



1st Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Trinity Community Worship + 9:30 am

Gathering

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Invitation	<i>All are invited. All are welcome.</i>
	Thanks be to God.
Communion Music	Away in a Manger – <i>Cathy Moglebust</i>
	Star of Wonder, Star of Light – <i>D.E. Wagner</i>
Prayer after Communion	

Sending

Blessing	
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Dismissal	<i>Christ the Saviour is born!</i> <i>Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.</i>
	Thanks be to God.
Postlude	Fugue on Good King Wenceslas – <i>Barrie Cabena</i>

Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Stephen Larson
Assisting Minister:	Lois Smith
Usher:	Diane Godfrey
Musician:	Jamie Courtney, Handbell Ensemble

We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

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Once in Royal David's City

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Still, Still, Still

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Away in a Manger

Arr. by Cathy Moglebust © 2013 Choristers Guild

Star of Wonder, Star of Light

Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner © 2010 Lorenz Publishing Company

Fugue on Good King Wenceslas

Arr. by Barrie Cabena © Sheridean Music



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



⁷I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely";
and he became their savior
⁹in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise

shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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Gospel Acclamation

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It contains the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues with the lyrics: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes with rests to indicate syllable placement.

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the

prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

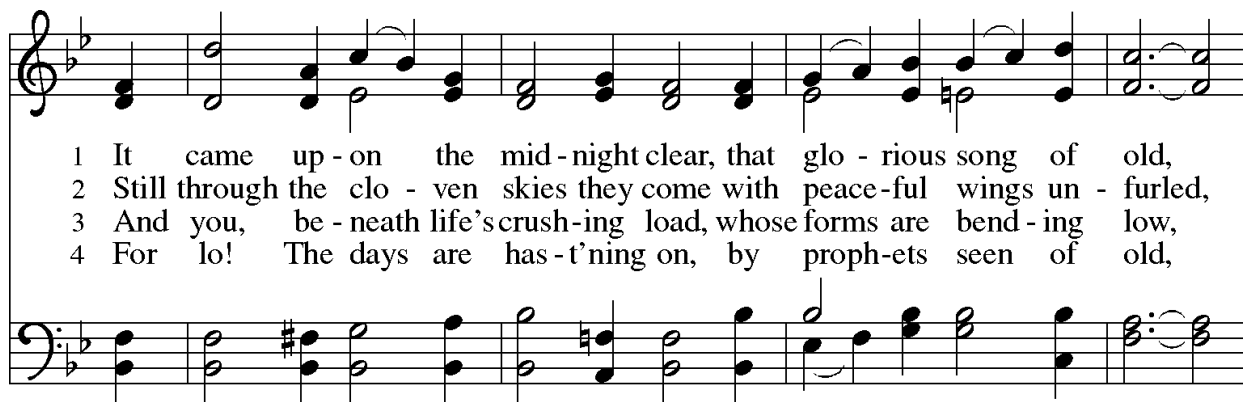
¹⁶When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

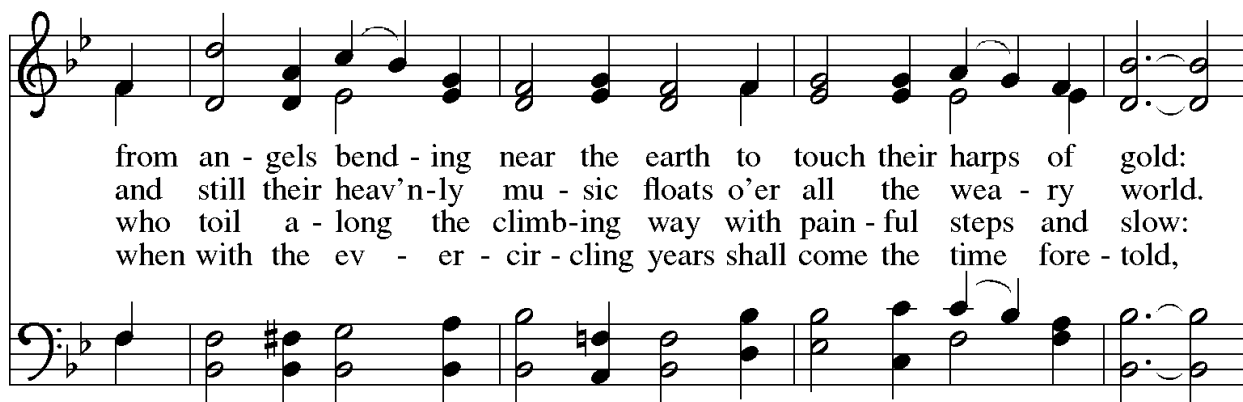
¹⁹When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰“Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.”

