a Child of hope is born"

PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Birth

189 To us a Child of hope is born

ZERAH CM extended

1 To us a Child of hope is born, to us a
2 His name shall be the Prince of peace, for - ev - er -
3 His pow'r, in - creas - ing, still shall spread, his reign no

Son is giv'n. Him shall the tribes of earth o - bey,
more a - dored, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or,
end shall know. Jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove,

him all the hosts of heav'n, him shall the tribes of
the great and might - y Lord, the Won - der - ful, the
and peace a - bound be - low, jus - tice shall guard his

earth o - bey, him all the hosts of heav'n.
Coun - sel - or, the great and might - y Lord.
throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

Text: John Morison, *Scottish Paraphrases*, 1781

Music: Lowell Mason, *Occasional Psalm and Hymn Tunes*, 1837 or 1838

Children's Advent Gathering Song: **Gloria #204 HWB**
Children's Time: Jake Buhler

Gloria 204
GLORIA III

Canon

The musical score is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff contains measures 1 and 2, and the second staff contains measures 3 and 4. Chords are indicated above the notes: Dm, Gm, C, and F. The lyrics are: "Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

1 Dm Gm C F 2 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3 Dm Gm C F 4 Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier
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Offering Prayer and Offertory

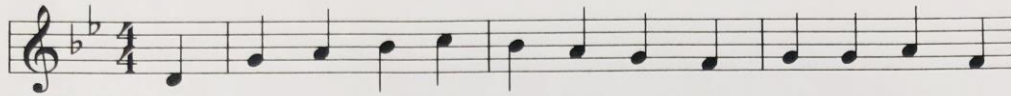
Sharing Joys and Concerns/Prayer of the Church

Hymn: Blue/HWB #190 “Twas in the moon of wintertime”

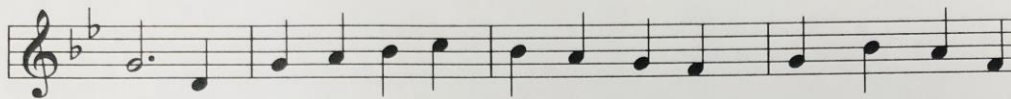
PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Birth

'Twas in the moon of wintertime 190

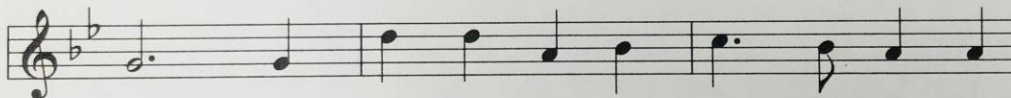
JESOUS AHATONHIA 86. 86. 88 with refrain



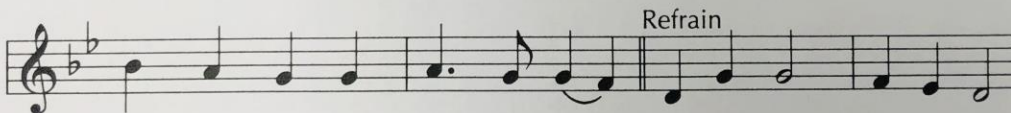
1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had
2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was
3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and
4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, O seed of Man - i -



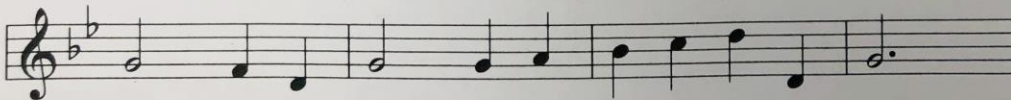
fled, the might - y Git - chi Man - i - tou* sent an - gel choirs in -
found, a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty
fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant
tou, the ho - ly child of earth and heav'n is born to - day for



stead. Be - fore their light the stars grew dim, and
round. But as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the
there. The chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with
you. Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy who



won - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn:
an - gel - song rang loud and high: Je - sus your king is born,
gifts of fox and beav - er pelt.
brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus is born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

*Translation: The mighty Lord of all the world

Text: St. Jean de Brebeuf, *Estennial de tsonue Jesus ahatonhia*, ca. 1643; tr. J. E. Middleton, 1926
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Music: French melody

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-24 (The Inclusive Bible)

Then came one named John, sent as an envoy from God, 7 who came as a witness to testify about the Light, so that through his testimony everyone might believe. 8 He himself wasn't the Light; he only came to testify about the Light—the 9 true Light that illumines all humankind. Now the Temple authorities sent emissaries from Jerusalem—priests and Levites—to talk to John. “Who are you?” they asked.

This is John's testimony: 20 he didn't refuse to answer, but freely admitted, “I am not the Messiah.” 21 “Who are you, then?” they asked. “Elijah?” “No, I am not,” he answered. “Are you the Prophet?” “No,” he replied. 22 Finally they said to him, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you have to say for yourself?” 23 John said, “I am, as Isaiah prophesied, the voice of someone crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight our God's road!’ ” 24 The emissaries were members of the Pharisee sect. 25 They questioned him further: “If you're not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, then why are you baptizing people?” 26 John said, “I baptize with water because among you stands someone whom you don't recognize— 27 the One who is to come after me—the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy even to untie.” 28 This occurred in Bethany, across the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

Response to the Scripture:

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: Blue/HWB #178 “Come thou long expected Jesus”

178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL 87. 87D

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus! born to set thy
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and

peo - ple free, from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a king, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, dear de -
Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone. By thine

sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Reflection on scripture: Alex Tiessen, Benjamin Penner, Micah Guenther

Hymn: Blue/HWB #208 “Love came down Christmas”

PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Birth

Love came down at Christmas 208

LOVE INCARNATE 67. 67 with refrain

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Love came down at Christmas'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly,
2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate,
3 Love shall be our tok - en, love be yours and

love di - vine. Love was born at Christ - mas -
love di - vine. Wor - ship we our Je - sus -
love be mine, love to God and neigh - bor,

Refrain

star and an - gels gave the sign.
what shall be our sa - cred sign? Sing no - el,
love for pray'r and gift and sign. Sing no -

sing no - el, sing no - el.
el, sing no - el.

Text: Christina Rossetti, *Time Flies; A Reading Diary*, 1885. Revised *Hymns for Today's Church*, 1982
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Music: C. Edgar Pettman, pamphlet, 1931

Benediction: People of God, people on the road: May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and will do this. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Go in peace.