Worship for Christmas Day

December 25, 2016 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Hearing the Story Again

Singing of Carols

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice! Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today. Ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger now: Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,

While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,

And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

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 men, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.
For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Organ Voluntary

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

setting by Carolyn Hamlin

Hearing the Story Again

+Carol 126 Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

The Journey

+Carol 103 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

stanzas 1, 2, and 4

The Shepherds

Carol 119 His Name Is Called Emmanuel LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Angels

+Carol 127 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

The Birth

+Carol 134 Silent Night, Holy Night STILLE NACHT

+Offertory Prayer Alex Lockridge

Organ Offertory Sing We Now of Christmas setting by Owen Griffin

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

+Act of Praise ADESTE FIDELES

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

- John Francis Wade, 18th century

+Commission and Blessing Alex Lockridge and Paul Sims

+Organ Postlude Sing We Now of Christmas setting by Anna Laura Page

Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

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