



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

LESSONS & CAROLS
ADVENT III - JOY

PRELUDE

Wexford Carol *Traditional Irish Carol*
arrangement: *Elaine Hagenberg* (b. 1979)
Merry Christmas Ahead *Hoyang Lee* (b. 1983)
Hyunju Jung, piano

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent III. Joy Hala Hazar, Worship Coordinator

*CAROL

Sussex Carol tune collected from *Harriet Verrall* (1819)
arrangement: *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872–1958)
& *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)
text: *Traditional*
adaptation: *Charlotte Lee & Mark David Buckles*

This winter night, all people sing
And make the skies with music ring
(repeat)

Music of joy and of great mirth
Music that over spreads the earth

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*

Lift up your hearts, cast doubt aside
Bring joy to all this Christmastide
(repeat)

This winter night, all people sing
And make the skies with music ring
Lift up your hearts, cast doubt aside
Bring joy to all this Christmastide

Glory to G*d, and peace to all
Now and for evermore befall!
Joy that puts worries and troubles to flight
Joy that turns darkness into light

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson* (b. 1950) & *Randy Scruggs* (1953–2018)
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved, and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

*To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service,
please submit it in advance at ASCBoston.org.
During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.*

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit
of this congregation,
And service is our gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To speak out truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu
de nuestra congregación,
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 231

Angels We Have Heard on High text: *James Chadwick* (1813–1882)
tune: *French Carol* (1855)
arrangement: *Edward Shippen Barnes* (1887–1958)
and *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

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!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
While we raise our hearts in love

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

LESSON Rev. Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason
Silence at Solstice Community Minister for Spiritual Direction

LESSON John O'Connor
Deck the Halls!

CAROL

Deck the Halls text: *Thomas Oliphant (1799–1873)*
music: *16th Century Welsh Carol*
arrangement: *James McKelvy (1917–2003)*

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the blazing yule before us
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Follow me in merry measure
Fa la la la la, la la la la
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Fast away the old year passes
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Hail the new, and raise your glasses
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Sing we joyous all together
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa la la la la, la la la la

LESSON Rev. John Gibbons
A Family Christmas..... Community Minister for Good Trouble
..... *Don Graves*

LESSON Rev. Ali Jablonsky
Blue Holiday Chaplain, Tufts Medical Center, Boston

CAROL

Come Darkness, Come Light *Mary Chapin Carpenter* (b. 1958)

Come darkness, come light
Come new star, shining bright
Come love to this world tonight
Alleluia

Come running, come walking slow
Come weary on your broken road
Come shed your heavy load
Alleluia

Come broken, come whole
Come wounded in your soul
Come anyway that you know
Alleluia

There's a humble stable and a light within
There's an angel hovering and three wise men
Today a baby's born in Bethlehem
Alleluia

Come doubting, come sure
Come fearful to this door
Come see what love is for
Alleluia

Come darkness come light
Come new star burning bright
Come love to this world tonight
Alleluia

LESSON Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister
The Best Gifts

LESSON Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister
Miracles on 34th Street

ANTHEM

O Come, All You Unfaithful text and music: *Bob Kauflin & Lisa Clow*
choral arrangement: *Heather Sorenson*

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano
Samuel LaGrego, tenor

O come, all you unfaithful
Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come
See what your G*d has done

Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you

O come, bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of his perfect love
O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your G*d has done

Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you

He's the lamb who was given
Born for our pardon
His promise is peace
That suffering shall cease

So come, though you have nothing
Come, he is the offering
Come, see what your G*d has done

Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Since 1729, the support of our community has allowed Arlington Street to thrive as a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. This congregation is entirely self-supporting. In addition, we share each Sunday's collection with a partner in our vital mission. It's up to us to finance the beloved spiritual community we want to create! Today, we invite you to be part of Arlington Street's story of devotion, innovation, and transformational generosity. Please consider making a special gift to this morning's offering.



WAYS TO GIVE

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit tinyurl.com/GiveASC
3. Search @ArlingtonStreet on Venmo (Charities)
4. Text the word "GIVE" to (617) 300-0509
5. Mail a check to Arlington Street Church

If you're ready to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira at Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. Rev. Kim, Rev. Beth, and many of our most devoted members and friends pledge 5-10% of their income each year. In addition, we encourage you to provide now for a future gift to Arlington Street by remembering the church in your will. Thank you for helping to ensure a robust future for our beloved spiritual community!

Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

DECEMBER SHARE THE PLATE: FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER PROGRAM

Friday Night Supper Program was established here at Arlington Street in 1984. Every Friday night, approximately 100 people experiencing homelessness or living in poverty are served a hot, nutritious, home-cooked dinner in our parish hall. The meal is served sit-down, restaurant-style, in a warm, welcoming atmosphere, providing a sense of dignity, choice, and abundance. For more information, please visit www.fridaynightsupper.org. Let's help feed our neighbors!

To make your gift, please visit www.tinyurl.com/GiveASC; scan the QR code above; or text the amount you want to give and the word **SHARE** (ex. \$50 SHARE) to (617) 300-0509. *Thank you for your generosity!*

OFFERTORY

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen text: *Anonymous 15th Century German*
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming music: Verses 1, 4 - *Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)*
Verse 2 - *Michael Vulpius (c. 1570–1615)*
Verse 3 - *Carl Orff (1895–1982)*

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
Aus einer Wurzel zart
Aus uns die Alten sungen
Von Jesse kam die Art
Und hat ein Blümlein bracht
Mitten im kalten Winter
Wohl zu der halben Nacht

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung;
It came, a flow'ret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

Das Röslein, das ich meine
Davon Jesaia sagt
Hat uns gebracht alleine
Marie, die reine Magd
Aus Gottes ew'gem Rat
Hat sie ein Kind geboren
Welches uns selig macht

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind;
To show G*d's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

Das Blümelein, so kleine,
Das duftet uns so süß,
Mit seinem hellen Scheine
Vertreibt's die Finsternis.
Wahr' Mensch und wahrer Gott,
Hilft uns aus allen Leiden,
Rettet von Sünd' und Tod.

Wir bitten dich von Herzen,
Du edle Konigin,
Bei deines Sohnes Schmerzen,
Wenn wir einst fahren hin
Aus diesem Jammerthal;
Du wollest uns geleiten
bis in der Engel Saal.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispel with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere;
True man and true G*d,
From sin and death now save us,
And share our every load.

We ask you from our hearts,
You noble queen,
Full of your son's pain,
To lead us one day
From this place,
This vale of tears;
To the angel hall.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain..... *African American Spiritual*
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their
watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Chorus

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed the baby's birth

Chorus

Down in a lowly manger
The humble babe was born
And G*d sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

Chorus

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

RECESSIONAL CAROL

We Wish You a Merry Christmas *Traditional 16th Century English Carol*

Chorus

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!

Good tidings to you, wherever you are
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Chorus

POSTLUDE

Kay Thomson's Jingle Bells *James Lord Pierpont (1822–1893)*
arrangement: *Mark Hayes (b. 1953)*

Hyunju Jung, piano



** Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G*d's name.*

Flowers on the High Pulpit

Would you like to make a gift of flowers for the entire congregation to enjoy on a Sunday morning? You can make your dedication in memory, in honor, or in celebration of someone or something you love.

You can have flowers delivered or bring your own (a minimum of two dozen flowers is perfect for our huge space). Please email office@ASCBoston.org to claim your date! *Thank you!*