



St. Benedict's Episcopal Church
Los Osos, California
~ Tending Mind and Soul ~



A Service of Lessons and Carols
The 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
December 26, 2021

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your faith journey,
there is a warm welcome for you here at St. Benedict's!

Prelude: *"Gesu Bambino"*

PIETRO A. YAN Arranged by: Lloyd Larson 2007 Hope Publishing Co.

Opening Hymn #102

"Once in Royal David's City"

Blue Hymnal

v 1 - Lorientne Schwenk, Soloist v2-6 Congregation

Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God:

In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of this whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died, and especially for God's Church in our country and in this community.

And because God particularly loves them, let us remember in Christ's name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

May the All-Compassionate God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*



First Lesson from Genesis 3:1-15

The ancient Hebrew story of how the world came to be separate from God.

Congregation: Hymn 56 "O Come O Come Emmanuel" (vv1-4) Hymnal

Second Lesson from Isaiah 40:1-11

A Prophecy of Good News for the People of God.

Congregation: G 329 "O Ancient Love" See following

Third Lesson from Isaiah 7:10-15

The promise of the child Emmanuel - God with us.

Solo: Hymn 81 "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Soloists: Anne Kanter & Lorianne Schwenk

Fourth Lesson from Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel tells the teenage Mary that she will give birth to Jesus, the Savior.

Congregation: Hymn 265 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" Hymnal

Fifth Lesson from Luke 1:39-56

Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, and praises God.

Congregation: G 556 "Canticle of the Turning"

See following

Sixth Lesson from Luke 2: 1-20

Jesus is born in a stable and the local shepherds visit.

Cantors & Congregation: G 345 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

See following

Cantors: Anne Kanter & Lorientine Schwenk

Seventh Lesson from Luke 2:21-35

Jesus is taken to the temple for his bris ceremony and is recognized by a prophet.

Congregation: Hymn 84 "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Hymnal

Eighth Lesson from Hebrews 1:1-12

In the fullness of time, God sent his son to incarnate as human.

Congregation: Hymn 95 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Hymnal

Ninth Lesson from the Gospel of John 1: 1-18

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Congregation: Hymn 82 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Hymnal

Concluding Prayers

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to judge the world; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God All-Compassionate, the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn #87

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Blue Hymnal

Descant: Anne Kanter

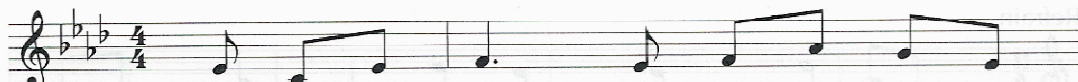
Dismissal

Postlude: "How Great Our Joy"


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G 329




1. O an - cient love, pro - cess - ing through the
2. O home - less love, that dwells a - mong the
3. O gen - tle love, car - ess - ing those in
4. O suf - f'ring love, that bears our hu - man




a - ges: O hid - den love, re - vealed in hu - man
stran - ger: O low - ly love, that knows the might - y's
sor - row: O ten - der love, that com - forts those for -
weak - ness: O bound - less love, that ris - es with the



form: O prom - ised love, the dream of seers and
scorn: O hun - gry love, that lay with - in a
lorn: O hope - ful love, that prom - is - es to -
morn: O might - y love, con - cealed in in - fant



sa - ges:
man - ger: O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be
mor - row:
meek - ness:



born, O liv - ing Love, with - in our hearts be borne.

G 556

Verses

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

G 345

Verses

1. The vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, the
 2. The an - gels sang when the ba - by born, the
 3. The wise men saw where the ba - by born, the

vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, the
 an - gels sang when the ba - by born, the
 wise men saw where the ba - by born, the

vir - gin Mar - y had a ba - by boy, and they
 an - gels sang when the ba - by born, and they
 wise men went where the ba - by born, and they

say that his name was Je - sus.
 say that his name was Je - sus.
 say that his name was Je - sus.

Refrain

He come from the glo - ry, he come from the
 glo - rious king - dom. Oh, yes! be - liev - er! Oh,
 yes! be - liev - er! He come from the glo - ry,
 he come from the glo - rious king - dom.

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