



Prelude

The Holly and the Ivy chamber orchestra

arr. Daniel Kelley

The holly and the ivy
when they are both full grown,
of all the trees that are in the wood
the holly bears the crown.

Refrain: The rising of the sun
and the running of the deer,
the playing of the merry organ,
sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a berry,
as red as any blood,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to do poor sinners good.

The holly bears a prickly,
as sharp as any thorn,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
on Christmas day in the morn.

The holly bears a bark,
as bitter as any gall,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
for to redeem us all.

The holly and the ivy,
when they are both full grown,
of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

piano duet

arr. Eric Baumgartner

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Advent Wreath The Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love
*Congregation, please read **bold** portions.*

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom:

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more. -from Isaiah 2:4

**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

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing. -Isaiah 35:1-2

**The Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child
and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel ("God is with us").** -from Isaiah 7:14

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Prepare the Way

text, Isa 40:3; 52:10; music, Jacques Berthier

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F#5. The lyrics 'Pre - pare the way of the Lord;' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F#5. The lyrics 'pre - pare the way of the Lord.' are written below the notes. The third staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F#5. The lyrics 'And all peo - ple will see the sal -' are written below the notes. The fourth staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F#5. The lyrics 'va - tion of our God.' are written below the notes. There are asterisks (*) above the first note of the second, third, and fourth staves.

Pre - pare the way of the Lord;

pre - pare the way of the Lord.

And all peo - ple will see the sal -

va - tion of our God.

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalms 77:11-15

Elder Mark Jurries

I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.
I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.
Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.
You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph.

* *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Trinity Hymnal 211

* *I Saw the King*

congregation

by Daniel Mayoros



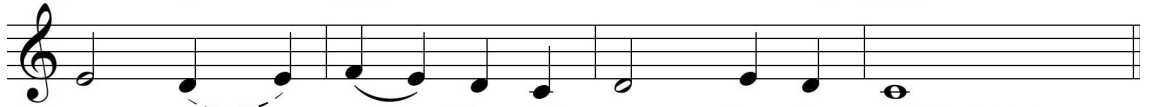
1. I saw the arm - ies of an - gels a - ris - ing, the
2. I heard the tongues of the ho - ly ones sing - ing, ~
3. Un - der his feet ev - 'ry moun - tain shall crum - ble, ~
4. Look to his com - ing! You sleep - ers, a - wak - en! ~



ban - ners of hea - ven ap - peared on the clouds.
an - thems of che - ru - bim thun - d'ring on high,
val - leys a - rise to pre - pare him a way.
Where he ap - proach - es the sha - dows de - part.



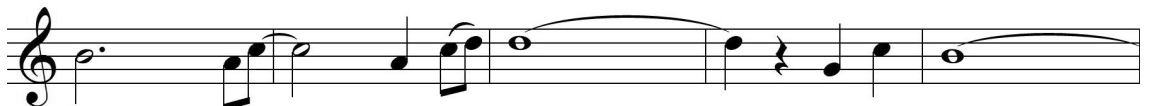
I saw the King in his glo - ry ar - riv - ing, the
voic - es on voic - es in har - mon - y ring - ing. ~
So shall the pride - ful be - fore him be hum - bled, ~
Feel, from your arms Sa - tan's fet - ters are break - ing. ~



cry goes up, "Our sal - va - tion is near!" to Vs 2
All God's re - deemed join the heav - en - ly choir. to Chorus
and the af - flic - ted be raised to his side. to Chorus
Lift up your heads and re - joice in the light! to Chorus



See the King up-on his throne; see the



vic - tory he has won! See his love



and mercy sav - ing. Je - sus reigns for - ev - er - more.

* Invocation

Gloria in Excelsis Deo: Christmas Anthem

choir

arr. Carlyle Duncan

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! Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant, beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

O Holy night! the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn:
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.
O night divine.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king.

The first noel the angels did say,
was to certain poor shepherds, in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, born is the king of Israel.