²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

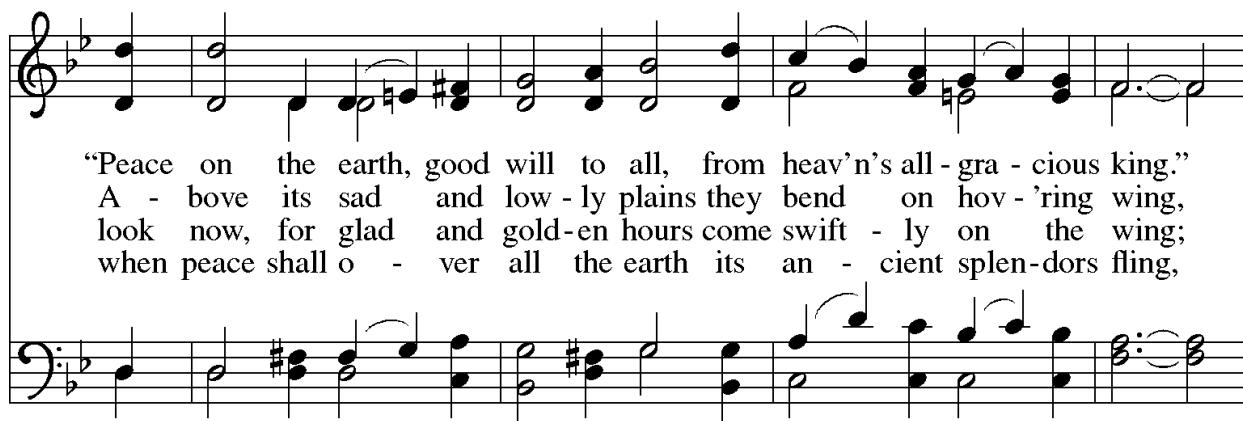
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



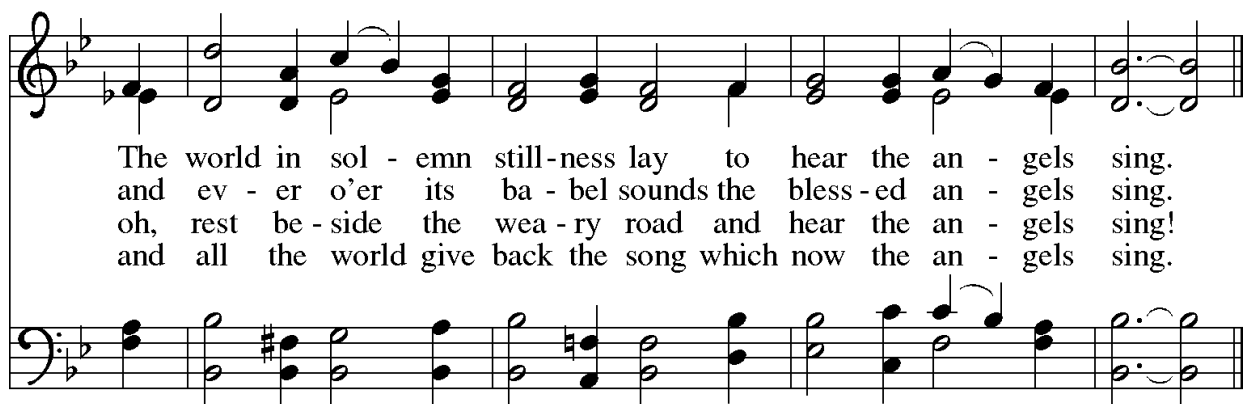
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



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.

Prayers of Intercession

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the earth, and the whole human family.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, broaden the church's hospitality and welcome. Open our hearts to any in need of refuge and help, especially those who are persecuted. Prosper the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief. With the worldwide ecumenical community, today we pray for the churches of Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, and Palestine.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, restore the health of the soil, the seas, and the air. Increase the joy and praise of all living things. In the coming year strengthen local, national, and international efforts to prevent further harm to the environment.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, deliver your people from cruel oppression. Increase justice in every nation and keep the dream of freedom alive. In this new year bring the blessing of peace and put an end to violent conflict throughout the world, especially in Myanmar, Ukraine, and Ethiopia.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Uplifting God, raise all who are bowed down by trouble and need, especially individuals and families living in poverty . Protect and nurture all children. Sustain those who are ill or facing a new diagnosis. We pray especially for Mary, Art, Janice, Michelle, Reta, Doris, Anne, Bob, Hans, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, accompany this community in the coming year. Increase our love for one another and the neighbors we serve. Enrich our worship and

deepen our faith. Sustain our pastors, Tanya and Leanne, and all who minister in your name.

