

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022



The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:6

Peace

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

The Candle of Peace



Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Alleluia from Christmas Oratorio

Saint Saens

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

God of Peace, send your spirit to rest on us: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and humility. Equip us by your power to do the hard things and the good things required of us.

-Isaiah 11, Matthew 3

Sung Response

Softly Tenderly, Jesus is Calling (chorus)

The Peace of Christ

Luke 1:67-79

Blessing

Homily

Choir Anthem

In Stable Bare

Weston

Prayers of the People

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.

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, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.



Exit to Parish Hall for Communion

Holy Communion

This morning, the bread is allergen free, so that we may all partake together. A Deacon will signal your pew when to come forward to receive the bread and cup. Bring both back to the pew with you, so that we may eat together. We would be happy to bring the elements to you; just let the Deacon know as they come by.

Responsive Consecration

One: One night, long ago, when the tension was high and the transformation already begun, Jesus gathered with his closest friends to share a meal. No two nights on the road with Jesus had been the same, and yet each meal they shared together felt familiar, felt like home.

Two: As the meal was drawing to a close, Jesus took bread, he lifted it up, gave thanks and broke it, saying:

All: This is my body broken for you. Take it and eat. Do this often, and remember me.

One: And in the same way Jesus filled a cup, lifted it up, and gave thanks, saying:

All: This is a sign of the New Covenant poured out for you and for all people. Take it and drink. Do this often, and remember me.

Two: Gracious and loving God, pour your spirit upon this bread and cup. Transform them from food for the body into food for the soul, that we might be fed, healed, and inspired to feed and heal others. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Closing Prayer

Precious Lord, for all that you give us and all that you beckon us toward, we give you thanks. Patient Jesus, for the daily bread that you offer us, and for sustaining us on the journey, we give you praise. Powerful Spirit, for the unity that you create, we lift up your name: Jesus Christ our Head, Amen.

Closing Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Benediction



Today's Chancel Flowers are given in celebration of Mary Lindsey's 108th birthday!

