

*Second Sunday of  
Christmas 1-2-2022*

# ***PRELUDE***

*Robert A. Hobby*

*Three Christmas Preludes, Set 2*  
*II. IRBY*  
*Once in Royal David's City*

*Please stand*

## ***A CHRISTMAS LITANY***

P: Who are these angels who come to earth,

**C: Bearing the news of the christ child's birth?**

P: Who are the shepherds who run to see,

**C: And worship the babe of bended knee?**

P: Who is the child, so small and slight,

**C: Of whom the angels sang that night?**

P: Who is the king, a manger his throne,

**C: Who humbles himself to make us his own?**

P: Who is the God who sends a Son?

**C: Into our midst is God's chosen promised one!**

# ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

## ELW 269



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed.  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child,  
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly,  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone,  
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895  
Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1815-1876

## A CHRISTMAS LITANY

P: The people who walk in darkness.

**C: Have seen a great light!**

P: For unto us a Son is given!

**C: To us a Son is born!**

P: And his name shall be called:

**C: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Lord, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace!**

## ***OUR CONFESSION***

P: Heavenly father, through your Son Jesus, you invite us to lay down our great fears and to enter into your everlasting joy. Together, let us confess our sins, in the presence of God, and of one another.

*A time of silence and reflection.*

P: Child of God, born for us.

**C: Too often we hold on to our fears. Wallow in our worries. Drown in our depression. Get lost in our grudges, and refuse the joy you have given to us. Have mercy on us!**

## ***THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS***

P: People of God, with great love and mercy the angel says, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. On the cross, Jesus carried our sin and shame and rose again to defeat every enemy. Together we give thanks, celebrating forever "For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!"

## ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

P: Let us pray. Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

# A READING FROM NUMBERS 6:22-27

R: A reading from Numbers the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>22</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, <sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>5</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!!

C: Thanks be to God!

## THAT BOY-CHILD OF MARY ELW 293



- 1 What shall we call him, child of the man - ger?
- 2 His name is Je - sus, God ev - er with us.
- 3 How can he save us, how can he help us,
- 4 Gift of the Fa - ther, to hu - man moth - er,



What name is giv - en in Beth - le - hem?  
God giv - en for us in Beth - le - hem.  
born here a - mong us in Beth - le - hem?  
makes him our broth - er in Beth - le - hem.

5 One with the Father,  
he is our Savior,  
heaven-sent helper  
in Bethlehem.

6 Gladly we praise him,  
love and adore him,  
give ourselves to him  
in Bethlehem.

# *A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11*

R: A reading from Philippians the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter:

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

R: Word of God, Word of Life!!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won - der - ful child.

Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly meek and

mild; new life, new hope the child will bring,

Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry,

glo - ry," let the heav - ens ring.

Text: Spiritual  
Music: Rollo A. Dilworth, b. 1970  
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WONDERFUL CHILD

## THE GOSPEL

## LUKE 2:15-21

**P:** This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord!

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ!

Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won - der - ful child.

Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly meek and

mild; new life, new hope the child will bring,

Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry,

glo - ry," let the heav - ens ring.

Please be seated.

## SERMON

Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

Please stand.

# ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME ELW 634

Verses 1-2-All

Verse 3 - Men

Verse 4-Women

Verses 5-6-All



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

## ***THE CREED***

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith expressed through the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## ***RESPONSIVE PRAYER***

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, you come from heaven above into the midst of our world.

**C: Fill our hearts with the joy of the angels at your birth.**

P: You come from heaven above to the lowliest of human conditions.

**C: Watch over those in need, the sick, the hungry, the grieving.**

P: You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.

**C: Guide us to follow your path of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.**

P: You come from heaven above to become flesh and live among us.

C: **May we see your glory, full of grace and truth. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **ORGAN MEDITATION & OFFERING**

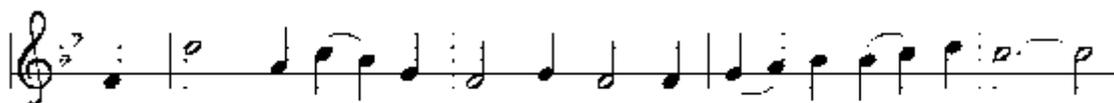
*Albert C. Schmutz*

*A Christmas Collection for Organ*

*XVII. Choral Prelude on CAROL*

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

### **IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR** **ELW 282**



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world,  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow;  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing,  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing,  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## ***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING***

