

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

Boston, Massachusetts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2017

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!
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Lo, humble shepherds,
hast'ning to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks
in the fields, draw near.

Glory to God!
Glory in the Highest!
O come let us adore him (x3)
Christ the Lord.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

CHALICE LIGHTING Allie Dagg, Jess Dagg,
George Humphrey, Lucy Humphrey,
Maya Cooleybeck, Anna Cooleybeck

Christmas Is Subversive *Rev. Dr. Kendyl R. Gibbons* (b. 1955), adapted
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*CAROL

Chorus
Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
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.

Chorus

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

Chorus

Down in a lowly manger
The humble babe was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

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

CHRISTMAS EVE POP-UP PAGEANT

Sharon Gentges, Beth Robbins,
and a Cast of On-the-Spot Volunteer Children
Nicholas Holt-Doucette, narrator

CANTICLE

O Holy Night text: *Placide Cappeau* (1808 – 1877)
translation: *John S. Dwight* (1813 – 1893)
music: *Adolphe C. Adam* (1803 – 1856)
arrangement: *Mark David Buckles* (b. 1980)

Katie Elledge, soprano; Katherine Maysek, mezzo soprano

SERMON

Wonder Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

CANTICLE

Canticle of the Turning

Gary Daigle, Rory Cooney, and Theresa Donohoo

Mark David Buckles, guitar and vocals

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Daniel Rosensweig, vocals

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the one who waits.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Chorus

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Chorus

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Chorus

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Chorus

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

ANTHEM

There is No Rose of Such Virtue, from *A Ceremony of Carols*
text: *Anonymous 15th century Middle English*
music: *Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1976)*

There is no rose of such vertu As is the rose that bare Jesu. Alleluia, For in this rose containèd was Heaven and earth in litel space, Res miranda. [Thing of wonder] By that rose we may well see There be on God in persons three, Pares forma. [Equal in form]	The aungels sungen the shepherds to: Gloria in excelsis Deo, [Glory to God in the highest] Gaudeamus. [Let us rejoice] Leave we all this werldly mirth, And follow we this joyful birth: Transeamus. [Let us cross over]
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OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

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 288 years, the generous support of this community has allowed Arlington Street Church to be a beacon of love, service, justice, and peace. As a convenient option, you may text the word GIVE to 617-300-0509 or scan this QR code.

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 makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love. (x3)

***BENEDICTION** Allie Dagg, Maya Cooleybeck, George Humphrey,
Anna Cooleybeck, Jess Dagg, Lucy Humphrey
Letter to a friend at Christmas (1513)
Giovanni Giocondo (c. 1433 – 1515), adapted

***EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

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

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

We wish you a Merry Christmas (x3)
and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin.
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue on *Now is Born the Divine Christ Child*
arranged: *David Lasky* (b. 1957)
Xuan He, organ

SPECIAL THANKS TO

Rev. George G. Whitehouse, Minister at Large
Our church bells, installed in 1861, had fallen silent by 1943.
Over two and a half years, George repaired them, in secret,
and played them for the first time on Christmas Eve, 1961.
A plaque in George's honor was hung in the organ loft
and dedicated this past Sunday, in celebration of his 80th birthday.

Arlington Street Church Youth
Anna and Maya Cooleybeck, Jess and Allie Dagg, Lena and Maya Pontes,
Lucy and George Humphrey, Nicholas Holt-Doucette

Ushers

Kevin Tyrrell (lead); Anna Jane Clutterbuck-Cook, Barb Seidl,
Queen Cheryl, Deb Stein, John Engstrom, Michael Fisher, Mikey
Patterson, Sam Jones, Stacey Sacks, Dave, Jess, & Allie Dagg

Art Nava, Our Treasurer

Assistant Treasurers:

Alma Antoniotti, Gail Jennes, Kevin Tyrrell, Nancy George,
Nancy Perna, Paul Babbitt, Philip Roberts, Scott Schroeder

Arlington Street Church Choir and Soloists

Xuan He, organ

Julie Metcalf, violin and vocals

Joe Della Penna, piano

Robert Holley for the exquisite sanctuary decorations
and to all of Santa Robert's Elves

Darrell and Rhonda Waters

for the fabulous outdoor seasonal greenery design

Sharon Gentges for producing our Christmas Eve Pop-Up Pageant with
assistance from Dan Brotman, Rohn MacNulty, and Nancy Perna

Arlington Street Church staff, members, and friends

YOU, for your radiant presence here this evening!

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; candles of sorrow and joy; and a sermon from Rev. Kim. Each Sunday offers programming for children and youth during the service, followed by lunch. Arlington Street is home to spiritual seekers of diverse backgrounds and religious traditions. You are truly welcome in this beloved spiritual community!

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*
Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*
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Erica Rose Long
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Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*
Xuan He, *Organist and Pianist*
Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Katie Elledge, *Soprano*
Katherine Maysek, *Alto*
Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

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