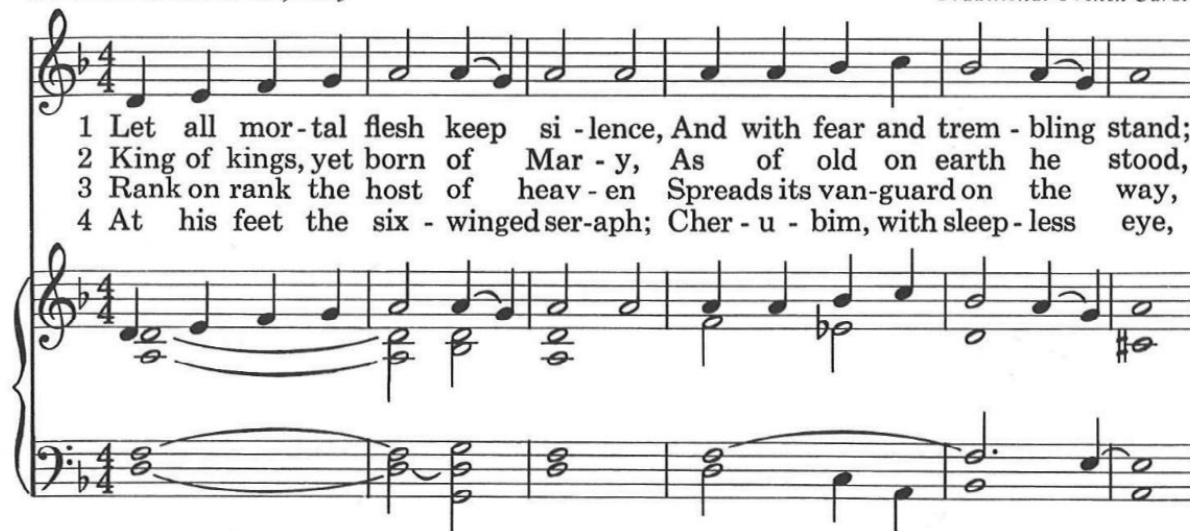


Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

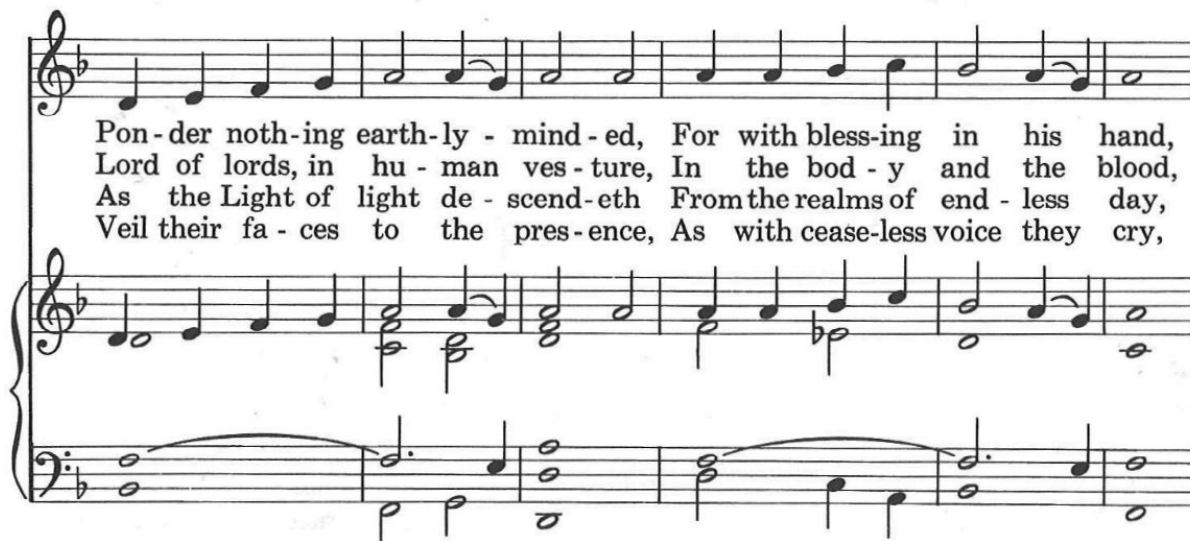
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Liturgy of St. James
Tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885

PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Traditional French Carol



1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, And with fear and trem-bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, As of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard on the way,
4 At his feet the six-winged ser-aph; Cher-u-bim, with sleep-less eye,



Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed, For with bless-ing in his hand,
Lord of lords, in hu-man ves-ture, In the bod-y and the blood,
As the Light of light de-scend-eth From the realms of end-less day,
Veil their fa-ces to the pres-ence, As with cease-less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth, Our full hom-age to de-mand.
He will give to all the faith-ful His own self for heaven-ly food.
That the powers of hell may van-ish As the dark-ness clears a-way.
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High! A-men.

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt.

CAROL C.M.D.

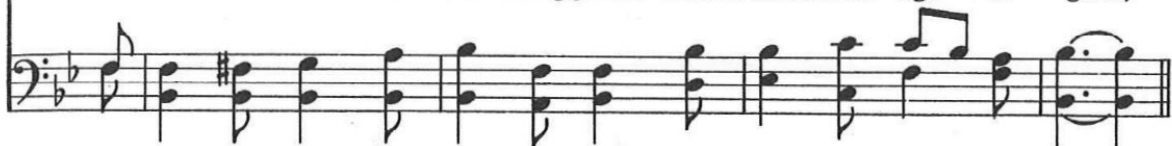
Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900



1 It came up - on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,
3 And ye, be - neath life's crush-ing load Whose forms are bend-ing low,
4 For lo, the days are hasten-ing on, By proph-et bards fore-told,



From an - gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold;
And still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;
Who toil a - long the climb-ing way, With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all gra - cious King."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hover-ing wing,
Look now, for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing;
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - belsounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing. A men.



Bulletin Reminders for December 4, 2022

TRANSFORMATION RETREAT

TODAY, December 4

Please plan to join the Transformation team directly after worship for a retreat as we continue our exploration and discernment of our congregational bedrock beliefs and enjoy a potluck lunch/brunch. Even if you cannot bring a dish, please join us for the discussion. We need to hear all voices about our beliefs. Questions may be directed to any member of the Transformation Team.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH ONLINE AUCTION 2022

December 4 - December 10

The auction opened this morning, at 11:00 a.m., and will be online through Saturday, **December 10**, at noon. A few of the items to be auctioned off will be available for viewing in the Parish Hall during *TODAY's* potluck. And members of the auction committee will be available with laptops to help you get registered for the auction if you would like some guidance. Contact Sue Tonkiss, at suedtonk@aol.com.

MARY LINDSEY TURNS 108

Remember when Dot King turned 100? It's not a competition, but Mary Lindsey is turning 108 on **December 5!** Help us again send her all our love! We are asking everyone in the congregation to send Mary cards. And we'll donate the flowers on Sunday, December 4. (*See your Wednesday Email for details.*)

ADVENT 2022
THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH IN FRAMINGHAM
87 Edgell Road | Framingham, MA | plymouthchurchframingham.org

POTLUCK & TOY DRIVE
December 4
Bring a toy and a dish to share!

ONLINE AUCTION
December 4-10
Gifts for everyone in every price range.

PAGEANT
December 18, 10am
Taking center stage Sunday morning, step into the story of Jesus' birth.

LONGEST NIGHT
December 21, 7pm
We gather on the longest night of the year in anticipation of the hope to come.

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 5pm
At 4:45pm, a string quartet plays carols. At 5pm, we worship and adore in song and in candlelight.

CHRISTMAS MINI FAIR
Parish Hall Lobby
12/4 - 12/18

**ON CHRISTMAS DAY 12/25 & NEW YEAR'S DAY 1/1,
WORSHIP WILL BE VIRTUAL-ONLY, ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK.**