



January 22, 2023 • 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

SWISS NOËL

*Louis-Claude d'Acquin
(1694–1772)*

NOËL IN G MAJOR

Louis-Claude d'Acquin

✻ Please rise in body, mind, or spirit, as you are able, for every hymn. ✻

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE
(see next page)

“Salzburg”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Howard

One: We gather together, a people who long and yearn—

***All:* For a better world, in which all are whole.**

One: We gather together, straining towards full humanity—

***All:* A practice in which compassion overcomes fear.**

One: We gather together, longing to see clearly—

***All:* A vision of goodness that will align our hearts and our minds with the full mystery of God.**

✻ Please be seated. ✻

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tender, loving God, who art in heaven, 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, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862, alt.

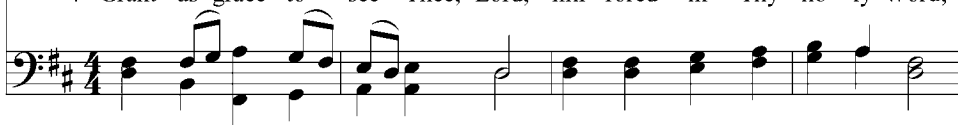
SALZBURG 7.7.7.7.D.

Melody by Jacob Hintze, 1622-1702

Harmonized by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and Lord su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, mir - rored in Thy ho - ly Word;



Man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sag - es from a - far;
And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest, in your God - head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
With Thy grace our lives en - dow, grace to im - i - tate Thee now,



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in Thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
May we ev - er be like Thee for Thy great e - pi - pha - ny.



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.



PEACE CANDLE RESPONSE

STRANGER STAR
—world premiere—

Paul Lohman
(2021)

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies,
Up in heaven, clear stars shining through the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wisemen watching, saw a little stranger star,
For they knew the foretold promise, and they traveled from afar.

Heard you never of the story how they crossed the desert wild,
Journeyed on o'er plain and mountain 'til they found the holy child?
How they opened all their treasure, to the infant they did bring
Brightest gold and fragrant incense, sweetest myrrh in offering?

Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning star?
He who came to light our dark world: Shore to shore, near and afar?
Thus we, too, may seek his cradle; our heart's treasure there present;
Love, and faith, and true devotion to this child, from heaven sent.

—Cecil Frances Alexander, 1853

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seth Patterson

ANTHEM

CAROL OF THE FUGITIVE

Brian Holmes
(2018)

Thou wayfaring Jesus, a pilgrim and stranger,
Exiled from heaven by love at thy birth.
Exiled again from thy rest in the manger,
A fugitive child 'mid the perils of earth.

Cheer with thy fellowship all who are weary,
Wandering far from the land that they love;
Guide every heart that is homeless and dreary
Safe to its home in thy presence above.

—Henry Van Dyke

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 4:12–23

SERMON

PAUSE, CHANGE, GO . . . REPEAT

Beth Hoffman Faeth

INVITATION TO OFFERING

One: In deep humility and gratitude to God, who shepherds and comforts us,
let us bring our offerings to God.

***All:* In thanks and gratitude, we offer these gifts to you.**

OFFERTORY

PEACE ON EARTH

Amy Cheney Beach

Maria Jette, soprano; Lisa Drew, alto; and Choir

(1897)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, goodwill to all from heaven's all-gracious King;
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

O ye beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing,
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold.
When the new heaven and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song that now the angels sing.

—*Edmund H. Sears*

✠ Please rise in body, mind, or spirit, as you are able. ✠

DOXOLOGY

"Dix"

**Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ;
Singing thus through all our days: Praise to God, immortal praise! Amen.**

✠ Please be seated. ✠

PASTORAL PRAYER

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR

"Wie schön leuchtet"

(Hymn introduction by Paul Manz)

AND BRIGHT

(see pages after next)

COVENANT BLESSING

We covenant with you, O God, and one with another, and do bind ourselves in your presence to walk together in all your ways, according as you are pleased to reveal yourself to us in your blessed word of truth.

—based on the Salem Covenant of 1629

As the postlude is played, you are welcome to leave the sanctuary or stay and enjoy the music.

POSTLUDE

TRIUMPHAL MARCH:
NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1909)



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES that we are on the sacred traditional territory of the Dakota people. It is an honor to live, pray, seek justice, and create community alongside Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Indigenous people in the Twin Cities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS are available on the church website.

WORSHIP STAFF: DeWayne L. Davis, *Lead Minister*; Beth Hoffman Faeth, *Minister for Congregational Life*; Seth Patterson, *Minister for Justice & the Arts*; Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*; Marie Scholtz, *Associate Music Director & First Service Music Coordinator*; Laura Caviani, *First Service Trio Director*; Cody Bourdot, *AV Production Manager*; Chris Bohnhoff, *Digital Ministry Specialist*

PLYMOUTH CHOIR: Philip Brunelle, *director*; **SOLO QUINTET:** Maria Jette & Kathryn Rupp, *soprano*; Lisa Drew, *alto*; Dan Dressen, *tenor*; and James Bohn, *bass*

TODAY'S MUSIC: *The Peace Candle response was composed by Paul Lohman, a tenor in the Plymouth Choir. Every Christmas he composes a new carol for his Christmas greeting. The same is true for Brian Holmes, California composer, whose carol is the first anthem. The offertory was composed by Amy Cheney Beach, the first American woman composer of large-scale music and famed as a concert pianist in both Europe and the United States.*

O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT

Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET 8.8.7.8.8.7.4.8.4.8.

Melody by Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! Thou beam-est forth in
2 Thou heav'n-ly Bright-ness! Light di-vine! O deep with-in my
3 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with

truth and light! O Sov-'reign meek and low-ly!
heart now shine, And make thee there an al-tar!
mu-sic crowned, Our voic-es gai-ly blend-ing!

Thou Root of Jes-se, Bless-ed One, My Lord and Mas-ter,
Fill me with joy and strength to be Thy mem-ber, ev-er
For Christ goes with us all the way-To-day, to-mor-row,

thou hast won My heart to serve thee sole-ly!
joined to thee In love that can-not fal-ter;
ev-'ry day! Such love is nev-er end-ing!

Thou art ho - ly, Fair and glo - rious, all - vic - to - rious,
Toward thee long - ing Doth pos - sess me; turn and bless me;
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion!

Rich in bless - ing, Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing.
Here in sad - ness Eye and heart long for thy glad - ness!
Tell the sto - ry! Great - ly shines the Star of glo - ry!

CHURCH REGISTER

RECENT BIRTH

Ari Jay Lavie (September 30, 2022), child of Amelia van Iwaarden & Oren Lavie,
grandchild of Ellen & Jim van Iwaarden

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jeffrey R. McCoy

Madalyn Staupe Traun (January 8, 2023)

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS: Plymouth's ministers call upon members of the church in their homes, in hospitals or care and rehabilitation centers. If you know of someone who would like a visit from a minister, please contact Rev. Beth Hoffman Faeth (612/871-7400).

DECOLONIZE THE FUTURE



Jesus Barraza

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