

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist

Boston, Massachusetts

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2021

LESSONS AND CAROLS

ADVENT IV: PEACE

PRELUDE

Coventry Carol *16th Century English Carol*

In the Bleak Midwinter *Gustav Holst (1874 – 1934)*

White Christmas *Irving Berlin (1888 – 1989)*

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day *John Baptiste Calkin (1827 – 1905)*

Cheng Cheng, piano

WELCOME AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

INTROIT

Angels from the Realms of Glory text: *James Montgomery (1771 – 1864)*

music: *Henry Smart (1813 – 1879)*

arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Hannah Shanefield, soprano

Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano

Daniel Rosensweig, tenor

Cheng Cheng, organ

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
You who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn king!

Shepherds, in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
G*d with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn king!

Sages, leave your contemplations
Brighter visions beam afar
Seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ, the newborn king!

GREETINGS Rev. Beth Robbins, Executive Minister

KINDLING THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent IV: Peace John Markham O'Connor

A Christmas Carol *Charles Dickens* (1812 – 1870)

CAROL 239

Go Tell It on the Mountain *African American Spiritual*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals
Matt Malikowski, percussion

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!

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

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

Sanctuary *John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs (b. 1953)*
adaptation: *Crawford Harvie/Buckles*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles (b. 1980)*

Open my heart to be a sanctuary
All made holy, loved and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

To have your candle of sorrow or joy read during the service, please submit it in advance [here](#). During the service, candles are welcome in the Zoom chat.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit	El amor es el espíritu
of this congregation,	de nuestra congregación
And service is our gift.	Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
This is our great covenant:	Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
To dwell together in peace,	Convivir en paz,
To speak our truths in love,	Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
And to help one another.	Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

CAROL

The Christmas Song *Mel Tormé (1925 – 1999) & Robert Wells (1922 – 1998)*
Joe Della Penna, piano and vocals

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
Jack Frost nipping at your nose
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir
And folks dressed up like Eskimos
Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
Help to make the season bright
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard to sleep tonight

They know that Santa's on his way
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh
And every mother's child is gonna spy
To see if reindeers really know how to fly
And so I'm offering this simple phrase
To kids from one to ninety-two
Although it's been said many times, many ways
Merry Christmas to you

LESSON *Ali Jablonsky*
Papa Panov's Special Christmas Day *Leo Tolstoy (1828 – 1910)*

CAROL 241

In the Bleak Midwinter text: *Christina Rossetti* (1830 – 1894)
& *John Andrew Storey* (1935 – 1997)
music: *Gustav Holst* (1874 – 1934)
arrangement: *Buckles/Metcalf*

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

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter long ago

Christ a homeless stranger, so the gospels say
Cradled in a manger and a bed of hay
In the bleak midwinter stable-place sufficed
Mary and her baby, Jesus Christ

Oh, what can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part
Yet what I can I give him: Give my heart

Once more child and mother weave their magic spell
Touching hearts with wonder words can never tell
In the bleak midwinter, in this world of pain
Where our hearts are open, love is born again

Where our hearts are open, love is born again

LESSON John Markham O'Connor, Student Minister
The Polar Express *Chris Van Allsburg* (b. 1949)

CAROL

Silver Bells *Jay Livingston* (1915 – 2001) & *Ray Evans* (1915 – 2007)
arrangement: *Audrey Snyder* (b. 1953)

Hannah Shanefield, soprano
Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
Cheng Cheng, piano

Christmas makes you feel emotional
It may bring parties or thoughts devotional
Whatever happens or what may be
Here is what Christmas means to me

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks dressed in holiday style
In the air, there's a feeling of Christmas
Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile
And on every street corner you'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring
Soon it will be Christmas day

Strings of streetlights, even stop lights, blink a bright red and green
As the shoppers rush home with their treasures
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch, this is Santa's big scene
And above all this bustle, you'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them ring
Soon it will be Christmas day

Soon it will be Christmas day

LESSON Rev. Beth Robbins
The Surly Santa and the Christmas Miracle *Margaret Renkl* (b. 1961)

CAROL

What Child Is This? text: *William Chatterton Dix* (1837 – 1898)
music: *Traditional English Folk Song*
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Julie Metcalf, viola

What child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king to own him;
The king of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary.