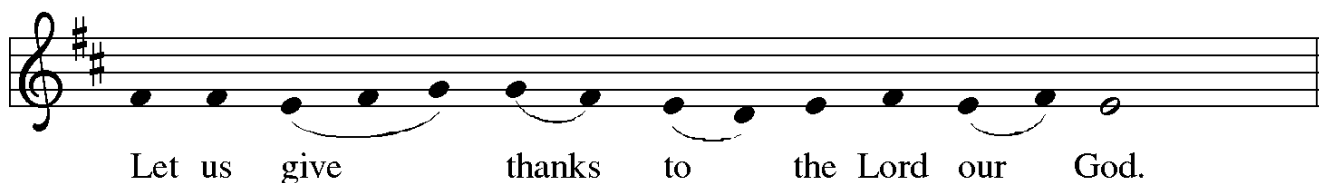
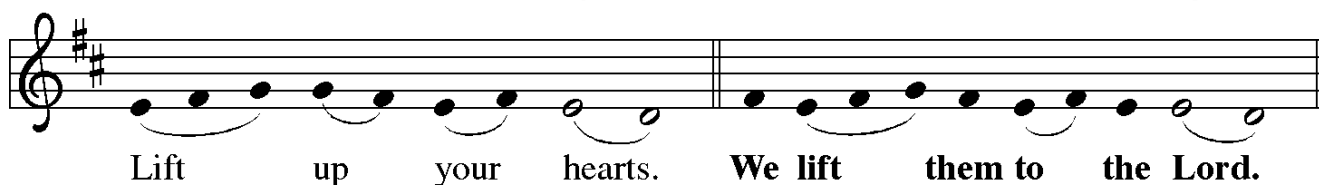
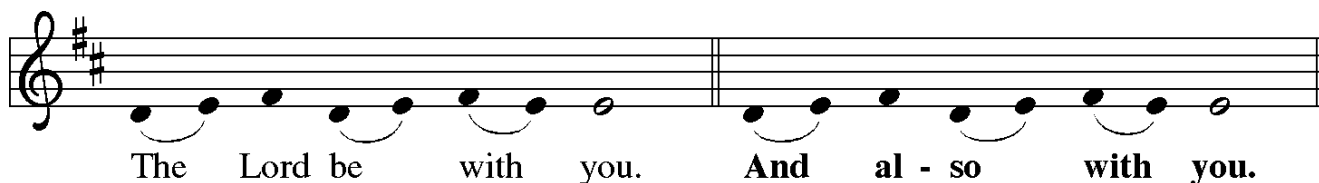
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, the holy innocents who perish in every generation are safe in your keeping. We give you thanks and praise for the all the faithful who have gone before us into everlasting life with you.

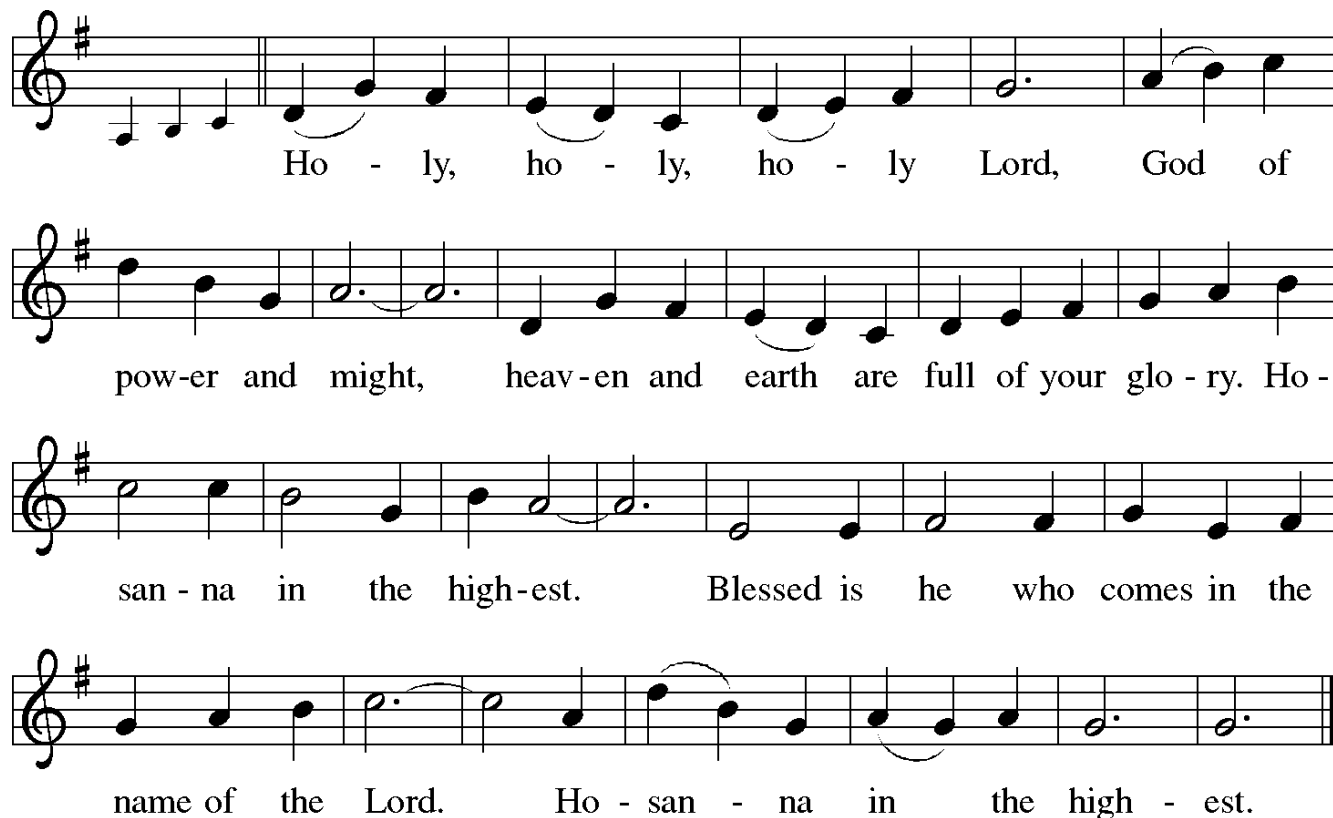
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen.**