And suddenly there was with the angels
A multitude of the heavenly hosts
Praising God and saying:
Glory, amen, glory to God in the highest.
Glory be to God. Amen.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Matthew 5:14-18

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”

8:30 service: On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service: Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

* *The God We Love (Nicene Creed)*

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1. We be - lieve in one God, the
2. For the world and for our sal -

>>>Verse 3 starts halfway through>>>



Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, the Mak - er of
va - tion, he came down from the heav - ens a -



all, the One who rules the seen and un - seen. We be -
bove, born of a vir - gin and the Spir - it, tru - ly



lieve and we a - dore. Je - sus Christ, one Lord of cre -
man and tru - ly God. He was cru - ci - fied un - der

Verse 3 >>> 3. Now we wait to be res - ur -



a - tion, from the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not made. He is the
Pi - late, suf - fered death and was laid in the grave. And in ac -
rect - ed and we look for the world with - out end. This is our



Light from Light e - ter - nal and the God of ev - 'ry
cor - dance with the scrip - tures, on the third, He rose a
creed, our faith, our an - them. ~ This is the God we

CHORUS



age.
gain.
love.

All glo - ry to the Fa - ther now, all__



hon - or to the Son. And praise the Spir - it,



now and al - ways. This is the God we love.

1st time to Vs 2
2nd time to Bridge
3rd time to Vs 3

BRIDGE



And Christ has made his as - cent in - to the heav - ens a - bove,
The Ho - ly Spir - it has come, voice of the proph - ets of God,



where he sits at__ the Fa - ther's right hand now, but He will come back a - gain
sent to us, he__ has giv - en__ us new life. For - giv - en now and bap - tized,



and He will judge in__ truth.___
one ho - ly church we__ rise,__

7 7 to 2nd line of Bridge
we rise! to Chorus

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Prayer

Scripture reading

2 Kings 22:1 - 23:25

selections

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem....

³ In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the LORD,...

⁸ And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.... ¹⁰ Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.

¹¹ When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes. ¹² And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, ¹³ "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

¹⁴ So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, ¹⁵ And she said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Tell the man who sent you to me, ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this

place and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. ¹⁷ Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. ¹⁸ But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, ¹⁹ because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the LORD, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the LORD. ²⁰ Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.'" And they brought back word to the king. ...

^{23:1} Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. ² And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. ³ And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and

all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant. ...

¹⁰ And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no one might burn his son or his daughter as an offering to Molech..... ¹³ And the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, to the south of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. ¹⁴ And he broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim and filled their places with the bones of men. ¹⁹ And Josiah removed all the shrines also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which kings of Israel had made, provoking the LORD to anger. He did to them according to all that he had done at Bethel. ²⁰ And he sacrificed all the priests of the high places who were there, on the altars, and burned human bones on them. Then he returned to

Jerusalem. ...

²¹ And the king commanded all the people, "Keep the Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant." ²² For no such Passover had been kept since the days of the judges who judged Israel, or during all the days of the kings of Israel or of the kings of Judah. ²³ But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was kept to the LORD in Jerusalem.

²⁴ Moreover, Josiah put away the mediums and the necromancers and the household gods and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. ²⁵ Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Josiah: A King for Renewal

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

What is going on in here?

What will penetrate this mess?

What is the way forward?

What can keep us on course?

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

** Angels We Have Heard on High*

Trinity Hymnal 214

Reception of New Members

Alden Stawicki (8:30)

Jacob & Kirsten Burkholder (11:15)
Noah Momber

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G.F. Handel

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby,
keeping watch over their flocks at night.

Luke 2:8

*** Closing Song**

Hallelujah Chorus choir & congregation

G.F. Handel

Everyone is invited to sing! (Or join with your ears and heart!)

Come up to sing with the choir or stay where you are to sing.

Scores are available at the front or use the words below.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Sopranos: **For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth**

Basses: **For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth**

Tenors & Altos: **For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth**

The kingdom of this world——— is become——

The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and of His Christ

Basses: **And He shall reign for ever and ever**

Tenors: **And He shall reign for ever and ever**

Altos: **And He shall reign for ever and ever**

Sopranos: **And He shall reign for ever and ever**

King of kings— (Forever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

And Lord of lords— (Forever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

King of kings— (Forever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

And Lord of lords— (Forever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

King of kings— (Forever and ever Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

And Lord of lords— (King of kings and Lord of lords)

And He shall reign

And He shall reign

And He shall reign

And He shall reign forever and ever

King of kings (Forever and ever)

And Lord of lords (Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

And He shall reign forever and ever

King of kings! and Lord of lords!
King of kings! and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever

Forever and ever
Forever and ever
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

> BIG PAUSE <

Hallelujah!

* Benediction

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and ring the bells as we sing our closing Amen song.

* Amen Alleluia



Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.

* Postlude

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Charlie & Lincoln Yasugi, one piano, four hands		