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Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

Today's Lay Reader: David Wade

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Whoever you are, wherever you are, come!

People: **We come on Christmas morning, ready to worship the newborn King!**

Leader: When Christ came, prophecy became reality. But what did those prophecies say?

People: **Jesus is the fulfillment of those prophecies. Today, we discern what they really mean.**

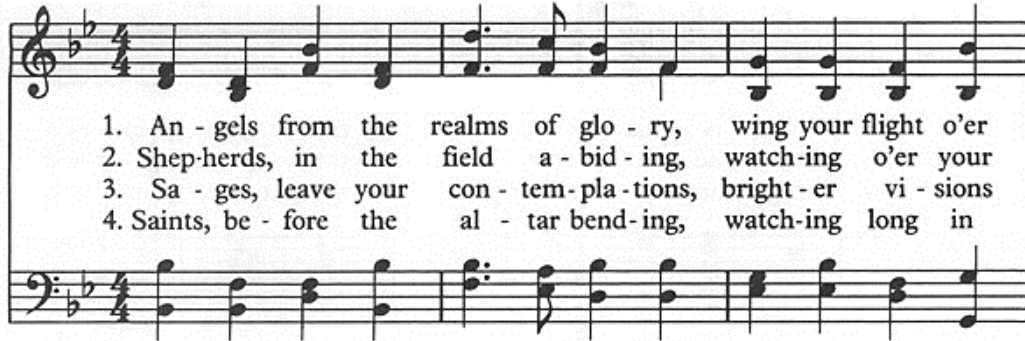
Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

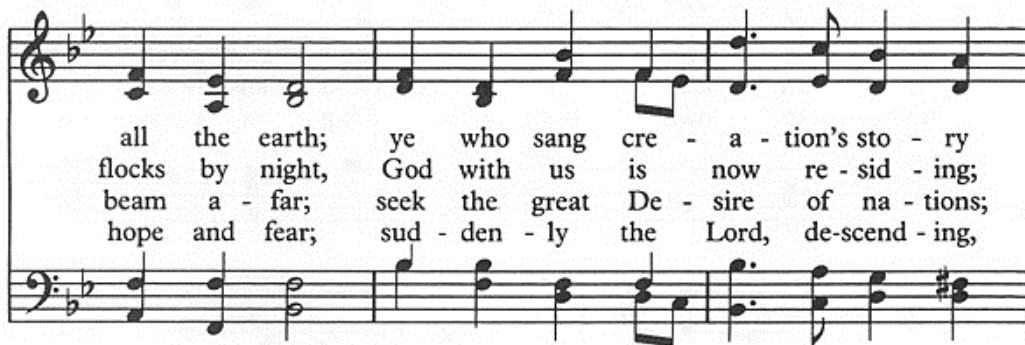
arr. Douglas Wagner

Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep-herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear; sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: Come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Opening Prayer

Holy Lord, you are the God of fulfilled prophecies. No prophecy has ever produced our will. All prophecies produce your will. Your Kingdom come, your will be done! Throughout history, you have sent men, women and children to prophesy to your people. You send prophets to build us up and encourage us. Your prophecies speak of hope, and they guide us onto the right path. As we worship today, we give thanks to you, almighty God, for fulfilling your prophecies to save us! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Carol Sing

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture

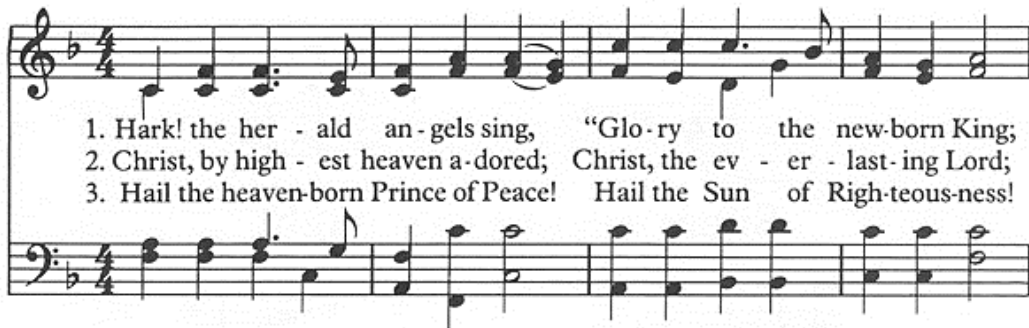
Prophecies and Fulfillments

Message

The Prophecies Fulfilled

Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!"
 late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na-tions rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
 pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Benediction

Postlude

Carol Medley

Gail Leven Pollock

Organ: Priscilla Cunningham

Piano: Bob Coulon

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