



Sunday, December 24, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Organ Voluntary

Noël en Duo

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694–1772)

Greeting

Introit

Psallite

Michael Praetorius
(1571–1621)

*Psallite unigenito
Christo Dei Filio.
Redemptori Domino
puerulo jacenti in praesepio.
Ein kleines Kindelein
liegt in dem Krippelein.
Alle liebe Engelein
dienen dem Kindelein.*

Now we sing together
To the Son of God, our Lord.
On this day Christ is born to us,
Our Savior and Redeemer.
Come see the heavenly Child,
So gentle, meek, and mild.
Lowly in a manger laid,
How sweet the little babe.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

✦ **Hymn 140** ([see page 6](#))

Once in Royal David's City
Children meet Omar near the lectern for children's chapel

IRBY

Readings

Isaiah 11:1-9
Black Bear

O.T. pgs. 640-641

Chorale Prelude

Est ist ein' Ros'

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Hymn 129 ([see page 7](#))

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

Readings

Psalm 148:1-13
Lake Trout

O.T. pgs. 582-583

Chorale Prelude

Vom Himmel hoch
BWV 701

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Hymn 111 ([see page 8](#))

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

VOM HIMMEL HOCH

Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10
Honey Bee

O.T. pg. 663

Choir Carol*Whence is that Goodly Fragrance Flowing?*arr. Mack Wilberg
(b. 1955)

Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing, stealing our senses all away,
 Never the like did come a-blowing, shepherds, in flowery fields of May,
 Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing, stealing our senses all away.
 What is that light so brilliant, breaking here in the night across our eyes.
 Never so bright, the daystar waking, started to climb the morning skies!
 What is that light so brilliant, breaking here in the night across our eyes?
 Bethlehem! there in manger lying, find your Redeemer haste away,
 Run ye with eager footsteps hieing! Worship the Savior born today.
 Bethlehem! There in manger lying, find your Redeemer haste away.

ReadingsPsalm 98:4-9
Painted Turtle

O.T. pgs. 551-552

Chorale Prelude*Tempus adest floridum*Nicholas Schmelter
(b. 1982)**Hymn 146** ([see page 9](#))*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

ReadingsLuke 2:1-7
Jesus, the Christ

N.T. pg. 58

Chorale Prelude*In dulci jubilo*Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)**Hymn 132** ([see page 10](#))*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

Offering**Offertory**"He Shall Feed His Flock" from *Messiah*George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)**Prayer**✦ **Hymn 134** ([see page 11](#))*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

Charge and Blessing**Closing Voluntary***Noël Suisse*

Louis-Claude Daquin

SERVING TODAY**Pastors**

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Banner Bearers

Lucy Vestal | Caroline Vestal | Joseph Webster | John Webster

Readers

Cathy Patterson | Selena Brinegar | Ada Fuller | Linda Ewing

MusiciansSt. Philip Choir | Cecilia Duarte and Sarah Bertrand, soloists | Jane Malczewskyj, pianist
Matthew Dirst, organist and interim choir director

WORSHIP NOTES

Advent Candle lighting is led this week by the college students in our congregation.

Service readings adapted from *All Creation Waits* by Gayle Boss. Banner art adapted from illustrations in that book by David G. Klein. Cover art and banner designs by Micah Meyers.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 – *The Lord will build a house for David and his descendants.*
- Luke 1:46b-55 – *My soul magnifies the Lord, who has done great things.*
- Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 – *I will sing of God's steadfast love and faithfulness to David.*
- Romans 16:25-27 – *Glory to God for the mystery now revealed to all peoples!*
- Luke 1:26-38 – *The angel Gabriel appears to Mary; her child will be God's Son.*

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Helen Deleon; Bob Ardell; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Shirley Coffman; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Alice Woodall-Chisholm – cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians – Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rower; Magdalena Rustomji – friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Aleksandra Y. Skochilenko – Nancy Higgs; Caitlan Prescott – friend of Mary McGuire; Mary Watters – friend of Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Tom Barnett – friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: deacons@saintphilip.net

Join us for our Candlelight Services tonight at:

4:30 p.m. – A Whimsical Telling of the Birth of Jesus

7:00 p.m. – Communion Service with the St. Philip Choir

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE ON RECESS BEGINNING DECEMBER 24 AND RETURN JANUARY 7

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Merry Christmas

*Thank you to those who have contributed poinsettias this Christmas to adorn our chancel.
The list is continued on the next page.*

| <i>Given by:</i> | <i>Those we remember:</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Orlean Anderson | Ruth & Orlean McCallum |
| Orlean Anderson | Kenneth L. Anderson Jr. |
| Bill & Ginny Camfield | Our parents, William & Maurine Camfield and Rudy & Alma Kindig |
| Jan Meyer | My parents, Don & Valerie Meyer |
| Barbara Runge | Rusty Howard |
| Barbara Runge | Eugene & Ruth Howard |
| Barbara Runge | Glen & Affie Tate |
| Barbara Runge | Bill & Martha Runge |
| Jenilee Simmons | Douglass L. Simmons |
| David & Hallie Spence | Paxton Williams |
| Sally Alcorn | Fred C. Alcorn, my husband; Cecile & Carl Stuebing, my parents |
| Molly Boren Whitney | Cliff Cleveland, my beloved son |
| Jane Cooper | Lillian Bantau, Dan Cooper, & Kathy Mason |
| Janet Davis | Don Davis, Ruth Ewing, & John Burnett |
| Janet & Carl Eskridge | Rita & John Hannah |
| Susan & Robert Estill | Our parents |
| The Ewing children, grandchildren, & great grandchildren | Jack & Ruth Ewing |
| Jan Fox | Jack Fox |
| Nancy Higgs | My mother, father, & brother |
| Dick & Sue Howard | Our mothers, Lunetta & Pattye Sue |
| Gil & Oak Kim | Our moms |
| Amanda Kirtley | My mother, Pamela Kirtley |
| Jane Larkin | Lee R. Larkin & John P. Larkin |
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| Susan & Jim Leonard | James H. Leonard |
| Susan & Jim Leonard | Doris Leonard |
| Susan & Jim Leonard | Stanley & Beedie Heaps |
| Celie Matteson | Parents, Pete & Gussie Heilbron |
| Bonnie & Greg Moore | Our parents, Ross & Gertrude Neeley |
| Bonnie & Greg Moore | Our parents, Gene & Betty Moore |
| Lynn & Stuart Red | Ellen Red, David Red & Dick Schissler |
| Rhonda Sands | My parents, Mary Ann & Tom Sands & my brother, Rod Sands |
| The Schissler Family | Dick Schissler |
| Sally Slick | My husband, Bill Slick |

| <i>Given by:</i> | <i>Those we remember:</i> |
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| Aileen Todd, Allison & Chris Newport | Harry Todd & James Newport |
| Julie Wangler | My husband, Thomas Wangler |
| Linda Weinmann | Don Weinmann |
| Hope Wilmarth | Lance Wilmarth |
| Jennifer Wilson | My mother, Helen Wilson |
| Butch & Anne Wilson | Our parents: Ken & Marion Takehara and Mac & Beverly Wilson |
| Ruena Wood & Family | Rev. Dr. Stuart Wood |
| John Wurster & Deb Burks | Darnall Burks |
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| <i>Given by:</i> | <i>Those we honor:</i> |
| Bob & Lee Ardell | The wonderful staff of St Philip |
| Linda Beville | Wilbert Parada & Dimas Parada |
| Sharon Coufal | Grandsons Gabi Vann & Andres Vann |
| Liz Crowell | Nancy Scott |
| Susan & Robert Estill | Mary Jane & Phillip McDaniel |
| Jan Fox | Bennett, Asher, & Shiloh |
| David & Suzanne Kerr | St. Philip Choir |
| Jane Larkin | Jim, Penny & Amelia Larkin |
| John Lemen | Matthew Dirst |
| Bonnie & Greg Moore | Our grandson Sebastian |
| Cathy Patterson | Jane Malczewskyj & the Bell Canto |
| Lynn & Stuart Red | Nan Schissler |
| Jenilee Simmons | Sheryl Curtain & family |
| Jenilee Simmons | Doug W. Simmons & family |
| David & Hallie Spence | Mary Linda Williams |
| Ruthie & Al Waldrop | Will, Lauren, Annie & Mary Louise Waldrop |
| Ruthie & Al Waldrop | Nancy & Justin Marlen |
| Ruthie & Al Waldrop | Virginia Waldrop |
| Jennifer Wilson | My father, Victor Bill Wilson |

SAVE THE DATE & THE PLANET - On January 13 the St. Philip Earth Care team will host a seminar entitled "Becoming Carbon Neutral in Your Church and in Your Life". This will take place from 10:00 a.m. until Noon with a light lunch offered (financial contribution welcomed). Several other churches in Presbytery of New Covenant will join us and participate in this seminar. Please put this on your calendar and join us. Further information will be available in an upcoming edition of Philip-Eye.