Dialogue



Holy, Holy, Holy



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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Holy One,
the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
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 for the remembrance of 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 for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Sending Song

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

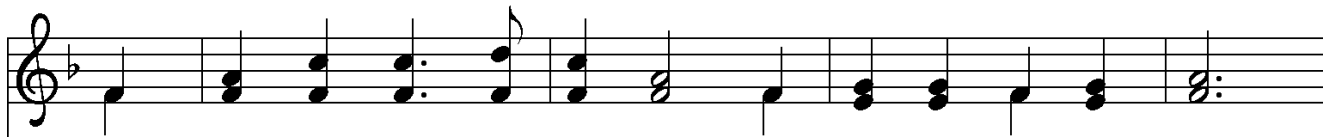
Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.



Announcements

+ COVID-19 Precautions for In-Person Worship

We ask that everyone attending in-person worship wear a **facemask** and remain masked for the duration of the service. (Worship leaders may temporarily remove masks to speak or sing.) During the **sharing of the peace**, please remain in your seat to share a sign of peace with those around you. The **offering will be collected** by an usher. **Holy Communion** will be offered as bread and wine (small glasses only, no common cup for sipping).

+ Annual Meeting & Annual Report

Church Council has set the date for our next annual meeting. Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 26th at 11:00 am. After the last two annual meetings online via Zoom, it is anticipated that the 2023 meeting will return to being an in-person event.

For those folks who normally submit reports and information for the Annual Report, please note that the deadline for submissions is January 16th. Reports in electronic format are preferred, and can be sent via email to Jamie Courtney in the church office: courtney@telc.ca.

+ 2022 Tax Receipts

Thank you to all those who made financial offerings in 2022. We are grateful for your support of Trinity's mission and ministry. Tax receipts will be prepared and mailed by the end of January.

As previously announced, 2022 receipts will include all offerings received by December 25th. Offerings received after that date will be counted in 2023.

+ Sunday to Sunday

1 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + 1 st Sunday of Christmas
7 – Saturday	7:30 pm	A/A – Open Meeting
8 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Baptism of Our Lord
	4:00 pm	Hybrid Worship + Baptism of Our Lord + Holy Baptism

+ Winter Break

Our music ensembles take a winter break for a couple of weeks. Trinity Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, January 12th; the Handbell Ensemble returns to rehearsals on Monday, January 16th.

+ Baptism of Our Lord

Next Sunday, on January 8th, Trinity will offer two worship services. We'll have our usual 9:30 am service, and then later at 4:00 pm we'll have a service with Baptism and Holy Communion, where we welcome baby Margot at the font. (Margot's extended family includes church musicians with Sunday morning commitments.) We're happy to welcome you at either 9:30 or 4:00 – or both!



Al Junker, president ▪ **Tanya Varner**, pastor
Jamie Courtney, parish administrator & minister of music
Leanne Darlington, visitation pastor ▪ **Brian Racho**, sexton
Heidi Van Schaik, youth worker ▪ **Gywin Murray**, emerita director of music