A Service of Lessons and Carols

Choral Song of Ascent Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. K. Lee Scott

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 heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

Congregation joins: At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 11:1-4

Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

Leader: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

People: Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

Leader: And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,

the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might,

the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

People: Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

Leader: And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear.

People: Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

Leader: But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

All: Alleluia! Jesus is coming!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Trinity Hymnal (TH) No. 208

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.

Refrain: 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 heav'n above; Glory to God all in the highest. *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-3; 3:1-15 Katherine Thomas/Jeff Mutchler

Carol O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer, our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind. All peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *Refrain* John Mason Neale I Thomas Helmore. Words: Public Domain; Music: Public Domain.

Second Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7; Micah 5:1-5

Gary Crosson/Kate Brantley Britt Bobbit/Emily Appleby

TH No. 213

Carol What Child Is This

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping, Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king to own Him;

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise the song on high; the virgin sings her lullaby:

Joy, joy for Christ is born, the Babe, the son of Mary.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.

Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Third Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Jack Cutrer/Julianna West

Special Music

I See A King

I see a King ruling with equity, Reigning with empathy in the name of love.

I see a King standing with those in need,

Welcoming refugees in the name of love.

I see a King making it all like new,

Turning the sad untrue in the name of love.

I see a King governing ev'ry place,

Cherishing ev'ry race in the name of love.

Refrain: I see the glory of the Lord fill the corners of the world.

Like a river to a desert, He restores, and I can hear the earth rejoice,

Clap her hands, and shout for joy, singing, "Great is the King! Hallelujah! He's done great things!"

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I see a King throwing a wedding feast, Inviting the poor and least in the name of love.

I see a King laughing with great delight.

Sharing the finest wine, He's the name of love!

Bridge: Soon the day, soon the day,

No more sickness, no more tears, no pain. Soon the day He will reign forevermore.

Fourth Reading

Luke 2:1-21

Collins Mills/Charles Llewellyn

TH No. 214

Carol Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains; And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain

See Him in a manger laid; whom the choirs of angels praise.

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid; while our hearts in love we raise. *Refrain*

It shines to herald forth the King, glad tidings of our God to bring.

Fifth Reading

Richard Williamson Mackenzie Williams

Choir Response

What Star Is This?

Matthew 2:1-12

s? arr. Craig Curry (Puer Nobis Nascitur, 15th-century carol)

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?

See now fulfilled what God decreed: "From Jacob shall a star proceed." And lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven God's command.

The guiding star above is bright; within it shines a purer light That leads them on with force benign to seek the Giver of the sign.

True love can brook no dull delay though toil and danger lie their way; And yet their home, their friends, and all they leave at their Creator's call.

O while the star of heav'nly grace invites us, Lord, to see Thy face, May we no more that grace repel or quench the light that shines so well!

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One, May ev'ry tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.

Sixth Reading

John 1:1-14

Brady Tuten/Rebekah Anderson

Choir Response

All Praise to Thee

All Is Well

Elaine Hagenberg

All praise to Thee, eternal God, who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood, Dost take a manger for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light, To make us in the realms divine, like Thine own angels, 'round Thee shine.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

A little Child, Thou art our guest that weary ones in Thee may rest; Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise to heav'n from earth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia... Amen. Amen.

Reading of the Scripture

John 1:1-14

TH No. 224

Homily

Jason Sterling, Senior Pastor

Special Music

Touch down to earth here in a manger, A humble landing in a quiet place.

Be still, oh stars, wait for the angels

To sing their golden song of praise.

Your father's arms tenderly catch you,

And your mother's tears baptize your head. Be still, my heart, as light pours around us.

Wonder has found us, Emmanuel.

Refrain: All is well; all is well.

God with us, Emmanuel.

My heart, it aches and it rejoices.

Ponder these prayers in the secret place. Be still, my soul, see the heavens open.

All that was broken is made new again.

So go to the fields; go to the mountains;

Sweep out the shadows. There's good news to tell.

Be still, oh sorrow, for joy has found us.

Grace to surround us, Emmanuel.

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Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Congregation joins: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude

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To All

who desire to worship and pray; To all who are seeking and desire to find; To all who are searching and want to know; To all who sin and need a Savior; To all who are wayward and need a Lord; To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; To all who mourn and long for comfort; To all who struggle and desire freedom; To all who are lonely or strangers and want fellowship; To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; And to whosoever will come, Faith Presbyterian Church offers welcome In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at faith-pca.org or on the Faith PCA app.

Our Christmas Eve Services are on December 23 at 6 p.m. and December 24 at 4 and 5:15 p.m.

Hymn Sing: Join us for a Christmas Hymn Sing at the church next Sunday evening,

Smart Give Conference: Register for a Smart Giving Workshop, provided by the PCA Foundation, on January 11.

Sundays at Faith

Adults and Students

Kingdom Communities meet at 9:45 a.m. A map of classroom locations is available at the welcome desk in the upper gathering hall.



FAITH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Room 234 7th-12th graders



GENESIS

Room 101 Singles and married couples in their early 20s



EXODUS

Room 102 Singles and married couples in their mid 20s to early 30s



MOSAIC

Room 168 Singles and married couples in their late 20s to early 30s

CORNERSTONE

Room 145

Parents of older elemen-

tary-junior high students;

singles and couples in

their late 30s or 40s



Room 144

Singles and married couples with or without young children in their late 20s to



mid 30s



Parents of early elementaryage children; singles and couples in their mid 30s to mid 40s



CROSSROADS

Parents of senior high primarily in their mid 40s or 50s



(across Buckton Road) and college students; singles and couples



Room 214 Parents of adult children; singles and couples primarily in their late 50s or 60s



Room 103

Singles and couples primarily in their late 60s, 70s, or 80s

Children

For children ages K5 - 6th grade, KingdomKids meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Children's Ministry check-in is at the bottom of the worship center stairs.

Nursery

For children birth - 4 years old, nursery is provided for both worship services and during Kingdom Communities. Check-in is available at the nursery entrance on the upper level.