

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2015

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

PRELUDE

We Wish You a Merry Christmas *16th century English Carol*
Joy to the World ... *G.F. Handel (1685 - 1759), Lowell Mason (1792 - 1872)*
Jingle Bells *James Lord Pierpont (1822 - 1893)*
Hark the Herald Angels Sing *Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)*
Angels We Have Heard on High *19th century French Carol*
Deck the Halls *16th century Welsh Carol*
Maya Cooleybeck, guitar

INTROIT

Angels from the Realms of Glory
text: *James Montgomery (1771 - 1864)*
music: *Henry Smart (1813 - 1879)*
arr. *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 4

Love The Cooleybeck Family

***CAROL 239**

Go Tell it on the Mountain

LESSON Beth Robbins, Intern Minister

A Visit from Saint Nicholas *Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863)*

***CAROL**

Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer ... text: *Robert May (1905 - 1976)*
music: *Johnny Marks (1909 - 1985)*

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him,
you would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.
Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on "Worship."

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
text adapted by *Crawford Harvie / Buckles*
music arranged by *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Emily Jaworski, mezzo soprano

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

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 our 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.
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CANTICLE

Rebel Jesus *Jackson Browne (b. 1948)*
Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

LESSON *Laura Evonne Steinman*

All in the Family, A Tale from Pakistan *Akhlaq Husain*
adapted: *Laura Evonne Steinman*

*CAROL 243

Jesus, Our Brother

LESSON *Erica Rose Long*

The Miracle of Snow

*CAROL

Let it Snow! text: *Sammy Cahn (1913 - 1993)*
music: *Jule Styne (1905 - 1994)*

Oh the weather outside is frightful
But the fire is so delightful
And since we've no place to go
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
It doesn't show signs of stopping
And I've brought some corn for popping
The lights are turned way down low
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

When we finally kiss good night
How I'll hate going out in the storm!
But if you'll really hold me tight
All the way home I'll be warm
The fire is slowly dying
And, my dear, we're still goodbye-ing
But as long as you love me so
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!

LESSON Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie
O Christmas Tree

***CAROL**

O Christmas Tree (O Tannenbaum) music: *16th century German tune*
text: *Ernst Anschütz (1780 - 1861)*

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How lovely are your branches!
Your boughs are green in summer's clime
And through the snows of wintertime.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How lovely are thy branches!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree
You fill my heart with music.
When oft at joyous Christmas-time
Your form inspires my song and rhyme.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree
You fill my heart with music.
O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
Wie treu sind deine Blätter!
Du grünst nicht nur zur Sommerzeit,
Nein, auch im Winter, wenn es schneit.
O Tannenbaum, o Tannenbaum,
Wie treu sind deine Blätter

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Work of Christmas text: *Howard Thurman (1899 - 1981)*
music: *Dan Forrest (b. 1978)*

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

We share half of the morning's offering with a community partner
in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.
Over 300 pledging members and friends also support the work of

Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY

Wexford Carol *Traditional Irish Christmas Carol*
arr. *Julie Metcalf/Mark David Buckles*
Julie Metcalf, fiddle; Mark David Buckles, guitar

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

***HYMN 231**

Angels We Have Heard on High arranged: *Mark David Buckles*

***BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

We Wish You a Merry Christmas *Trad. 16th century English Carol*
We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)
and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Christmas: Carol Medley *John Leavitt (b. 1956)*
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Following this morning's service, Rev. Kim looks forward to greeting you at the Great Doors. Mark David Buckles invites those interested to join him in listening to the postlude.

Please help to prepare the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services by removing the hymnals from your pew and bringing them to the library carts at the Great Doors. Thank you!

Today in Children's Religious Education (CRE)

Today, CRE will be in the sanctuary for the Lessons and Carols service. Children and youth may sit with their friends and family.

There is an interactive order of service in the back of the sanctuary with puzzles, Mad Libs, and color pages! If your child needs a break from the service, childcare is provided in the nursery.

If you are interested in volunteering with CRE or would like to learn more about our program, please email CRE@ASCBoston.org.