LESSON Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie
The Gift of the Magi *O. Henry* (1862 – 1910)

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

A Vaughan Williams Christmas music: *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872 – 1958)
arrangement: *Douglas E. Wagner* (b. 1952)
text: *Traditional lyrics*, adaptation: *Charlotte Lee*

- I. O Little Town of Bethlehem
- II. Gloucestershire Carol
- III. The Sussex Carol

Hannah Shanefield, soprano
Bek Zehr, mezzo soprano
Daniel Rosensweig, tenor
Cheng Cheng, piano

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight

“Good cheer,” we hear over the town
In carols of merriment up street and down
Glad music attends this joyous day
As sadness and sorrow to pleasure give way

Come in from the cold and weather outside
Step into the warmth by the fire to bide
Join neighbors and friends, come strangers as well
To celebrate a gladsome Noel


Let all who have breath on this glorious day
In full-voiced excitement exultantly say
“Good luck and good health to all who are near”
That riches and blessings will follow all year

This winter night, all people sing
And make the skies with music ring
Music of joy and of great mirth
Music that over spreads the earth

Lift up your hearts, cast doubt aside
Bring joy to all this Christmastide
Joy that puts worries and troubles to flight
Joy that turns darkness into light

This winter night, all people sing
And make the skies with music ring
Music of joy and of great mirth
Sing joy, sing joy, sing joy!

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. You can text the word GIVE to (617) 300-0509 or scan the QR code to give any amount you'd like. Even more helpful for cash flow would be to set up  [automatic payments](#) via bank transfer or credit card. Our treasurer, Liz Teixeira, (treasurer@ascboston.org) would be happy and grateful to assist you with this process! In addition, please consider making an extra gift to sustain Arlington Street this month. Closer than ever, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!*

OFFERTORY

Wexford Carol *Traditional Irish Christmas Carol*
arrangement: *Julie Metcalf/Mark David Buckles*


Julie Metcalf, viola
Mark David Buckles, guitar

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER SHARE THE PLATE: THE MEMORY PROJECT

Founded by visionary Ben Schumacher in 2004, The Memory Project (memoryproject.org) began with the idea of providing handmade, heartfelt portraits as special mementos to children in orphanages around the world. Since then, it has expanded its mission to connecting youth through art to help build cultural understanding and international kindness.

When Afghanistan fell to the Taliban this September, The Memory Project organized flights to Pakistan for seven families who had been working with them and were in grave danger as “collaborators” with Americans. The Memory Project rented two houses in Islamabad, where 33 Afghan refugees — 20 children, 7 women, and 6 men — are now entirely in their care.

 One hundred percent of our gifts will be used for food and basic needs while they await visas to the United States, where host families are waiting to receive them. Our own Rebecca Mesgil has been working with The Memory Project for many years. Thanks to Rebecca for connecting Arlington Street with this extraordinary organization! *Thank you for your generosity!*

CAROL 231

Angels We Have Heard on High text: *James Chadwick* (1813 – 1882)
tune: *French Carol* (1855)
arrangement: *Edward Shippen Barnes* (1887 – 1958)
& *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals
Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals
Matt Malikowski, percussion

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!

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

For our benediction, you are invited to put your hands over your heart in Namaste

I bow to the Divine in You.

RECESSIONAL

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

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

POSTLUDE

Sleigh Ride *Leroy Anderson (1908 – 1975)*

Cheng Cheng, piano

** 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.*



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*Our Christmas decorations were a labor of love—a handmade gift from Robert Holley.
Thank you, Robert!*