

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

7:00 & 9:00 PM

BELL RINGING Rev. George G. Whitehouse

PRELUDE

Silent Night *Franz Grüber* (1787 – 1863)

Jingle Bells *James Lord Pierpont* (1822 – 1893)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas *16th Century English Carol*

Santa Claus is Coming to Town *John Frederick Coots* (1897 – 1985)

all piano arrangements: *Jacob Koller* (b. 1980)

Yulia Yun, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INGATHERING CAROLS Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

Angels We Have Heard on High text: *James Chadwick* (1813 – 1882)

tune: *French Carol* (1855)

arrangement: *Edward Shippen Barnes* (1887 – 1958)

and *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o'er the plains

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why these songs of happy cheer?

What great brightness did you see?

What glad tidings did you hear?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See him in a manger laid

Whom the angels praise above

Mary, Joseph, lend your aid

While we raise our hearts in love

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Go Tell It on the Mountain..... *African American Spiritual*
arrangement: *Tevan Goldberg* (b. 1996)

Tevan Goldberg, piano and vocals

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our savior's birth

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And G*d sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

** Out of respect for Arlington Street Church members and friends who are Jewish,
we follow the tradition of not spelling out G*d's name.*

O Come, All Ye Faithful

music and text attributed: *John Francis Wade* (1711 – 1786)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the king of angels;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Lo, humble shepherds, hast'ning to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.
We, too, with gladness thither bend our footsteps;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to G*d! Glory in the Highest!
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

GREETINGS Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister
and Boston Gay Men's Chorus

INTROIT Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Deck the Hall text: *Thomas Oliphant* (1799 – 1873)
music: *16th Century Welsh Carol*
arrangement: *David Maddux* (b. 1954)

Christmas Waltzes arrangement: *Chad Weirick* (b. 1961)

READING

A Visit from St. Nicholas *Clement Clarke Moore* (1779 – 1863)
Rev. Beth Robbins and her nieces, Olivia and Betsy Martinak

ANTHEM Arlington Street Church Choir

'Tis the Season arrangement: *Adam Podd* (b. 1986) & *Matt Podd* (b. 1986)

Deck the Hall text: *Thomas Oliphant* (1799 – 1873)
music: *16th Century Welsh Carol*

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa la la la la, la la la la
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
Fa la la la la, la la la la

Here We Come A-Caroling *Traditional English Christmas Carol*

Here we come a-caroling,
Among the leaves so green!
Here we come a-wandering,
So fair to be seen!
Love and joy come to you,
And to you glad tidings too,
And we wish you and send you
A Happy New Year,
And we wish you a Happy New Year!

Jingle Bells text & music: *James Lord Pierpont* (1822 – 1893)

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
O'er the fields we go,
Laughing all the way!
Bells on bobtails ring,
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight!

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh!
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh!

READING

Luke 2:1-20 Jamie Crawford

CANTICLE

O Holy Night text: *Placide Cappeau* (1808 – 1877)
translation: *Rev. John S. Dwight* (1813 – 1893)
music: *Adolphe C. Adam* (1803 – 1856)
arrangement: *Kazuhiro Omori* (b. 1956)

Hana Omori, soprano
Kazuhiro Omori, piano

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Truly he taught us to love one another;
His law is love and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother;
And in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise his holy name.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born;
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

SERMON

A Light Will Shine Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

I Am Sending You Light *Melanie DeMore* (b. 1954)

Mark David Buckles, piano and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love
I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love

No matter where you go
No matter where you've been
You'll never walk alone
I feel you deep within

So I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love
I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love

No matter what you feel
Or what you choose to show
I'm always there for you
And so I want you to know

That I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love
I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love

I walk the path with you
Go slow dear one don't hurry
I'll go just like you need to go
There is no need to worry

Cause I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love
I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love
I am sending you light, to heal you, to hold you
I am sending you light, to hold you in love

ANTHEM Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Evening Prayer text: *Saint Augustine* (354 – 430)
music: *Ola Gjeilo* (b. 1978)

Watch, O Lord,
with those who wake,
or watch or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge
over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones,
O Lord Jesus Christ;
rest your weary ones;
bless your dying ones;
soothe your suffering ones;
pity your afflicted ones;
shield your joyous ones;
and all for your love's sake.

