



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH, UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

ADVENT III: JOY

PRELUDE

- A Shepherd's Lullaby *Charles Callahan* (1951–1923)
- In Dulci Jubilo *Marcel Dupré* (1886–1971)
- Mary Had a Baby *Noel Rawsthorne* (1929–2019)
- Rodger Clinton Vine (he/him), Artist-in-Residence, organ

WELCOME & GREETINGS Rev. Parisa Parsa (she/her), Senior Minister
Hala Hazar (she/her), Worship Coordinator

*CAROL 235

Deck the Hall text: *Thomas Oliphant* (1799–1873)
music: *16th Century Welsh Carol*

~ in honor of Elf Jefe (aka Kevin Tyrrell) and his elves ~

Deck the halls with boughs of holly	Follow me in merry measure
Fa la la la la, la la la la	Fa la la la la, la la la la
'Tis the season to be jolly	While I tell of Yuletide treasure
Fa la la la la, la la la la	Fa la la la la, la la la la
Don we now our gay apparel	Fast away the old year passes
Fa la la la la, la la la la	Fa la la la la, la la la la
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol	Hail the new, and raise your glasses
Fa la la la la, la la la la	Fa la la la la, la la la la
See the blazing yule before us	Sing we joyous all together
Fa la la la la, la la la la	Fa la la la la, la la la la
Strike the harp and join the chorus	Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa la la la la, la la la la	Fa la la la la, la la la la

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

OPENING WORDS & CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Parisa Parsa

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH: JOY Hala Hazar

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 & 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.

***CAROL 244**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear text: *Rev. Edmund Sears* (1810–1876)
music: *Richard Storrs Willis* (1819–1900)

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:

“Peace on the earth, to all goodwill,
From heaven’s all-gracious king.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O’er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of war and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, all ye of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

LESSON

The Holiday Dinner at Steeple Church Rev. Ali Jablonsky

CAROL

In the Bleak Midwinter

text: *Christina Rossetti* (1830–1894) & *John Andrew Storey* (1935–1997)

music: *Gustav Holst* (1874–1934); arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter long ago

Christ a homeless stranger,
so the gospels say
Cradled in a manger and a bed of hay
In the bleak midwinter
stable-place sufficed
Mary and her baby, Jesus Christ

Oh, what can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,

I would bring a lamb
If I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part
Yet what I can I give him:
Give my heart

Once more child and mother
weave their magic spell
Touching hearts with wonder
words can never tell
In the bleak midwinter,
in this world of pain
Where our hearts are open,
love is born again

Where our hearts are open,
love is born again

LESSON

One Child's Faith Rev. John O'Connor

CAROL

Silver Bells *Jay Livingston* (1915–2001) & *Ray Evans* (1915–2007)
arrangement: *Audrey Snyder* (b. 1953)

Christmas makes you feel emotional
It may bring parties or thoughts devotional
Whatever happens or what may be
Here is what Christmas means to me

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style
In the air, there's a feeling of Christmas
Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile
And on every street corner you'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring
Soon it will be Christmas day

Strings of streetlights, even stop lights blink a bright red and green
As the shoppers rush home with their treasures
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch, this is Santa's big scene
And above all this bustle, you'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring
Soon it will be Christmas day

Soon it will be Christmas day

LESSON

Being Effervocious Rev. Parisa Parsa

***CAROL 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

What Have I to Give? Rev. Beth Robbins

***CAROL**

The Twelve Days of Christmas *Traditional English Carol*

On the first day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas
My true love sent to me
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.

...Three French hens...

...Four calling birds...


...Five golden rings...

On the twelfth day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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 transformative generosity.

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 would like to give regularly, you can set up automatic payments at tinyurl.com/GiveASC or by contacting Liz Teixeira Treasurer@ASCBoston.org. 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!

SHARE THE PLATE: FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER PROGRAM

Generosity is a spiritual practice at Arlington Street Church. Because sharing our resources transforms both ourselves and our world, we share our Sunday offering with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace.



