

Advent Carol Service
a star from Jacob comes forth
Sunday, November 27, 2022
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Prelude *"Sonata in C major for Recorder HWV 365"* G.F. Handel
Larghetto; Allegro; Larghetto; Gavotta

Words of Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

*Hymn 257 verses 1-4, & 6 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-3, 16-18 Karen Farrell

L: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

A: God's glory appears bright as the dawn.

*Thanksgiving for Light p. 310

Celebration Bells *"Light One Candle"* M.L. Thompson

Second Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9 Kyle Pereira

L: We wait for the Lord,

A: and we hope in God who saves us.

Chamber Ensemble *"A Tender Shoot"* C. Davey

Third Reading: Micah 5:2-5a Delaney Laking

L: Almighty God, come to us,

A: that the earth may behold your glory.

Choir *“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”* P. Manz

*Hymn 901 (see page 6) *“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”*

Fourth Reading: Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

L: Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.

Do not be afraid,

A: for nothing will be impossible with God.

Chamber Ensemble *“A Maiden Most Gentle”* A. Carter

Celebration Bells *“People, Look East”* M. Helman

Fifth Reading: Luke 1:76-79 Karen Gastmeier

L: What we imagine to be strength is really weakness—

A: Come, mighty One, and fill us with your true strength.

Choir *“There shall a star from Jacob come forth”* F. Mendelssohn

Sixth Reading: Matthew 1:18-23 Kim Schaner

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given,

A: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Choir *“Gesù Bambino”* P. Yon

Solo *“Largo” from Fantasie #7* G.P. Telemann

Offering *“Royal Highway Dance”* J. Southwick Cool

*Offering Hymn 264 *“Prepare a Royal Highway”*

*Offering Prayer

*Prayers

L: For this time of waiting and watching for the coming of our Savior,

A: we give you thanks, O Lord.

L: When the Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words,

A: we cry to you, O Lord.

L: For the hope that shines through the darkest night,

A: we turn to you, O Lord.

L: For the gift of friends and family who walk with us through life,

A: we praise your name, O Lord.

L: Gather us all under the promise of your Son, who taught us to pray:

**A: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Choir

"A Gaelic Blessing"

J. Rutter

*Blessing

L: The peace of God accompany your waiting,
the light of Christ warm your hearts,
and the joy of the Spirit fill you with hope.

A: Amen.

*Hymn 239

“Hark, the Glad Sound”

*Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is coming soon.

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“March on Handel’s Lift Up Your Heads” A. Guilmant

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan: For everyone’s awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Leading Worship this Evening:

Minister & violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Usher Team Leader: Peter McLellan

Candlelighters: Mike, Susan and Delaney Laking

Broadcast: Gary Pootz

Reception Coordinators: Marjorie and Scott Kuschnerreit

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Readers: Karen Farrell, Karen Gastmeier (Mount Zion), Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson, Delaney Laking, Kyle Pereira (St. John's), Kim Schaner

Baroque Recorder: Pauline Finch

Alto Soloist: Nathalie Nasr

Baritone Soloist: Bill Gastmeier

Mount Zion Lutheran Church Choir

Sarah E. Cardwell, Director

St. John's Roman Catholic Church Choir

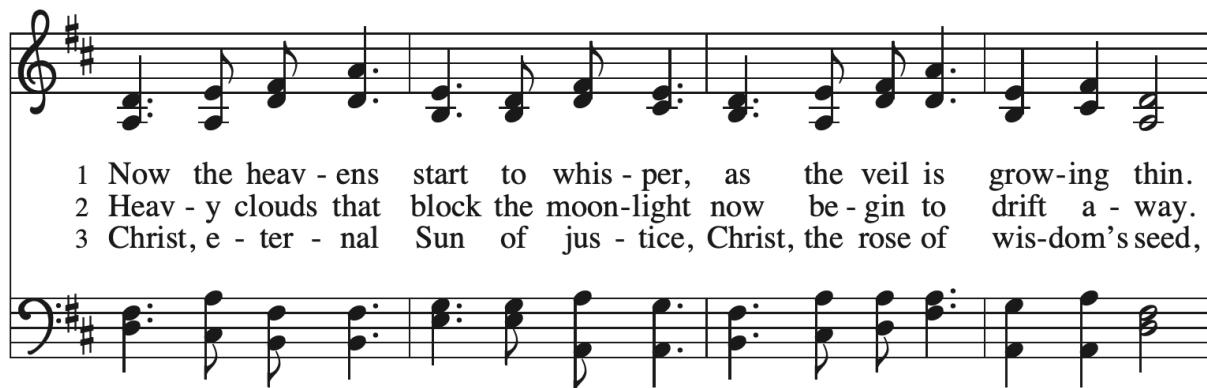
Joyce Knarr, Director

St. Matthews Sanctuary Choir

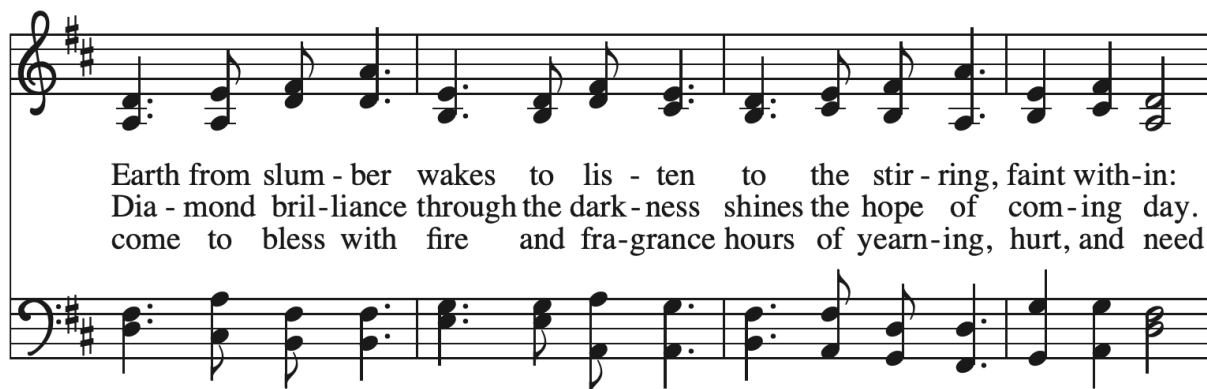
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St. Matthews Celebration Bells

