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PRELUDE

Betlehems stjärna
arr. Jan-Åke Hillerud
Sunwoo Lee, Organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

Libby Piotrowski

* HYMN 180

All Hail to Thee, O Blessed Morn!

We sing verse 1 in Swedish, as printed below, and verses 2 through 4 in English.

Var hälsad, sköna morgonstund som av profeters helga mun är oss bebådad vorden!
Du stora dag, du sälla dag, på vilken himlens välbehag ännu besöker jorden.
Unga sjunga med de gamla, sig församla jordens böner kring den störste av dess söner.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Hunter

* INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER 887 (Using *sins*)

READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14

* HYMN 176

Now Shine a Thousand Candles Bright

We sing verse 1 in Swedish, as printed below, and verses 2 through 4 in English.

Nu tändas tusen juleljus på jordens mörka rund
och tusen, tusen stråla ock på himlens djupblå grund.

* READING OF THE GOSPEL

Don Olson, Reader
Luke 2:1-14

Read first in Swedish and then in English.

* HYMN 166

Joy Bells Are Ringing

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Jeff Hunter

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hosianna Davids son
Abbé Vogler
Choral Ensemble, Charles Olson, Directing

*Hosianna Davids son!
Välsignad vare han!
Välsignad Davids son,
som kommer i herrans namn!
Hosianna i höjden,
Hosianna, Hosianna.
Välsignad Davids son,
som kommer i herrans namn!*

Hosanna, Son of David!
Blessed be his holy name!
Glory to the Son of David,
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Sing Hosanna in the highest,
Sing Hosanna, Hosanna.
Glory to the Son of David,
who comes in the name of the Lord!

CHRISTMAS MORNING PRAYER

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Generosity

The Trustees will come around at this time to receive physical offerings.

Giving online at any time is also an option at www.npcovenant.org/give

Offertory

Lyssna, lyssna, hör du änglasången
John Holstedt
I Think of that Star of Long Ago

* Responsive Hymn 193, verse 1

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN 187

Our Day of Joy Is Here Again

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

När juldagsmorgon glimmar
arr. Brian Ward

** Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

What Is Julotta?

Julotta is a Swedish service that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. The service is held every December 25. Traditionally, the service should begin around 6 am and end before, or at the time of, dawn. In many instances, the church is lit only by candlelight as parishioners arrive, and the sanctuary then fills with sunlight as the service progresses. The earliest recorded occurrence of Julotta in the United States of America was in the Strombeck Church in Minnesota in 1883.

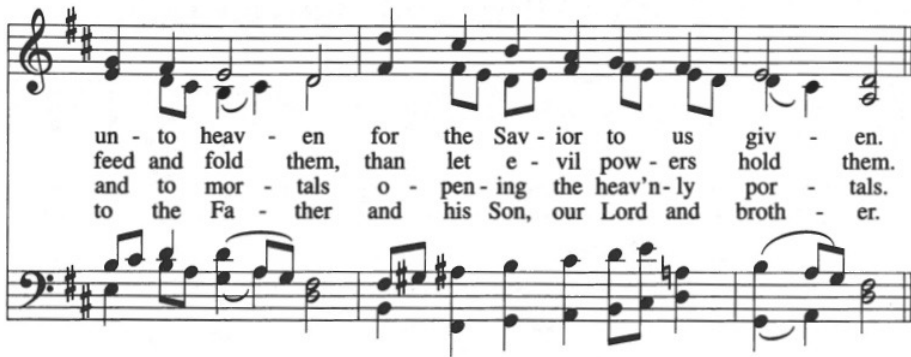
All Hail to Thee, O Blessed Morn!

