



CANTERBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2016

Christmas Eve Midnight Communion





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Voluntary

In Dulci Jubilo

J. S. Bach

* **Opening Hymn 234**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten not created;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.

Word of the Father, now in the flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Greeting and Collect

The Christ Child be with you.. And also with you. Let us pray together.

O Almighty God, by the birth of your Holy Child, Jesus, you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we may see the light of your grace. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



Venite Adoramus

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

* Gospel Procession 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

* The Gospel Lesson

Luke 2: 1-20

* Gospel Procession 238

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Homily

Rev. Warren Nash

* The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayers.



Offertory Anthem

Holy Day Holly Carol

Refrain: And Mary bore Jesus Christ, our Savior for to be, and the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk, and Mary bore Jesus who was wrapped up in silk.

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass, and Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross.

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal, and Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all.

Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red, and trust we our Savior, who rose from the dead.

* Presentation of Offerings

“Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.”

GLORIA

* The Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

INVITATION: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

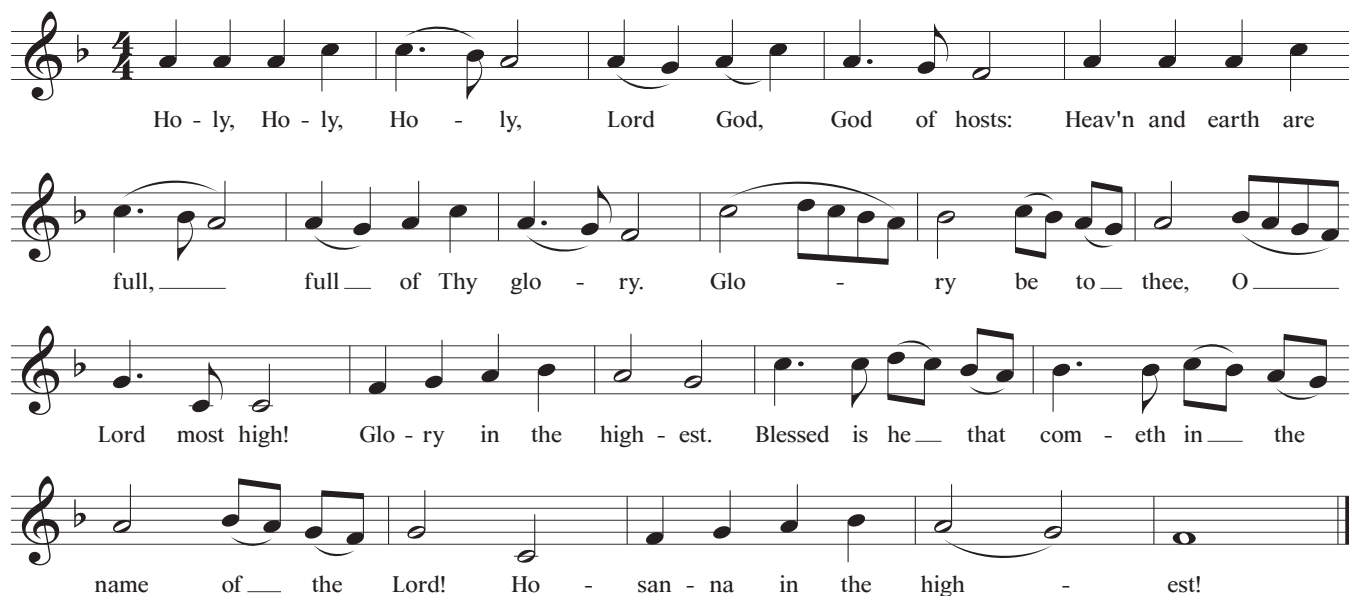
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty...

.....evermore praising thee and singing:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God, God of hosts: Heav'n and earth are
full, full of Thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O
Lord most high! Glo - ry in the high - est. Blessed is he that com - eth in the
name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Almighty God, our heavenly Father....

...do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

O Lord, our heavenly Father,
we, thy humble servants,
desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
most humbly beseeching thee to grant that,
by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,
and through faith in his blood,
we and thy whole Church may obtain forgiveness of our sins,
and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee;
humbly beseeching thee
that all we who are partakers of this Holy Communion
may be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction.
And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer unto thee any sacrifice,
yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service,
not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty,
world without end.



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Amen.



Fraction Anthem

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion by intinction at the Altar rail.
Please follow the ushers' directions.*

*Baskets are placed around the Chapel to receive the Communion Rail Offering which will benefit
Stop Hunger Now. This ministry provides food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people.*

Music During Communion

Anthem

The Blessed Son of God

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The blessed son of God only in a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood was clothed that everlasting good. Kyrie eleison.
The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear, was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery, that we might live eternally. Kyrie eleison.
All this did he for us freely, for to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore, and give him thanks for evermore. Kyrie eleison.

Anthem

O Little One Sweet

Chorale, harmonized by J. S. Bach

O little one sweet! O little one mild! With joy thy birth the world has filled;
From heav'n thou came to us below to comfort us in all our woe,
O little one sweet! O little one mild!

O little one sweet! O little one mild! In thee love's beauties are all distilled;
O light in us love's ardent flame, that we may give thee back the same.
O little one sweet! O little one mild! (17th c. German carol)

The first candle in each pew on the aisle will be lit, representing the coming of Jesus into the world. As worshipers receive the light, they will pass it to their neighbors.

Candle Safety: Lighted candle remains vertical. Tilt the unlit candle toward the candle already burning.



**Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from Heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!**

* Dismissal & Blessing

* Postlude





Preaching

Rev. Warren Nash

Liturgist

Rev. Dale Cohen

Organist and Choirmaster

Dr. Lester Seigel

The Gallery Choir

Ted Clark

Ginger Goodall

Tom Hart

Abbott Jones

Anita Klasing

Jessie Mayne

Stan Nelson

Macey Rowland

Will Royer

Daniel Seigel

Jane Seigel