

OSLER MENNONITE CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 20, 2020

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Fourth Advent

On the road to revelation

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Worship & Advent Candle Lighting: *Adapted from Psalm 89:1-2, 26*

Leader: O God, We will sing of your steadfast love forever;

People: we will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

People: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

All: You are our Creator, our God, and the Rock of our salvation!

**Light Fourth Advent Candle*

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn – HWB #211 O How a Rose E'er Blooming

PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Birth

211 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

ES IST EIN ROS' 76. 76. 676

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem has sprung!
2 I - sa-iah 'twas fore-told it, the Rose I have in mind.
3 Flow-er, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing as saints of old have sung.
With Ma-ry we be-hold it, the vir-gin mo-ther kind.
dis-pel in glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev-'ry-where.

It came, a flow-er- et bright, a - mid the
To show God's love a - right, she bore to
True man, yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half-spent was the night.
us a sav - ior, when half-spent was the night.
death he saves us, and light-ens ev - 'ry load.

Text: anonymous, *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*, (Sts. 1, 2), *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1599, Friedrich Layritz (St. 3), *Liederschatz*, 1832; tr. Theodore Baker (Sts. 1-2), 1894, Harriet K. Spaeth, *The Hymnal* 1940, alt.
Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1599; harmonized by Michael Praetorius, *Musae Sionae*, VI, 1609

Gospel Reading Monologue: Based on Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

26 Six months later, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
27 to a young woman named Mary; she was engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of
David. 28 Upon arriving, the angel said to Mary, “Rejoice, highly favored one! God is with you!
Blessed are you among women!” 29 Mary was deeply troubled by these words and wondered
what the angel’s greeting meant. 30 The angel went on to say to her, “Don’t be afraid, Mary.
You have found favor with God. 31 You’ll conceive and bear a son, and give him the name
Jesus—‘Deliverance.’ 32 His dignity will be great, and he will be called the Only Begotten of
God. God will give Jesus the judgment seat of David, his ancestor, 33 to rule over the house of
Jacob forever, and his reign will never end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I
have never been with a man?” 35 The angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon
you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you—hence the offspring to be born will
be called the Holy One of God. 36 Know too that Elizabeth, your kinswoman, has conceived a
child in her old age; she who was thought to be infertile is now in her sixth month. 37 Nothing is
impossible with God.” 38 Mary said, “I am the servant of God. Let it be done to me as you say.”
With that, the angel left her.

Mary said: “My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, 47 and my spirit rejoices in you, my
Savior. 48 For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant, and from this day forward
all generations will call me blessed. 49 For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your Name. 50 Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you. 51 You
have shown strength with your arm; you have scattered the proud in their conceit; 52 You have
deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places. 53 You have filled
the hungry with good things, while you have sent the rich away empty. 54 You have come to the
aid of Israel your servant, mindful of your mercy— 55 the promise you made to our ancestors—
to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever.”

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,

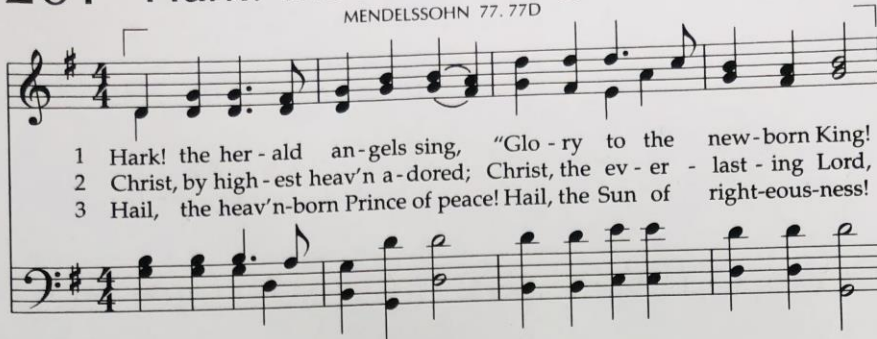
People: Thanks be to God!

