

"Where All Are Welcome . . . No Exceptions!"

The First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2021

The Holy Eucharist The Word of God

Voluntary "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

Thomas Keesecker

Processional Hymn (Please stand as able) Please see pages 8

#93 | "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the

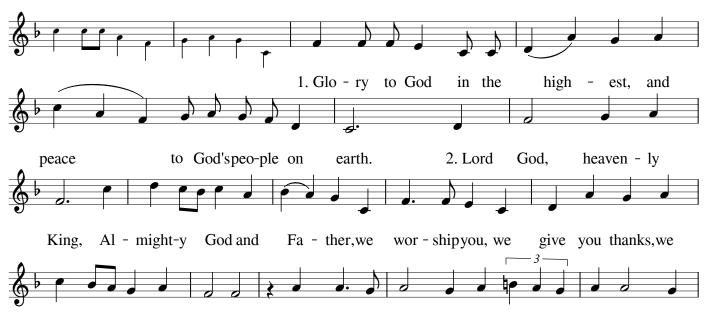
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthi-

ly magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Canticle of Praise: Glory to God

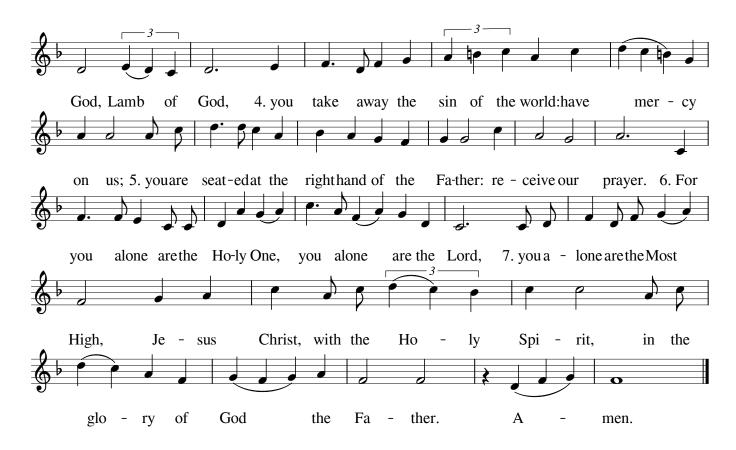
Prelude

Hymnal S280



praise you for your glo - ry.

3. LordJe - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

First Reading (Please be seated)

Reader A Reading from Isaiah:

Introduction to the First Reading

To God's people who returned to Jerusalem after their exile, the prophet proclaims that God's salvation will fully come to pass. Jerusalem will become a shining light to the nations and righteousness and praise will spring up.

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the LORD GOD will cause righteousness and praise

to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,

and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lori and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.



Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;

praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates;

he has blessed your children within you.

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He has established peace on your borders;

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth,

and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool;

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs;

who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them;

he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

[ANT.]

He declares his word to Jacob,

his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation;

to them he has not revealed his judgments.

Hallelujah! [ANT.]

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Second Reading

A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Galatians: Reader

Introduction to the Second Reading

St. Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as beloved children.

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. People

Sequence Hymn (Please stand as able) - Please see page 9-10

#115 | "What Child Is This"

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke:

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Iohn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses;

grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Choir Anthem - "O Litte Town of Bethleham"

Words: Philips Brooks & Music: English Melody, harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams.

St. John the Baptist Choir

Hymn Tune: FOREST GREEN

Solo - "The Snow Lay On the Ground"

Rebecca Frankum

Words: Source unknown, 19th Cent. & Music: Traditional Carol adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas.

Hymn Tune: VENITE ADOREMUS

Choir Anthem - "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

St. John the Baptist Choir

Words: Jesse Edgar Middleton & Music: French folk melody, 16th Cent.

Hymn Tune: UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

Hymn - Congregation & Choir

Please see pages 14-15

#99 | "Go Tell it on the Mountain"

Words: & Music: Afro-American spiritual. Music arr. Horrace Clarence Boyer

The Nicene Creed (Please stand as able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People The Leader and People pray responsively.

