

CAROL 239

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!

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

Hana Omori, piano and vocals; Kazuhiro Omori, guitar

*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
of this congregation,
And service is our gift.

This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To speak our truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu
de nuestra congregación
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

LESSON Rev. Joanna Lubkin
Blessing for the Longest Night *Jan Richardson*

CAROL 241

In the Bleak Midwintertext: *Christina Rossetti* (1830 – 1894)
and *John Andrew Storey* (1935 – 1997)
music: *Gustav Holst* (1874 – 1934); arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

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

O Christmas Tree Rev. Erica Rose Long

CAROL

O Christmas Tree text: *Ernst Anschütz* (1780 – 1861)
music: *16th Century German Folk Melody*

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, piano and vocals

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How lovely are thy branches!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How lovely are thy branches!
Through summer's heat and winter's chill
Your leaves are green and blooming still.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How lovely are thy branches!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
You fill my heart with music!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
You fill my heart with music!
When winter days are dark and drear
You bring us hope for all the year.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
You fill my heart with music!

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
You bear a joyful message!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
You bear a joyful message:
That faith and hope shall ever bloom
And bring us light in winter's gloom.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
You bear a joyful message!

LESSON

The Spirit of Blitzmas Rev. Beth Robbins

CAROL

I'll Be Home for Christmas text: *Kim Gannon* (1900 – 1974)
music: *Walter Kent* (1911 – 1994)
arrangement: *Tevan Goldberg* (b. 1996)

Tevan Goldberg, piano and vocals

I'll be home for Christmas
You can plan on me
Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents on the tree

Christmas Eve will find me
Where the love light gleams
I'll be home for Christmas
If only in my dreams

LESSON

A Really Good Samaritan Ali Jablonsky

CAROL

Give Love on Christmas Day *The Corporation* (*Berry Gordy, Alphonzo Mizell, Christine Perren, Freddie Perren, and Deke Richards*)
as recorded by *The Jackson 5*

Hana Omori, soprano; Kazuhiro Omori, guitar

People making lists, buying special gifts
Taking time to be kind to one and all
It's that time of year when good friends are near
And you wish you could give more than just presents from a store

Why don't you give love on Christmas Day
Oh even the one who has everything
Would be so happy if you would bring
Them love on Christmas Day
No greater gift is there than love

People you don't know smile and nod hello
Everywhere there's an air of Christmas joy
It's that once of year when the world's sincere
And you'd like to find a way to show the things that words can't say

Why don't you give love on Christmas Day?
Oh the man on the street and the couple upstairs
All need to know there's someone who cares
Give love on Christmas Day
No greater gift is there than love

What the world needs is love
Yes, the world needs your love

Why don't you give love on Christmas Day
Every little child on Santa's knee
Has room for your love underneath their tree
Give love on Christmas Day
No greater gift is there than love

What the world needs is love
Yes, the world needs your love

LESSON

Peace on Earth Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

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!

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Friends, these are extraordinary times that call for extraordinary generosity. Many income-generating events and rentals have had to be cancelled or postponed, putting a huge strain on the budget. **Our ministers and staff are continuing to work; our goal is to continue to pay them.** 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. Together though apart, we can thrive! *Thank you for your steadfastness and support!*

OFFERTORY

Christmas Lullaby *Jason Robert Brown* (b. 1970)

Ann-Marie Iacoviello, soprano

I'll never have the power to control the land
Or conquer half the world
Or claim the sun
I'll never be the kind who simply waves her hand
And has a million people do
The things I wish I'd done

But in the eyes of Heaven
My place is assured
I carry with me heaven's grand design
Gloria, glory, I will sing the name of the Lord
And He will make me shine

And I will be like Mother Mary
With a blessing in my soul
And I will give the world my eyes
So they can see
And I will be like Mother Mary
With a blessing in my soul
And the future of the world inside of me

And I will be like Mother Mary
With the power in my veins
To believe in all the things
I've yet to be
And I will be like Mother Mary
And I'll suffer any pains
For the future of the world
Inside of me...

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

ALL SOULS ~ A Campaign for the Preservation of Arlington Street Church

Please ...

Text your gift to (617) 300-0509 — the word is SOULS;

Go to ASCBoston.org and click on the yellow Donate Now button; or

Send a check to the church.

Your gift is fully tax-deductible and will be received with deep gratitude.

1. Donate by end of year to have your gift count toward your 2020 tax deductions.
2. You can also pledge your gift now and pay next year to have this gift count toward your 2021 charitable giving deductions.
3. Double your impact with an employer match. Many companies offer a giving match. Don't forget to check and submit!
4. Every gift matters. Our grant applications are strengthened by showcasing a high congregation giving participation rate. Let's get to 100%!

Thank you!

CAROL

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!

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 *16th Century English Carol*

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

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!

POSTLUDE

Sleigh Ride *Leroy Anderson (1908 – 1975)*
Yulia Yun, organ



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