1 All hail to thee, O bless-ed morn! To tid-ings long by proph-ets borne
 2 'Tis God's own im-age and with-al the Son of Man, that mor-tals all
 3 Like all of us, he tears will shed, our sor-rows share and be our aid,
 4 He comes, for our re-demp-tion sent, and by his glo-ry heav'n is rent

hast thou ful-fill-ment giv-en. O sa-cred and im-mor-tal day,
 may find in him a broth-er; he comes with peace and love to bide
 through his e-ter-nal pow-er; the Lord's good will un-to us show,
 to close up-on us nev-er; our bless-ed Shep-herd he would be,

when un-to earth, in glo-rious ray, de-scends the grace of heav-en!
 on earth, the err-ing race to guide, and help, as could no oth-er:
 and min-gle in our cup of woe the drops of mer-cy's show-er:
 whom we may fol-low faith-ful-ly and be with him for-ev-er:

Sing-ing, ring-ing, sounds are blend-ing, prais-es send-ing
 rath-er gath-er clos-er, fond-er, sheep that wan-der,
 dy-ing, buy-ing through his pas-sion our sal-va-tion,
 high-er, nigh-er, glo-ry wing-ing, prais-es sing-ing



un - to heav - en for the Sav - ior to us giv - en.
 feed and fold them, than let e - vil pow - ers hold them.
 and to mor - tals o - pen - ing the heav'n - ly por - tals.
 to the Fa - ther and his Son, our Lord and broth - er.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Traditional

Now Shine a Thousand Candles Bright 176

In unison F C7 Dm B \flat F F/A B \flat Gm7 C C7 F

1 Now shine a thou - sand can - dles bright up - on the world's dark sphere;
 2 In sub - urb, ghet - to, farm, and town they spread the news a - broad
 3 O star that shone o'er Beth - le - hem, now let your kind - ly light
 4 To ev - 'ry dark and an - guish'd heart send down your ray di - vine,

C F/A C7/G F F/A B \flat Gm7 C C7 F

the deep blue sky is set a - light as myr - iad flames ap - pear.
 that Je - sus Christ is born to - night, our Sav - ior and our God.
 with tran - quil hope and glo - ry shine in ev - 'ry home to - night.
 and may the light of God's own love like Christ - mas can - dles shine.

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C.M.
 CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Joy Bells Are Ringing

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1 Joy bells are ring - ing, Christ - mas is bring - ing ti - dings of Je - sus'
2 Light is as - cend - ing, night - time is end - ing, sun - shine from God ap -
3 Oh, what a trea - sure God in his plea - sure lov - ing - ly gives to -
4 Come to the man - ger, kin - dred and stran - ger, hail now the new - born
5 Ban - ish all sad - ness, fill me with glad - ness, Je - sus, whom I a -



birth. Can - dles are gleam - ing, glad - ness is stream - ing out o - ver all the earth.
pears. Hope of the a - ges, fore - told by sag - es, comes to dis - pel all fears.
day! Grace to the low - ly, peace pure and ho - ly, an - gels to all con - vey.
King! In ad - o - ra - tion, with ju - bi - la - tion, peo - ples and na - tions sing!
dore! All else may per - ish, thee will I cher - ish now and for - ev - er - more!



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JULEN ÅR INNE

I Think of That Star of Long Ago

1 I think of that star of long a - go that light - ed the
 2 "A child un - to us is born"—O joy! To sin - blight - ed
 3 It sheds on the world its peace - ful rays, and greets ev - 'ry

wan - der - ers' path be - low; in faith I look up, and
 earth comes high heav'n's en - voy; now o - ver my path that
 mor - tal with heav'n - ly grace; to Beth - le - hem's babe I

o'er me I see that star in its beau - ty still shin - ing for me.
 dear mem - o - ry— a star in its beau - ty is shin - ing for me.
 has - ten with thee, O star in thy beau - ty still shin - ing for me.