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need

You come to us in gatherings of your church across the globe. Unite us with those who celebrate your birth even when they are weighed down by grief, loss, poverty, hunger, or injustice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You come to us in the diverse splendor of the universe. Grant us the humility to trust our place in the network of creation, that we live in service to you and the natural world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You come to us through relationships of many kinds: families, friendships, communities, and nations. Guide us in these relationships, that we recognize the Christ child in one another and show your love to those most vulnerable. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You come to us through people whom the world forgets. Poor shepherds and an imprisoned Paul announced your good news. Send your Spirit to all who are imprisoned, struggling with addiction, unwell, or in any need this day. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You come to us in acts of justice and forgiveness. Open our hearts to forgive one another, without permitting injustice. Supply us with the wisdom to be clothed with love, binding all things together in perfect harmony. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You come to us through those who have died yet live with you forever. We give thanks for Stephen, deacon and martyr, who gave his life to tell the story of your love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list and those we name in our hearts.

(The congregation may add their own petitions either silently or aloud after the prayer list is read.)

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

(The Celebrant may add a concluding Collect.)

The Confession of Sin (Please kneel as able or be seated)

Reader Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (Silence may be kept)

People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace (Please stand as able)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

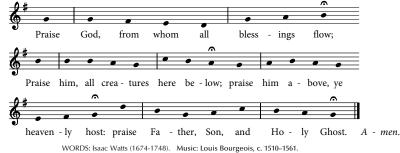
The Holy Communion

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering, giving money as a sign that our life serves God's purposes and showing our gratitude for God's many blessings.

Your faithful tithes and offerings are much needed and can be sent to:
The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, PO Box 441, Milton, DE 19968 OR
Securely online through our website - https://www.stjohnthebaptistmilton.org/give.html

Offertory Sentence

Doxology (The offering is presented as the Doxology is sung. Please stand as able)



CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The people may kneel as able, or be seated. The Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by

the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People Our Father, who art in heaven, And forgive us our trespasses,

hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Distribution Anthem - "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Text: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius Music: Paul G. Bunjes Vocalist: Robert Freeman Accompanist: Scott Kresge

Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or be seated)

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, Send us now into the world in peace,

you have graciously accepted us as living members and grant us strength and courage of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, to love and serve you

and you have fed us with spiritual food with gladness and singleness of heart; in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction (Please stand as able)

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen*.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you will joy, and make you heralds of the gospel. *Amen*.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*.

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Please see page 12-13

#89 | "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

People Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (Please stand as able)