Special Music: Hallelujah

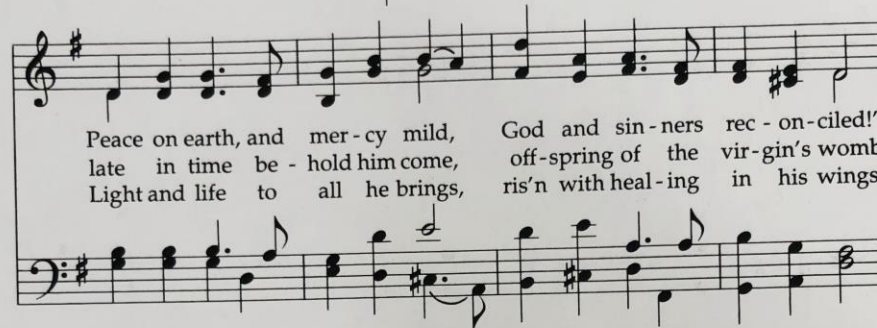
Hymn – HWB #201 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

201 Hark! the herald angels sing

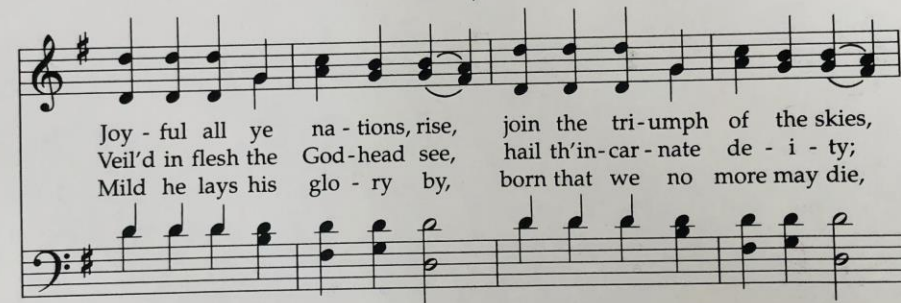
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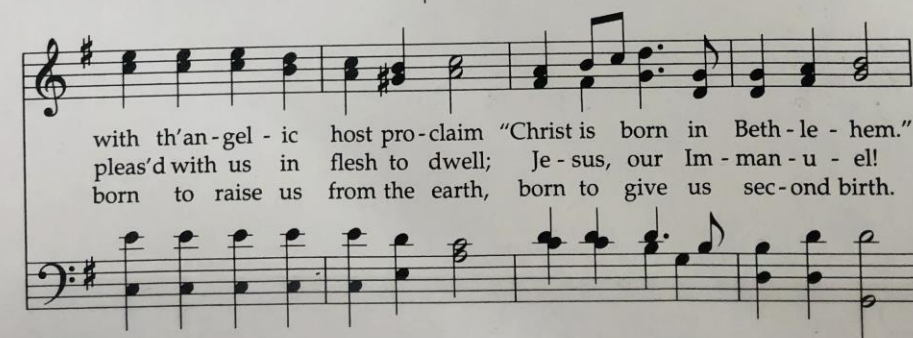
1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heav'n a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail, the Sun of right-eous-ness!



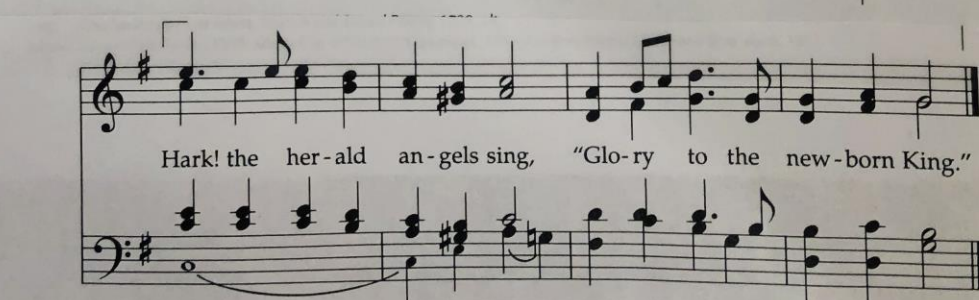
Peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!"
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal-ing in his wings.



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



with th'an-gel-ic host pro-claim "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem."
pleas'd with us in flesh to dwell; Je-sus, our Im-man-u-el!
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."

Sharing Joys and Concerns / Prayer of the Church

Offering Prayer / Offertory HWB #204 Gloria

Gloria 204

GLORIA III

Canon

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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Isaiah 40 (selected)

“Comfort, comfort my people says your God. Speak tenderly to (them) that their warfare is ended.. A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Hymn - HWB #210 Good Christian friends rejoice

PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Birth

Good Christian friends, rejoice 210

IN DULCI JUBILO 66. 77. 78. 55

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce, with heart and soul and voice.
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce, with heart and soul and voice.
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce, with heart and soul and voice.

