

# Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE BY CANDLE LIGHT, 5:00 PM

## PRELUDE

Selection of Christmas Carols and Songs ..... arr. *Joe Della Penna*  
Joe Della Penna, piano

## INTROIT

Angels from the Realms of Glory ... text: *James Montgomery* (1771 - 1864)  
music: *Henry Smart* (1813 - 1879); arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

## \*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful ..... arr. *Sir David Willcocks* (1919 - 2015)  
music and text attributed: *John Francis Wade* (1711 – 1786)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and adore him, Born the king of angels; O come let us adore him (x3) Christ the Lord.	We, too, with gladness, Thither bend our footsteps; O come let us adore him (x3) Christ the Lord. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! “Glory to God! Glory in the Highest!” O come let us adore him (x3) Christ the Lord.
Lo, humble shepherds, hast’ning to his cradle, Leaving their flocks in the fields, draw near.	

**WELCOME AND GREETINGS** ..... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

## CHALICE LIGHTING

Come, Christmas! ..... adapted: *Rev. M. Maureen Killoran*  
Allie Dagg, Jess Dagg, Lili Rodgers, and Lucy Humphrey  
*All children, youth, & young at heart are welcome to meet at the back  
of the Sanctuary to process in for the final verse of Deck the Hall*

## \*CAROL

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

Deck the hall with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la la la!  
'Tis the season to be jolly, Fa la la la la la la!  
Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la la la la la la!  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, Fa la la la la la la!  
See the blazing yule before us, Fa la la la la la la!  
Strike the harp and join the chorus, Fa la la la la la la!  
Follow me in merry measure, Fa la la la la la la!  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure, Fa la la la la la la!  
Fast away the old year passes, Fa la la la la la la!  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, Fa la la la la la la!  
Sing we joyous all together! Fa la la la la la la!  
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la la la!

## CHRISTMAS EVE EXTRAVAGANZA

Gift of the Magi 2015 ..... *O. Henry* (1862 - 1910)  
adapted: *Erica Rose Long*

**\*CAROL**

We Three Kings .... text & music: *Rev. John Henry Hopkins* (1820 - 1891)

arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

**Chorus:**

O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

**Chorus**

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and G\*d and sacrifice.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Earth to the heav'ns replies.

**Chorus**

**\*READING** ..... Beth Robbins, Intern Minster

Luke 2:1 - 20

**CANTICLE**

O Holy Night ..... text: *Placide Cappeau* (1808 - 1877)

trans. *John S. Dwight* (1813 - 1893)

music: *Adolphe C. Adam* (1803 - 1856)

arr. *Mark David Buckles* (b.1980)

Abigail Krawson, soprano; Julia Mintzer, mezzo soprano

**SERMON**

Come Love to This World Tonight .... Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

**SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

The Work of Christmas ..... text: *Howard Thurman* (1899 - 1981)

music: *Dan Forrest* (b. 1978)

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.

**OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart to the spirit of the season and practice gratitude through generosity. As we collect this evening's offering, please consider making a special gift in honor of Christmas. For 286 years, the generous support of this community has allowed Arlington Street Church to be a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston.

*Thank you for your stewardship and support!*

## OFFERTORY

Christmas Time Is Here ..... *Vince Guaraldi* (1928 - 1976)  
Joe Della Penna, piano

## CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND CAROL

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

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. (x2)

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the savior is born. (x2)

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. (x2)

## \*CAROL

Joy to the World! ..... text: *Isaac Watts* (1674 - 1748)  
tune: *G.F. Handel* (1685 - 1759)  
music: *Lowell Mason* (1792 - 1872)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room  
and heaven and nature sing. (x3)

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!  
let hearts their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy. (x3)

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and make the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love. (x3)

## \*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

The Work of Christmas ..... *Howard Thurman* (1899 - 1981)

## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION (please join in!)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas .... *Trad. 16<sup>th</sup> Century English Carol*

We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)  
and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.

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

## POSTLUDE

A Joyous Christmas: Carol Medley ..... *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)  
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

*\*You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*