P: The people who walked in darkness

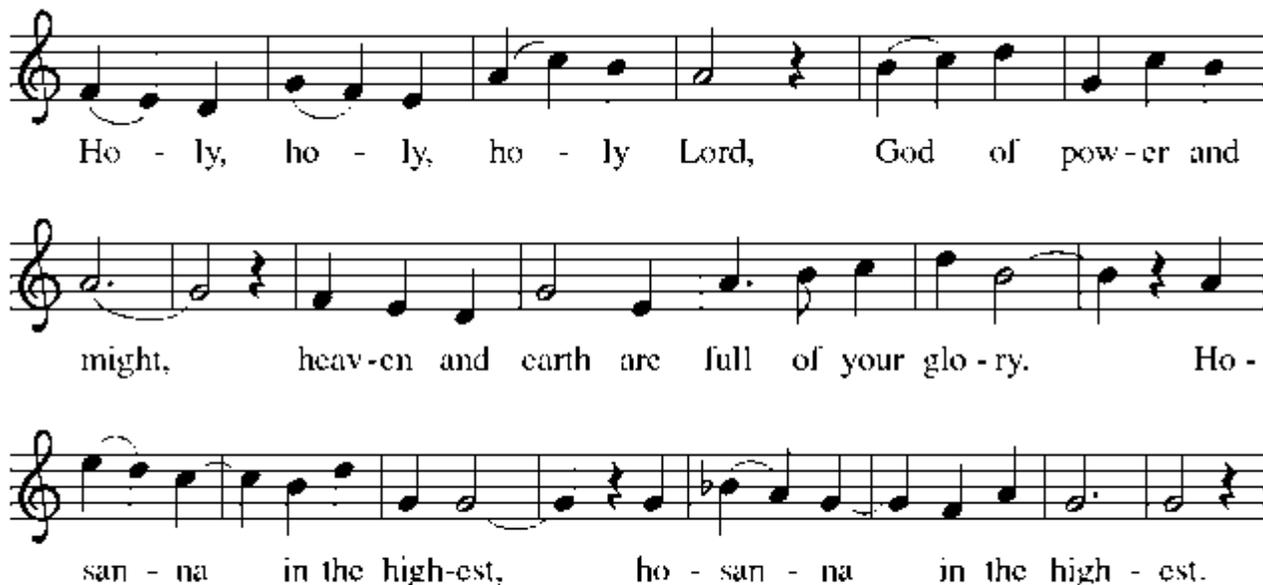
**C: Have seen a great light;**

P: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness.

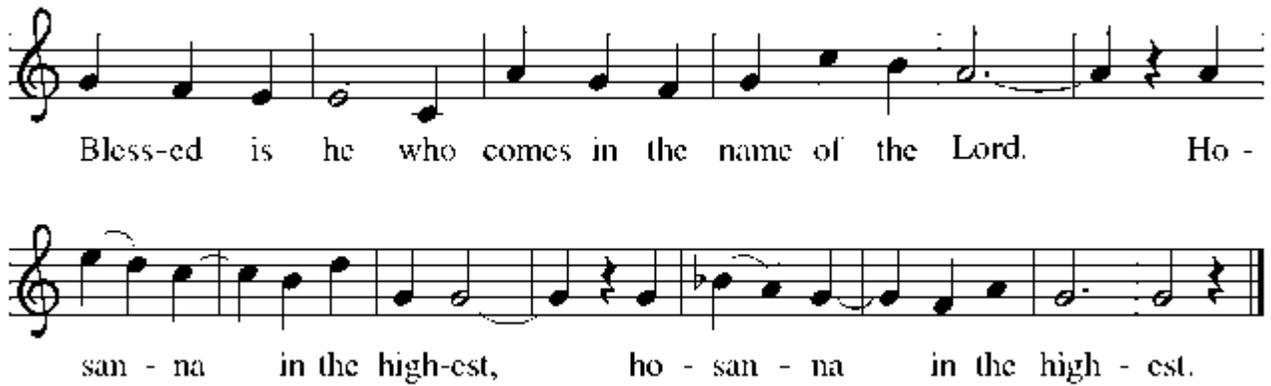
**C: On them light has shined.**

## ***THE CHRISTMAS PREFACE***

P: God's light has indeed shined upon us and it is our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



## ***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER***

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, our eternal light and life:  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take  
and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for  
all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed  
for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to  
remember me.

P: Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again!**

P: Fill us with your Light and Life, May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people. Bring the gift of peace on earth. For all praise  
and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ***LORD'S PRAYER***

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever  
and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

P: In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come see what God has made known to us!

*At this time, you may open your communion cup and feast on the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*

## ***TABLE BLESSING***

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen!**

## ***BLESSING***

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Al - le - lu - ia, A - - - - men!

Al le lu ia, A - - - - men!

*Please stand.*

## ***LET OUR GLADNESS HAVE NO END*** ***ELW 291***

1	Let our glad - ness	have no end,	Hal - le - lu - jah!
2	Proph - e - sies	in days of old,	Hal - le - lu - jah!
3	See the love - liest	bloom - ing rose,	Hal - le - lu - jah!
4	In - to flesh is	made the Word,	Hal - le - lu - jah!

for to earth	did Christ de - scend.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
God has sent	the one fore - told.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
from the branch	of Jes - se grows.	Hal - le - lu - jah!
our true ref - uge	and our Lord.	Hal - le - lu - jah!

*Refrain*

On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to

save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown  
Music: NARODNÍ SE KRISTUS PÁN, Bohemian carol, 15th cent.

# ***DISMISSAL***

**P:** We go in peace, for Christ is with us!

**C:** Thanks be to God!

# ***POSTLUDE***

*NARODIL SE KRISTUS PÀN*  
*Let Our Gladness Have No End*

*I. With bounce*

*David M. Cherwien*

*II. Energetically*

*Aaron David Miller*

## *Today's Worship Leaders*

<i>Cantor:</i>	<i>Victor Welsch</i>	<i>Facebook Camera:</i>	<i>Andrew &amp; Wendy Bailey</i>
<i>Host:</i>	<i>?</i>	<i>SlideShow Creator:</i>	<i>Pastor Bailey</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Beth Margraf</i>	<i>SlideShow Operator:</i>	<i>John Bailey Haley Welter</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>?</i>		
<i>Director of Music:</i>	<i>Curtis L. King</i>	<i>Today's Officiant:</i>	<i>Rev. C. J. Bailey</i>

We could not offer multiple platforms for sharing worship  
"Apart...yet Together"  
without an entire crew of people working to make the magic happen.

# **Congregational Meeting**



## **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Our Annual congregational Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please plan to attend this important meeting.

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"God is among us!"  
"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,  
reconcile and trust God for all that we need."