Postlude Weihnachts baum No 1. – Altes Weihnachtslied - Vieux Noel

Franz Liszt

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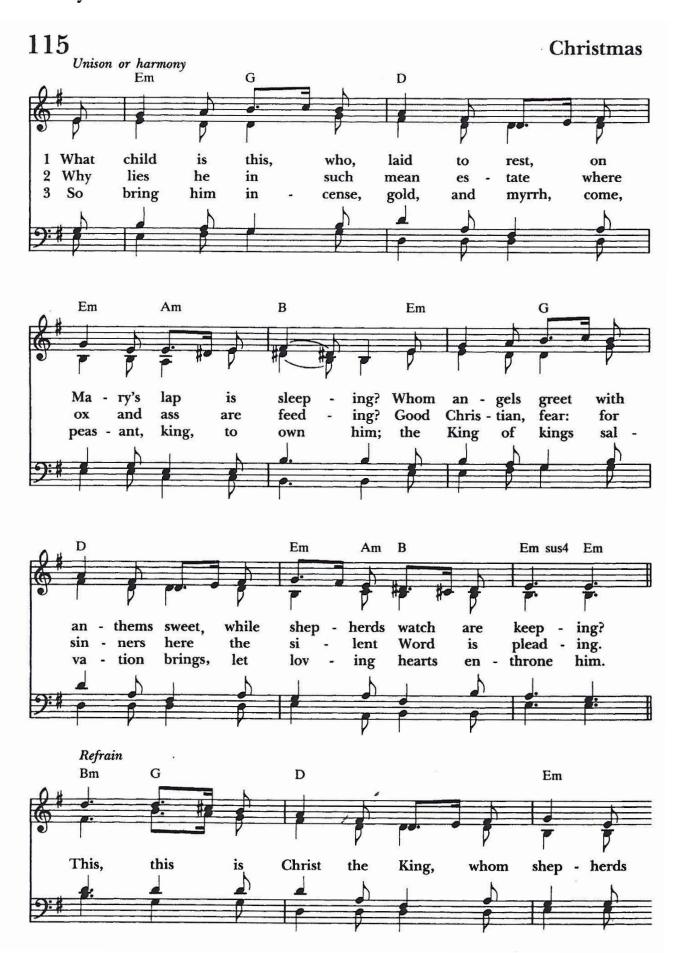
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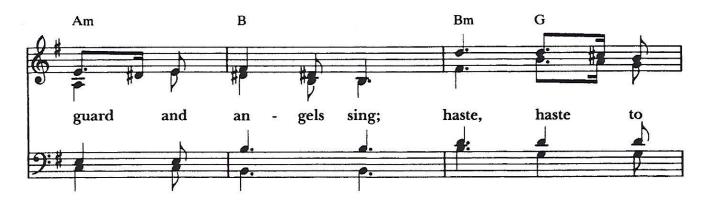
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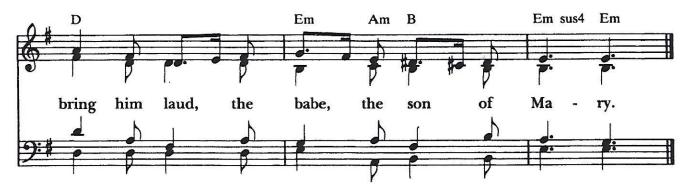
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Elizabeth Scheer & Susan Mattia, Videography/Streaming







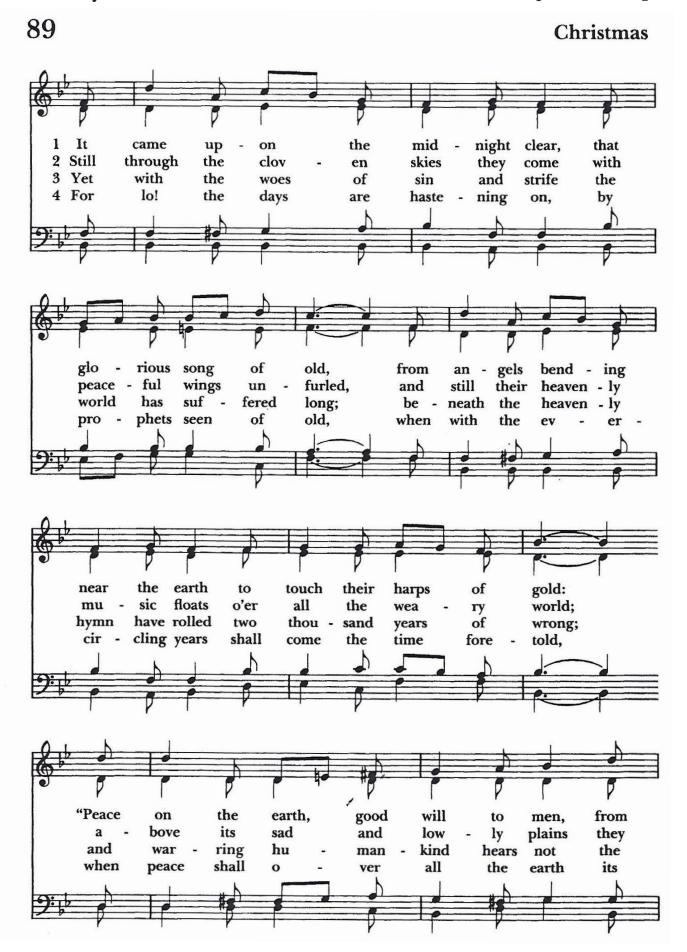


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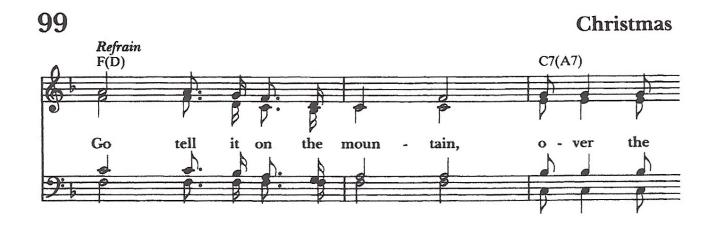




