

Shepherds at Bethlehem - Michael Torevell

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HymnAngels, from the Realms of Glory*

No. 143

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, 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;
Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
you have seen his na - tal star: come and wor - ship,
to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**God of wonder,
you surround us with signs
of your glory and surprise
us with your presence,
yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.
Forgive our dullness and
make us alert to the ways
you make yourself known,
that we might be witnesses to
your good news and proclaim
your extravagant love;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

Silent Confession

***Assurance of Pardon**



The Glory of the Lord shone around them – Michael Torevell

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a dotted quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a quarter rest, and finally quarter notes G4 and F4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a series of chords: a dotted quarter note G2, quarter notes A2 and B2, a quarter rest, and quarter notes G2 and F2.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes G4, A4, and B4, followed by a quarter rest, then quarter notes G4 and F4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords: quarter notes G2, A2, and B2, a quarter rest, and quarter notes G2, F2, and E2.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has quarter notes G4, A4, and B4, followed by a quarter rest, then quarter notes G4 and F4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords: quarter notes G2, A2, and B2, a quarter rest, and quarter notes G2, F2, and E2.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has quarter notes G4, A4, and B4, followed by a quarter rest, then quarter notes G4 and F4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords: quarter notes G2, A2, and B2, a quarter rest, and quarter notes G2, F2, and E2. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 147

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering

Christmas Carols Medley

arr. Ward/Payne

Douglass Payne & Alan Ward, Cello Duet

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

Message

Full of Grace and Truth

Paul Lang



Light of the World - Michael Torevell

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

***Affirmation of Faith** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the 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 forever. Amen.**

Responding

Offering

Reflections

***Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 606
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***


Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sending

*Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

No. 136

Refrain 

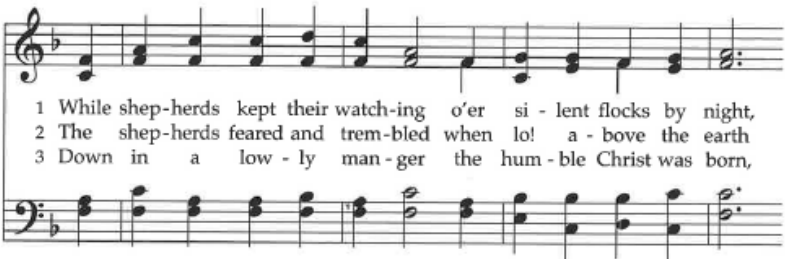


Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

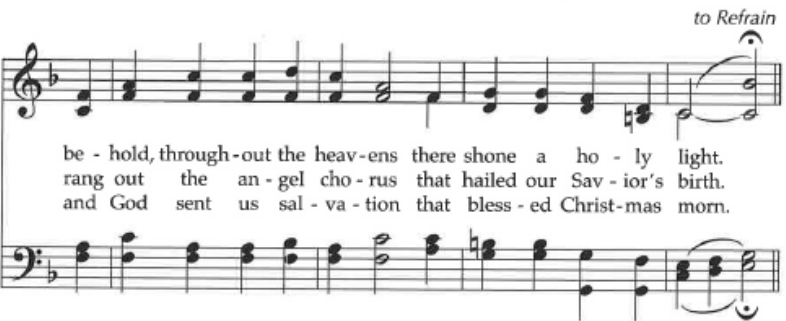


go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Fine



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

to Refrain

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Sunday, December 26	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	No Faith Formation Classes Worship Service Worship Service streamed live on CPC website and Facebook page No Youth Group
Monday, December 27		<i>Check Events on the CPC app, E-Link, and the CPC website for complete meeting updates, links and Zoom information as provided.</i>
Tuesday, December 28		
Wednesday, December 29	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday Bible Study (Narthex) Bible & Beyond Class (Zoom)
Thursday, December 30		
Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve		
Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day		
Sunday, January 2	9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	No Faith Formation Classes Worship Service Worship Service streamed live on CPC website and Facebook page No Youth Group



From the Finance Manager

Giving statements were mailed on December 1 to anyone with a remaining balance on their 2021 pledge. If you are up to date with your planned giving commitment for 2021, we thank you. If you have a balance, we graciously ask that you become current by the end of the year.