

WORSHIP NOTES

The original Latin words and tune to the familiar processional hymn, *O Come All Ye Faithful*, were both written by John Francis Wade (1711-1786), an English Roman Catholic who lived most of his life in Douay, France.

Song of Mary, today's middle hymn, is a paraphrase of part of Luke's Gospel traditionally called "the Magnificat," after the first word in the Latin version of this poem/prayer that is offered by Mary. This paraphrase was written by Sister Miriam Therese Winter, who serves as professor of liturgy, worship and spirituality at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.

The words to *What Child Is This*, today's recessional hymn, were written by William Chatterton Dix, a 19th-century Englishman who became a noted insurance executive and accomplished religious poet. The tune, *Greensleeves*, is a traditional English ballad first published in 1580 as "*A new Northere Dittye of the Lady Greene Sleeves*." Its popularity is attested to by the fact that Shakespeare mentions it in the *Merry Wives of Windsor*. The tune became mated to Dix's Christmas poem in Sir John Stainer's 1871 *Christmas Carols New and Old*.

John Joubert (born Cape Town, South Africa, 20 March 1927) is a British composer of South African descent, particularly of choral works. He has lived in Moseley, a suburb of Birmingham, England, for over 40 years. A music academic at the universities of Hull and Birmingham for 36 years, Joubert took early retirement in 1986 to concentrate on composing and has remained active into his 80s. Though perhaps best known for his choral music, particularly the carols *Torches* and *There is No Rose of Such Virtue* and the anthem *O Lorde, the Maker of Al Thing*, Joubert has composed over 160 works including two symphonies; violin, piano and bassoon concertos; and seven operas.

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ORDER OF ST. PAUL

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Soprano: Isabella Livorni, Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi, Catherine Thorpe, Elizabeth Van Os, *Alto*: Agueda Fernández-Abad, Allison Gish, Jessica Kimple, Melissa Raymond. *Tenor*: Richard Liebowitz, Jeremy Little, Johnny Maldonado, Jeffrey Taveras. *Bass*: William S. Crutchfield III, Scott Lindroth, Ryan Stoudt, Nathaniel Sullivan.

SESSION

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Fourth Sunday in Advent

— ELEVEN O'CLOCK —

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from "getting here" to "being here." Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one's mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one's friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55
Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
Psalm 80:1-7	

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Ellsworth G. Stanton III.



TOMORROW'S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

“Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645”

Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sam Enders

“The African Dream Academy”

CHORAL INTROIT

Ian Tracey (b. 1955)

“People Look East”

People, look East, no longer fear, await the Lord, his time is near.

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule Israel, whose origin is of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; And he shall be the one of peace.” — *Micah 5:2-5a*,

Lars F. W., Letitia E., and Westby R. McT. Caspersen

PRAYER FOR ADVENT 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.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May our souls magnify God.

People: May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

Leader: God gives rest from all that afflicts.

All: God goes with us wherever we go.

Leader: This is the God of mysteries, of prophecies and promises.

All: This is the God who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

Leader: May our souls magnify God.

All: May our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 41

Adeste Fideles

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have not kept watch for You. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know Your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for Your coming. Amen.

KYRIE 574

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(Hymn 28, verse 3)*

In dulci jubilo

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice;

Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

ANTHEM

“There is no Rose”

John Joubert (b. 1927)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; Alleluia. For in this rose containèd was Heaven and earth in little space; *Res miranda* (wondrous thing). By that rose we may well see there be one God in persons three: *Pares forma* (in equal form). Then leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth: *Transeamus* (let us follow).

—*15th century text*

THE WORD

After the singing of the anthem, all children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the Children’s Message.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND PRAYER

* HYMN 600

Morning Song

“Song of Mary”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Christopher L. Allen

Luke 1:39-55 (*Pew Bible, page 57 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Mary’s Song”

Rev. Adam D. Gorman

THE RESPONSE

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *(From A Brief Statement of Faith)*

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.

*GLORIA PATRI 579

Henry W. Greatorex (1813-1858)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

America

Not for this land alone,

But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;

And may the nations see that we must loving be,

And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Franz Gruber (1786-1683), arr. R. E. Schram

“Silent Night”

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, ‘round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia!” Christ, the Savior is born, He is born! Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light! Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. —*Text by Joseph Mohr, 1818*

Deborah M. Li, *piano*

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth

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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 53

Greensleeves

“What Child Is This”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

“Personent Hodie”

Meg Cutting, *organist*

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.