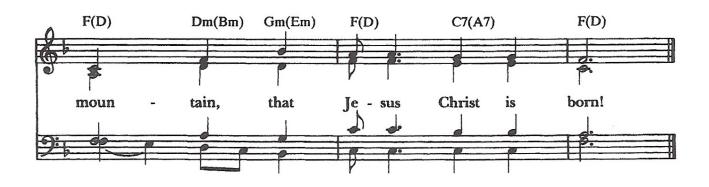


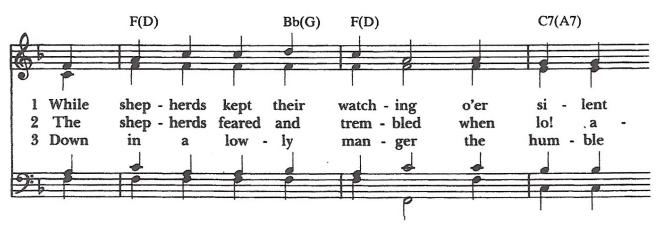
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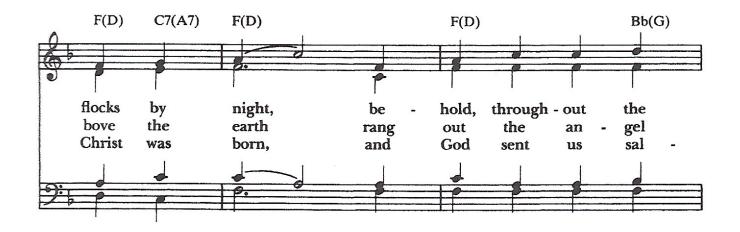
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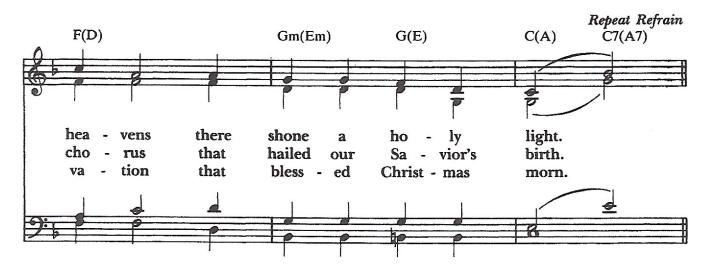












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Words: Afro-American spiritual 19th cent.; adapt. John W. Work (1901-1967)

Music: Go Tell It on the Mountain, Afro-American spiritual, 19th cent.;

arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

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Poinsettias Given to the Glory of God and . . .

In Loving Memory of

Tom Hamilton
Our Parents, and Our Son, Scott
Grandparents, Walter & Emily Clemis,
and Warren & Anna Kresge
Joyce & Raymond Hullings, Sr., and
Josephine & John Pirrung
William B. Hickman, Jr, and
Gladys & Harold Schirmer
Family and Freinds
Parents James O. & Rosa Stout,
Brother Raymond Stout, and
Friend Paul D. Cole
Departed Parents and Grandparents

In Honor of

My Loving Family
Elizabeth Scheer
Our Families
In Thanksgiving for God's Faithful
People in the St. John the Baptist Family

By

Jonathan Burke
Deacon Harry & Kathy Hiltner
Scott Kresge

Susan Mattia & Jerry Pirrung

Carl & Doris Schirmer

Jean & Wayne Skocypec James E. Stout

Father Tom & Rob Freeman

By

Clara Escobar
Sharon Lamando
Deacon Paula & Tom Waite
Father Tom & Rob Freeman

Church Greening

In Loving Memory of My Family

Clara Escobar