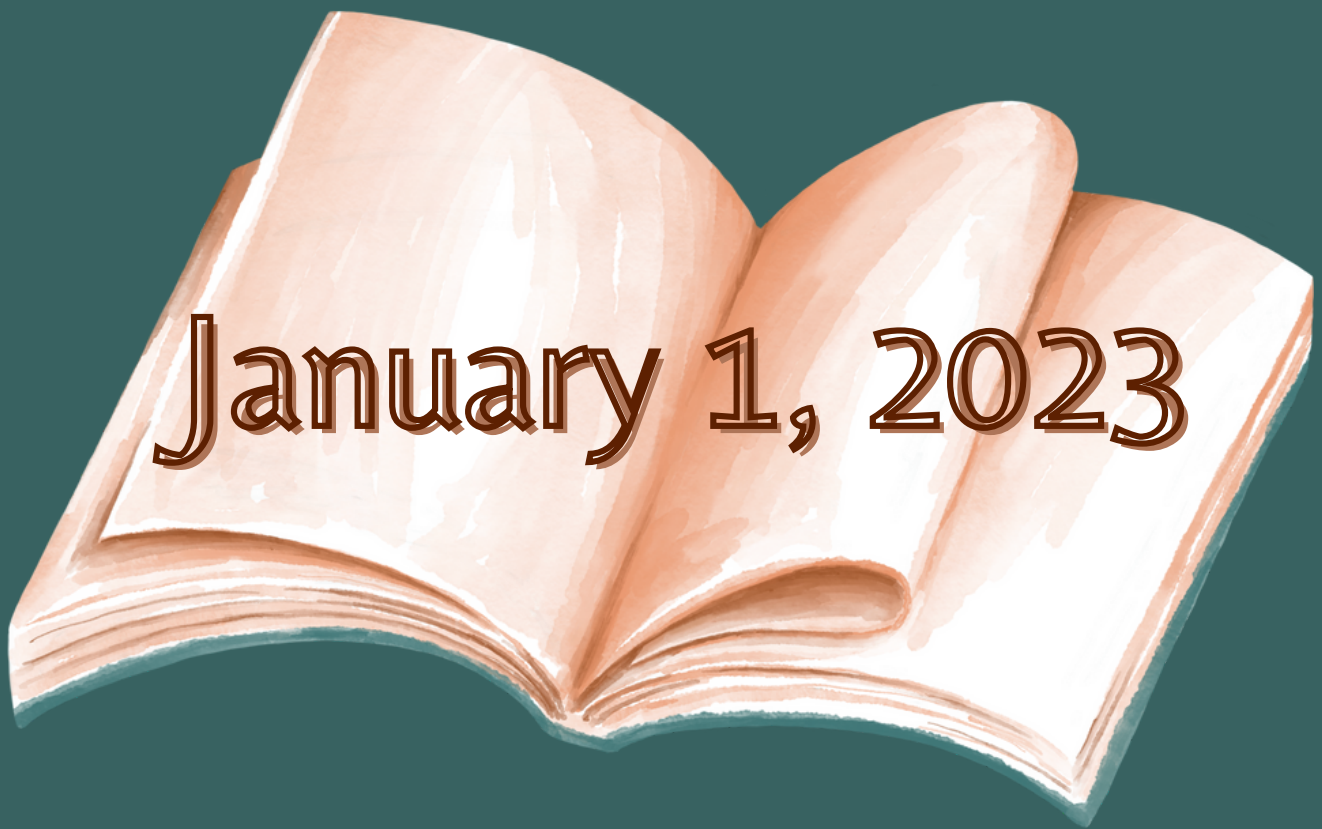

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Sunday, January 1, 2023
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Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

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Welcome

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: "Arise, shine, O People, for your light has come, and the glory of the Most High has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Holy One will arise upon you, and God's glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and rulers to the brightness of your dawn." (Isaiah 60:1-3)

All: "Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor." (Psalm 72:1-4)

One: "Behold, they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Most High." (Isaiah 60:4-6)

Revelation 21:1-4

Blessing

Sermon

"Christ's Table & Ours"

Rev. Morisse

Hymn

Born in the Night, Mary's Child

Prayers of the People

Anthem

Go Tell It on the Mountain

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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

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

God look what your love can do!

Praise Father, Son, and Spirit, too!

Praise Mother, Daughter, Spirit, too!

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, too!

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

One: As we prepare to come to this gracious table, let us remember Christ's gift of himself to us in bread and wine.

All: Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread. First, he gave thanks as we give thanks now. Thank you God for this gift of bread. Like all bread, it nourishes our body. Like all bread, it nourishes our soul. Then after giving thanks, Jesus broke the bread. He gave it to them. He said, "This bread is broken as we are all broken. This is my body which I give for you."

One: The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

All: In the same way, he took the cup. And he again gave thanks. Thank you God for this moment of sharing a drink from the vine. It refreshes us, body and soul. Then, after having given thanks for it, he filled the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is full and bountiful as your relationship with God is full and bountiful. It is poured for you and for everyone."

One: The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has come; Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: The gifts of God are for you who seek Wisdom. Come now to the feast, for all things are ready!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious and loving God, you have filled us with new life! Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst! We humbly acknowledge that you give us work to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, to overcome our reluctance to serve others, and to proclaim in all we say and do the good news that is breaking forth into the world today. Amen.

Carol *Away in a Manger*

Benediction

Postlude *In Dulce Jubilo* Liszt

Following the Benediction, the congregation is encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.



Born in the Night, Mary's Child 152

Geoffrey Ainger, 1964; alt. *Luke 2:1-7; Mark 10:18; John 1:1-5, 14; John 19:16b-18*

Unison

1 Born in the night, Mar-y's Child, a long way from your home;
2 Clear shin-ing light, Mar-y's Child, your face lights up our way;
3 Truth of our life, Mar-y's Child, you tell us God is good;
4 Hope of the world, Mar-y's Child, you're com-ing soon to reign;

Com-ing in need, Mar-y's Child, born in a bor-rowed room.
Light of the world, Mar-y's Child, dawn on our shad-owed day.
Prove it is true, Mar-y's Child, go to your cross of wood.
Sov-ereign of earth, Mar-y's Child, walk in our streets a - gain.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining four lines. Chord symbols are provided above the notes: G, Em, Am, Cm, G, Em, Am7, D7 in the first system; G, G+, C, G, Am7, D7, G in the second system. The melody features several triplet rhythms.

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

Away in a Manger

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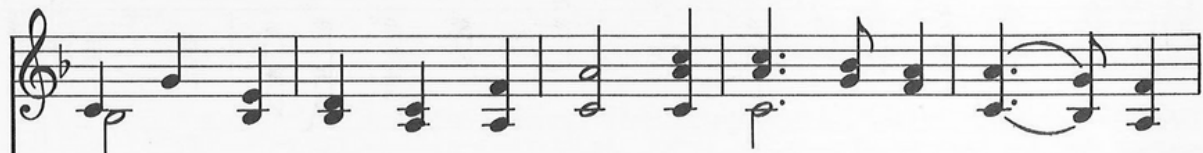
Anonymous

AWAY IN A MANGER 11.11.11.

Anonymous



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, The lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord



Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look



down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.



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