FRIDAY NIGHT SINCE 1984
SUPPER PROGRAM

In 1984 as the AIDS Crisis was escalating in Boston, Arlington Street Church & Dignity Boston, a community of GLBTQ Catholics & Allies, collaborated to meet to meet the growing need for support & services for people facing food & housing insecurity, social isolation and homelessness. 40 years later it continues as an independent organization which has provided over 5,000 meals to hundreds of individuals in the Boston community this year alone. In addition to the meals they also provide clothing and resource information to their guests. Over the past 40 years members of Arlington Street Church have volunteered in a variety of capacities & given generously. Let us keep the tradition of loving service alive.

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

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

OFFERTORY

In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Rejoicing) text: *Heinrich Seuse* (1295–1366), attrib.

Verse 1: *14th Century Melody*

Verse 2: *Johann Walter* (1490–1570)

Verse 3: *Michael Praetorius* (1571–1621)

Verse 4: *J. S. Bach* (1685–1750)

1. In dulci jubilo,
Nun singet und seid froh!
Unsers Herzens Wonne liegt
In praesepio,
Und leuchtet als die Sonne
Matris in gremio,
Alpha es et O!

1. In quiet joy
Let us our homage show
Our heart's joy reclineth
In a manger
And like a bright star shineth
In the mother's lap
Thou art Alpha & Omega

2. O Jesu parvule
Nach dir ist mir so weh!
Tröst' mir mein Gemüte
O puer optime
Durch alle deine Güte
O princeps gloriae.
Trahe me post te!

2. O tiny Jesus
I yearn for thee always
Listen to my song
O best of boys
Have pity on me
Prince of glory
Draw me unto thee

3. O Patris caritas!
O Nati lenitas!
Wir wären all verloren
Per nostra crimina
So hat er uns erworben
Coelorum gaudia
Eia, wären wir da!

3. O father's caring
O newborn's mildness
Deeply are we touched
By thy love
Thou hast for us gained
Heavenly joy
O that we were there

4. Ubi sunt gaudia
Nirgend mehr denn da!
Da die Engel singen
Nova cantica,
Und die Schellen klingen
In regis curia.
Eia, wären wir da!

4. Where be joys
If that they be not there
There are angels singing
New songs
There the bells are ringing
At the king's court
O that we were there

***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 & 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

Noel No. 10: Grand Jeu et Duo *Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)*
Rodger Clinton Vine



** 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!*



This Week at Arlington Street ~ You Are Invited!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Vegan Cooking with Jenny (Zoom)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:00 pm ~ Monday Mettā (Zoom)

4:00 pm ~ Poems to Go On (Zoom)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:00 pm ~ Prudential Committee Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

5:00 pm ~ Tea with the Ministers (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Kundalini Yoga Class (Zoom)

6:00 pm ~ Contemplative Solstice Walk with Rev. Parisa (Public Garden)

6:30 pm ~ Carol Sing with Sanctuary Boston (Parish Hall)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Writes! (Zoom)

7:00 pm ~ Arlington Street Choir Rehearsal (Clarke Room)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

11:00 am ~ Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Zoom)

12:00 pm ~ Coffee Hour (Chapel & Zoom)

For details and Zoom links for these events and more,
please visit ASCBoston.org.

Parking at Arlington Street Church

Discount parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage at 500 Boylston Street. Please request a discount coupon from an usher. Also, metered parking is free in the city on Sundays.

Arlington Street Prudential Committee

The Prudential Committee is Arlington Street's elected, governing board. "The Pru" is joined by Stephen Anable (Clerk) and Liz Teixeira (Treasurer) in conducting the business of the church.

Alan Kemp, Chair	Rachel Corey	Art Nava
Sandy Dixon, Co-Chair	Cathy DeMatto	Laura Pattison
Kelly Anne Weaver, Co-Chair	Hala Hazar	Bob Sessions

The leadership welcomes your questions and suggestions at Pru_Chair@ASCBoston.org.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES
AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

5:00 & 7:00 PM

Rev. Parisa Parsa & Rev. Beth Robbins
Mark David Buckles, Music Director
Arlington Street Choir and Musicians
...and you!

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