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Thanks to the generosity of the Tammy and Zoe Arcuri Giving Fund, gifts to this evening's offering will be matched dollar for dollar. In the spirit of the season, please consider making a special gift! Members of Arlington Street's leadership are giving generously, and our ministers have both pledged gifts of \$500! Your Christmas contribution of any amount will be much appreciated and matched to ensure that Arlington Street Church continues to pay our staff and maintain our building in these extraordinary times. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan the QR code. *Thank you for your generosity! Merry Christmas!*



OFFERTORY Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Still, Still, Still *Austrian Christmas Carol* (1865)
arrangement: *Barlow Bradford* (b. 1961)

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas *Hugh Martin* (1914 – 2011)
and *Ralph Blane* (1914 – 1995)
arrangement: *Chad Weirick* (b. 1961)

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Let your heart be light
From now on our troubles will be out of sight

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Make the yuletide gay
From now on our troubles will be miles away

Here we are as in olden days
Happy golden days of yore
Faithful friends who are dear to us
Gather near to us, once more

Through the years
We all will be together
If the fates allow
Hang a shining star
Upon the highest bough
And have yourself a merry little Christmas now

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Silent Night text: *Josef Mohr* (1792 – 1848)
translation: *John Freeman Young* (1820 – 1885)
music: *Franz Gruber* (1787 – 1863)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Silent Night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon virgin, mother and child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the savior is born,
Christ the savior is born.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of G*d, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

CAROL

Joy to the World! text: *Isaac Watts* (1674 – 1748)
music: *Lowell Mason* (1792 – 1872)

Yulia Yun, organ
Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano
Hana Omori, alto
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
Tevan Goldberg, bass

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!
Let hearts their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, and wonders of his love!

BENEDICTION..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie
Christmas Sermon for Peace *Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.* (1929 – 1968),
excerpt

CHORAL BENEDICTION Boston Gay Men’s Chorus
Everything Possible *Rev. Fred Small* (b. 1952)
choral arrangement: *Willi Zwozdesky* (b. 1955)

We’ve cleared off the table, leftovers saved
Washed the dishes and put them away
I’ve told you a story, tucked you in tight
At the end of your knockabout day
As the moon sets its sails to carry you to sleep
Over the midnight sea
I will sing you a song no one sang to me
May it keep you good company.

Oh, you can be anybody you want to be
You can love whomever you will
You can travel any country where your heart leads
And know that I will love you still
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around
You can choose one special one
And the only measure of your words and your deeds
Will be the love you leave behind when you’re done

There are girls who grow up strong and bold
There are boys quiet and kind
Some race on ahead, some follow behind
Some go in their own way and time
Some women love women, some men love men
Some raise children, some never do
You can dream all the day never reaching the end
Of everything possible for you

Don’t be rattled by names, by taunts, by games
But seek out spirits true
If you give your friends the best part of yourself
They’ll give the same back to you

Oh, you can be anybody you want to be
You can love whomever you will
You can travel any country where your heart leads
And know that I will love you still
You can live by yourself, you can gather friends around
You can choose one special one
And the only measure of your words and your deeds
Will be the love you leave behind when you’re done

POSTLUDE

Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo *Louis-Claude Daquin* (1694 – 1772)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ



Welcome Visitors

Thank you for coming this evening! We invite you to return on Sunday mornings at 11:00 for a wonderful hour—the Soul of Sunday. We gather for beautiful music, singing, and silence; sharing candles of sorrow and joy; and a sermon from Rev. Kim. Arlington Street is home to spiritual seekers of diverse backgrounds and religious traditions.

You are truly welcome in this beloved spiritual community!

Special Thanks to

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We would not be here without you!

Boston Gay Men's Chorus

Reuben M. Reynolds III, Music Director

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Mark David Buckles, Director of Music

George Whitehouse, bells

Yulia Yun, piano and organ

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Soprano

Ann-Marie Iacoviello

Eve Lauria

Gaby Whitehouse

Hala Hazar

Alto

Betsy Shearer

Hana Omori

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and Queen Cheryl
for beautification

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends
You, for your radiant presence here this evening!



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