Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts
Monday, December 24th, 2018
Christmas Eve by Candle Light, 5:00 pm

PRELUDE

Selection of Christmas Carols and Songs arr. *Joe Della Penna* Joe Della Penna, piano

*Processional Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. *Sir David Willcocks* (1919 – 2015) music and text attributed: *John Francis Wade* (1711 – 1786)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and adore 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.

Lo, humble shepherds, hast'ning to his cradle,

Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.

We, too, with gladness thither bend our footsteps;

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, Sing, all ye citizens

of heaven above!

"Glory to God!
Glory in the Highes

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.

WELCOME

Introit

Wolcum Yole text: Anon. 15th century Middle English from A Ceremony of Carols music: Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1976)

Wolcum, Wolcum,

Wolcum be thou hevenè king.

Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum, born in one morning.

Wolcum for whom we sall sing!

Wolcum be ye Stevene and Jon.

Wolcum Innocentes every one.

Wolcum, Thomas marter one.

Wolcum, be ye, Good Newe Yere.

Wolcum Twelfth Day both in fere,

Wolcum, seintes lefe and dere,

Wolcum Yole!

Candelmesse, Quene of bliss.

Wolcum bothe to more and lesse.

Wolcum be ye that are here.

Wolcum Yole!

Wolcum alle and make good cheer.

Wolcum alle another yere.

Wolcum Yole! Wolcum!

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

GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

A Visit from St. Nicholas Henry Livingston (1748 – 1828) attributed: Clement Clarke Moore

Jess and Allie Dagg, Lucy and George Humphrey, Anna and Maya Cooleybeck, Sonia and Tessa Erbe

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain ... Traditional African American Spiritual

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 God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

CHRISTMAS EVE POP-UP PAGEANT

Sharon Gentges, and a Cast of On-the-Spot Volunteer Children

ANTHEM

And there were Shepherds

music: *Johann Sebastian Bach* (1685 – 1750) text: *Luke 2:8-11, Johann von Rist* (1607 – 1667)

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

And there were shepherds in the same country
Abiding in the field, keeping watch by night over their flock
And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them
And the glory of the Lord shone round about them
And they were sore afraid
And the angel said to them...

Be not afraid

Behold, for I bring good tidings of great joy Which shall be to all the people For unto you this day a Saviour is born Which is Christ the Lord, in the city of David

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light And usher in the morning Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright But hear the angel's warning

This child, now weak in infancy Our confidence and joy shall be The power of Satan breaking Our peace eternal making

SERMON

Making Room Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

O Magnum Mysterium

music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 – 1611) text: Responsory from Christmas Day Matins

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio. O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt Alleluia!

O great mystery and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger! O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb portare Dominum Jesum Christum. was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

You are invited to open your heart to the spirit of the season and practice gratitude through generosity. As we collect this evening's offering, please consider making a special gift in honor of Christmas. For 289 years, the generous support of this



community has allowed Arlington Street Church to be a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan this QR code.

Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Christmas Time Is Here *Vince Guaraldi* (1928 – 1976) Joe Della Penna, piano

*CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night text: *Josef Mohr* (1792 – 1848) translation: John Freeman Young (1820 – 1885) music: *Franz Gruber* (1787 – 1863)

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,

*CAROL

Joy to the World! text: *Isaac Watts* (1674 – 1748) tune: G.F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

music: *Lowell Mason* (1792 – 1872)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

Let earth receive her king;

Let every heart prepare him room

And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!

Let hearts their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,

And wonders, and wonders of his love.

*BENEDICTION

The Work of Christmas

Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman (1899 – 1981), adapted

Jess and Allie Dagg, Lucy and George Humphrey, Anna and Maya Cooleybeck, Sonia and Tessa Erbe

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (please join in!)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas Trad. 16th Century English Carol

We wish you a Merry Christmas

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We wish you a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year!

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

POSTLUDE

Carillon, Op. 31, No. 21 (1914) Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937) Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

Special Thanks To

Arlington Street Church Youth

Jess and Allie Dagg, Lucy and George Humphrey, Anna and Maya Cooleybeck, Sonia and Tessa Erbe

Lead Ushers:

Vickie Henry, Deb Peck, Philip Roberts, Kevin Tyrrell

Ushers:

Tom Anderson; Jonah Beukman; Nathan Brown; Steve Browne; Alissa Butler; Queen Cheryl; Pam Courtleigh; Cheryl Curran; Dave, Jess & Allie Dagg; Bruce Dallaire; John Engstrom; Carol Fisher; Michael Fisher; Brooke Guarino; Abi Harper; Misty Hathaway; Greg Hyde; Caroline Miranda; Rohn MacNulty; Jill, Dan, Jackson, and Rosa Parker; Alan Rodgers; David Scanlon; Stacey Sacks; Scott Schroeder; Barb Seidl; Jean Ko Stewart; Yeshua Ahira Warren; Darrell W. Waters

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Mark David Buckles, Director of Music
Arlington Street Church Choir and Soloists
Kelly Lenahan, piano and organ
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano
Joe Della Penna, piano
Robert Holley for the exquisite sanctuary decorations

Darrell and Rhonda Waters
for the fabulous outdoor seasonal greenery design

Sharon Gentges for producing our Christmas Eve Pop-Up Pageant
Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

YOU, for your radiant presence here this evening!

and to all of Santa Robert's Elves

Welcome, Guests!

Thank you for coming this evening! We invite you to return on Sunday mornings at 11:00 for a wonderful hour — the Soul of Sunday. We gather for beautiful music, singing, and silence; candles of sorrow and joy; and a sermon from Rev. Kim. Each Sunday offers programing for children and youth during the service, followed by lunch.

Arlington Street is home to spiritual seekers of diverse backgrounds and religious traditions.

You are truly welcome in this beloved spiritual community!