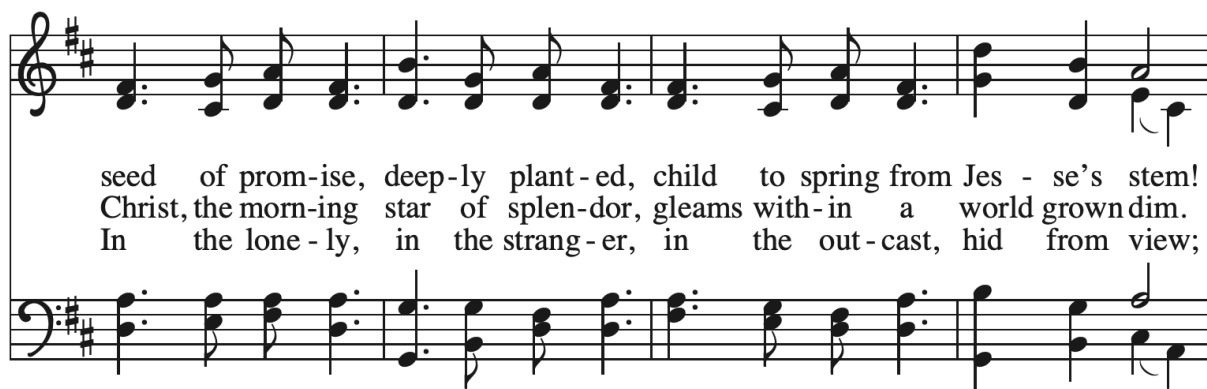
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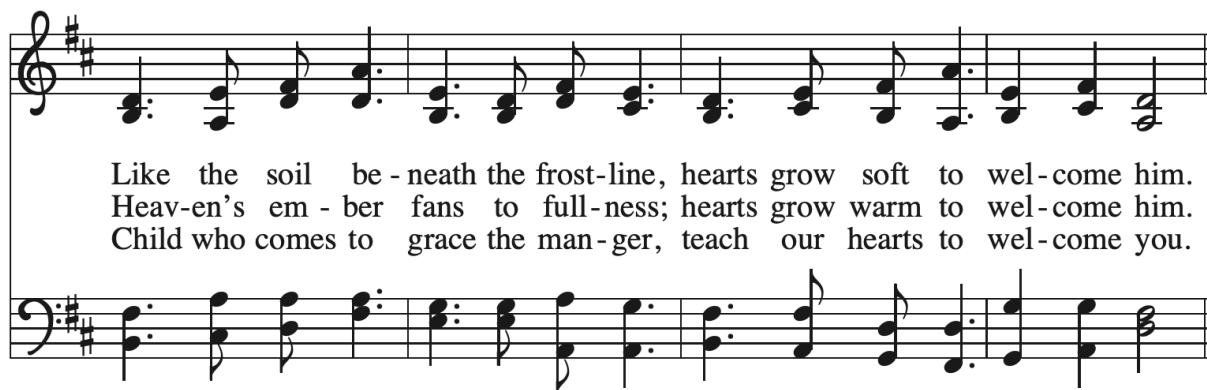
1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version
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Important Information for tonight's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Worshippers are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Worshippers are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Will be collected today during the Offering Music. Alternately, you may place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic by following these directions!**

Space for your notes on tonight's service, for your personal reflection.

Are you new here?

We're so glad that you joined us for worship this evening!

-*Page numbers* in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal), e.g. marked "p.125", are located at the bottom of the page in the front section of the book. Hymn numbers are the large numbers at the top of the page in the second half of the book.

-*Washrooms*: use the west stair tower door (closest to the piano) and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The men's washroom is to your immediate left, and the women's is behind you to your left.

-*Safety*: Our building monitor patrols the building to ensure security during worship. Their cell number is found under "Leading Worship Today".

-*Accessibility*: Accessible on-street parking is available beside the church along Church St. Our marked accessible entrance is on Church Street, with a lift up to the sanctuary level. Two spots (labeled "For Accessible Needs") are also available in our main parking lot nearest the Office Entrance. Our accessible washroom is located beside our Fellowship Hall (off the entranceway on the Church St. side). Unfortunately, to currently reach the Fellowship Hall or this washroom without using stairs, you must use the lift and then exit the building and proceed via the sidewalk down to the Fellowship Hall doors (with the alcove).

- *Fellowship Hall reception following the service*: To get there, use the west stair tower door (closest to the piano) and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. Turn left and then immediately right down the hallway.

Christmas at St. Matthews Worship Services

Christmas Eve (German)

December 24th

5:00 pm

New Year's Eve

December 31st

4:30 pm

**Christmas Eve
(English)**

December 24th

7:30 pm

Christmas Day

December 25th

9:30 am

New Year's Day

January 1st

9:30 am



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