



ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER 27, 2020

PRELUDE: Aria Pastoralis Variata
John Finney, organ

Franz Xaver Anton Murschhauser

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has come among us. Let us rejoice!
Praise the Lord, all creation!
For God's name alone is exalted!
God's glory is above heaven and earth!
Praise the Lord! Let all the angels praise the Lord!
We gather to praise and worship our God!

HYMN: Once in Royal David's City
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #155

Irby

CONFESSION/ASSURANCE/SUMMARY

God of Mercy,
How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises?
The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering!
Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted.
How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become!
You have given to us all that we need.
You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came
so that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and peace.
Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits.
Make us fully aware of all our blessings and our responsibilities.
Help us to be agents of peace and hope to others.
For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

GLORIA

PASSING THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 148

SERMON: "Praise the Lord!"

Anne Marie

SOLO: Rise Up, Shepherd!

African-American Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

Laurie Stewart Otten, soprano

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, 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.**

HYMN: Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #135

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Noël, with Variations

Claude Balbastre

Preaching Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
Liturgists Rev. Matt Wooster, Rev. Judy Swahnberg
Soloists Laurie Stewart Otten, Shannon Lebrón,
 Christian Figueroa, Garrett Murphy

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2. Christ came down to earth from hea - ven, love in - car - nate
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her ba - by
 for us all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us he grew, he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,
 deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so help - less

in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther
 and his cra - dle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the
 tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our
 lives and reigns in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, alt.

MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur H. Mann, 1919

Gauntlett was a lawyer for fifteen years until organ playing and hymn composing overwhelmed him. He may have composed more than a thousand hymn tunes!

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Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav - en - ly song.
 come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

WORDS: Traditional French carol, tr. *Crown of Jesus II*, 1862, alt.
 MUSIC: French carol melody

GLORIA
 77.77 w. refrain