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

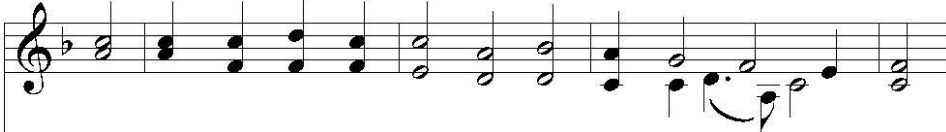
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Hymn 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming


ES IST EIN' ROS'



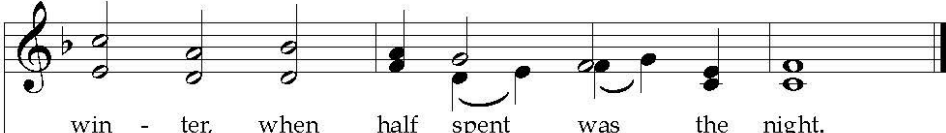
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin-eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where.



It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he



win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

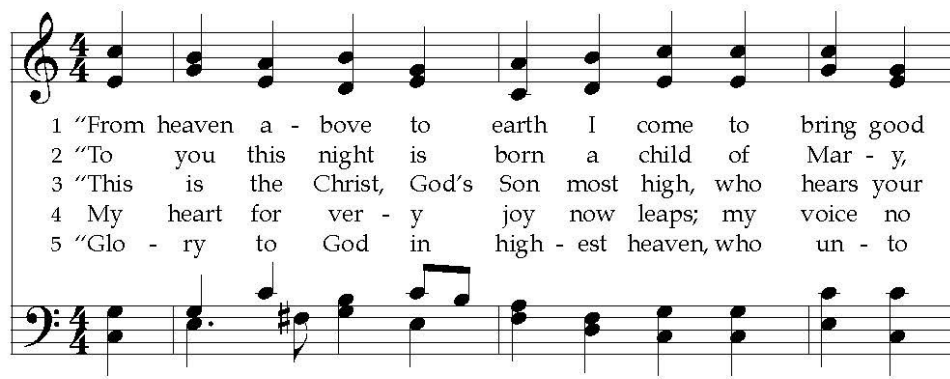
TEXT: German carol; stanzas 1, 2 trans. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.; stanza 3 trans. Harriet Knuth Spaeth, 1985, alt. ES IST EIN' ROS'
 MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609 7.6.7.6.6.7.6

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Hymn 111

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

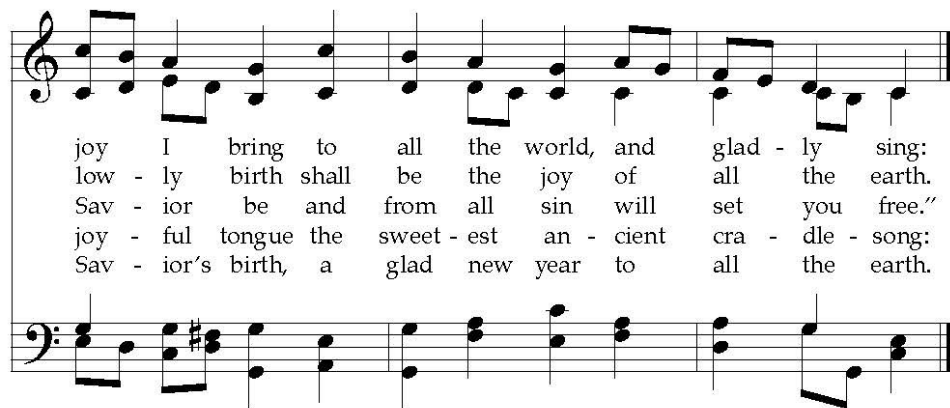
VOM HIMMEL HOCH



1 "From heaven a - bove to earth I come to bring good
 2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your
 4 My heart for ver - y joy now leaps; my voice no
 5 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven, who un - to



news to ev - ery - one! Glad ti - dings of great
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of
 sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
 lon - ger si - lence keeps; I too must sing with
 us the Christ has given." With an - gels sing the



joy I bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:
 low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be and from all sin will set you free."
 joy - ful tongue the sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:
 Sav - ior's birth, a glad new year to all the earth.