F/A C⁷ F C⁷ F Gm/B^b F/C C⁷ F

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day!
Now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
Now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

F/A C⁷ F C⁷ Dm Gm/B^b F/C C⁷ F

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are bless'd for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Dm A^{sus} A⁷ Dm C F Gm C F

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: *In dulci jubilo*, 14th c.; tr. John M. Neale, *Carols for Christmastide*, 1853, alt.
Music: *Geistliche Lieder*, 1535; harmonized by Robert L. Pearsall

“²¹ Did you not know?
Have you not heard?
Was it not told to you from the beginning?
Have you not understood since the earth was found?
²² YHWH sits above the vaulted roof of the world,
and its inhabitants look like grasshoppers!...
God stretches out the skies like a curtain,
and spreads them out like a tent for mortals to live under!...
²⁵ “To whom can you like me?
Who is my equal?” says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes and ask yourself
who made these stars,
if not the One who brings out their host by number, calling them each by name?
...not a single one is missing.
²⁷ How can you say,
tribe of Leah and Rachel and Jacob,
“My destiny is hidden from YHWH.
my rights are ignored by my God?”

Hymn - HWB #195 It came upon a midnight clear, verses 1,4,5

195 It came upon a midnight clear

CAROL CMD

1 It came up - on a mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife, the world has suf - fered long;
 4 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et bards fore - told,

1 from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 2 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 3 be - neath the heav'n - ly hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong,
 4 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 5 when with the ev - er cir - cling years comes round the age of gold,

1 "Peace on the earth, good will to all from heav - en's gra - cious king."
 2 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 3 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the ti - dings which they bring.
 4 Look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing,
 5 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

1 The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 2 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 3 O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing.
 4 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
 5 and the whole world send back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, *Christian Register*, 1849, alt.
 Music: Richard S. Willis, *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard?
YHWH is everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
This God does not faint or grow weary;
with a depth of understanding that is unsearchable.
²⁹ God gives strength to the weary,
and gives power to the faint.
³⁰ even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young women and men shall fall exhausted:
³¹ but those who wait for YHWH
shall renew their strength:
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Hymn: “ I am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

I am Jesus’ little lamb, ever glad of heart I am
For my shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, even calls me by my name.
Day by day, at home, away; Jesus is my staff and stay,
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me. Into pleasant pastures leads me,
When I thirst he bids me go where the quiet waters flow.

Kids Christmas Video Program

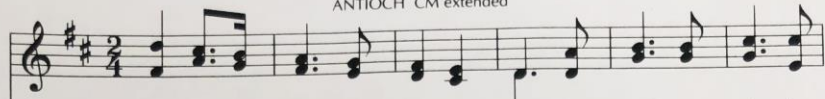
Sung Benediction – HWB #318 Joy To the World

PROCLAIMING: Kingdom

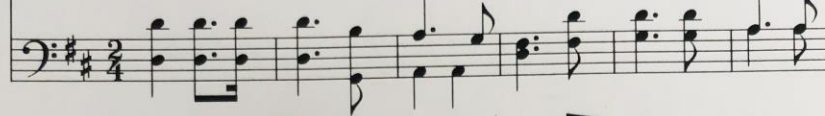
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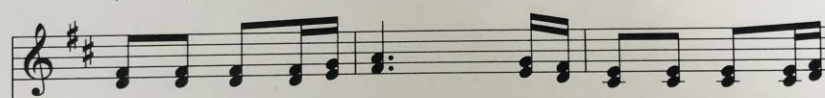
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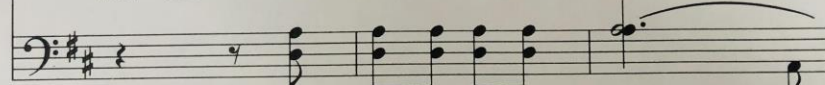
1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



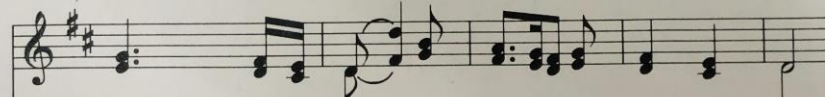
king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room, and
play while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, re -
ground. He comes to make his bless - ings flow far
prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n 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



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n 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.



heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, *Psalms of David*, 1719, alt.
Music: "From Handel," Lowell Mason, *Occasional Psalm and Hymn Tunes*, 1836

Spoken Benediction: People of God, people on the road: as you go forth, find rest and security in the knowledge that the God you serve is faithful, a God whose promises will be fulfilled.

Postlude