This Christmas hymn gives us a rare glimpse of Martin Luther as a father creating verses for his children to sing at home on Christmas Eve for a retelling of Luke 2:8-14. The first three stanzas paraphrase the angel's song, and the final two provide the human response.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1535; trans. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.
 MUSIC: Schumann's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539
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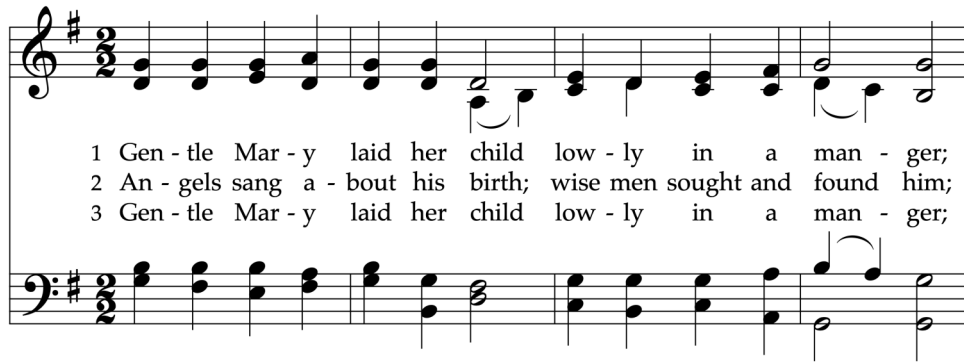
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Hymn 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

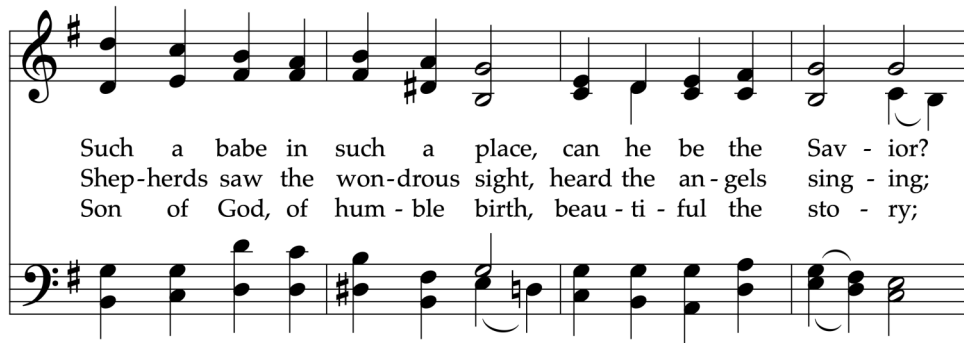
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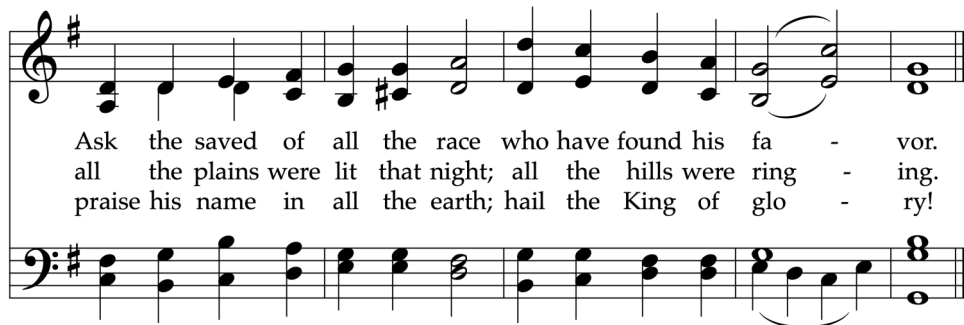
1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;



there he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.
heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
he is still the un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God, of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring - ing.
praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glo - ry!

This 20th-century Christmas text by an English-born Canadian clergyman was originally a poem called "The Manger Prince." It gains a certain antique flavor by being set to a late medieval song associated with springtime. (The tune name means "The flowering time is near.")

TEXT: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919, rev. 1930
MUSIC: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; arr. Ernest C. MacMillan, 1930

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
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Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

TEXT: Medieval Latin; trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853, alt.
 MUSIC: German folk melody, 14th cent.; harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953
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IN DULCI JUBILO
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Hymn 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
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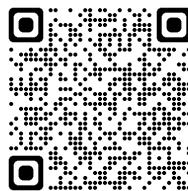
heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
 MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH
 CM with repeat

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Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphilip.net.

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.

WE LONG
for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your "T switch" to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY'S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

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If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

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