Refrain

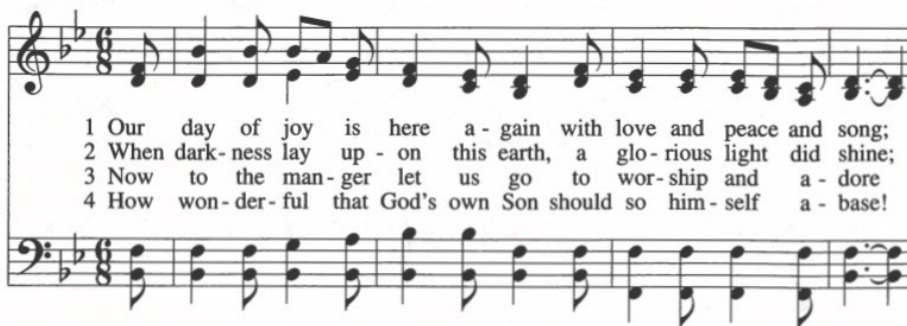
O star that once shone o - ver Beth - le - hem! Thy beams yet to

musical score for "Epiphany: Life". The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics for the first system are: "mor - tals great joy pro - claim; the Lord to a - dore, I". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "has - ten with thee, O star in thy beau - ty still shin - ing for me." The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature. The score ends with a double bar line.

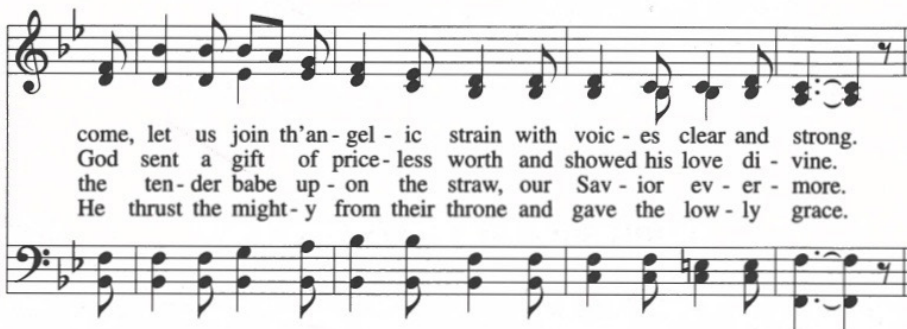
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Our Day of Joy Is Here Again

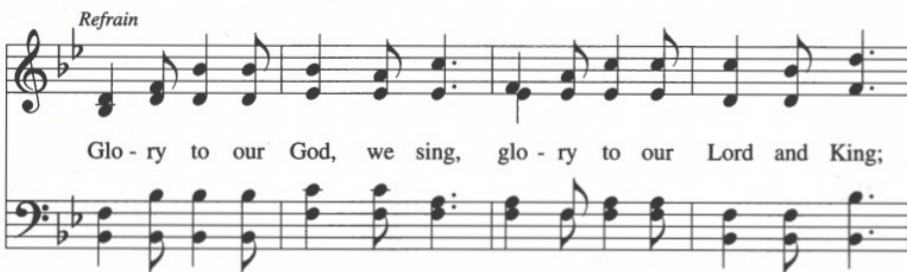


1 Our day of joy is here a - gain with love and peace and song;
 2 When dark-ness lay up - on this earth, a glo-rious light did shine;
 3 Now to the man-ger let us go to wor-ship and a - dore
 4 How won-der-ful that God's own Son should so him-self a - base!

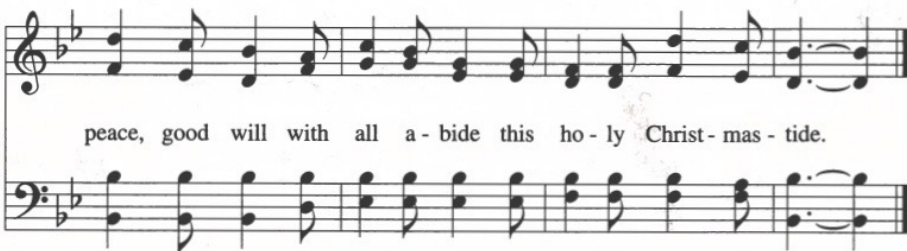


come, let us join th'an-gel - ic strain with voic - es clear and strong.
 God sent a gift of price-less worth and showed his love di - vine.
 the ten-der babe up - on the straw, our Sav - ior ev - er - more.
 He thrust the might-y from their throne and gave the low - ly grace.

Refrain



Glo - ry to our God, we sing, glo - ry to our Lord and King;



peace, good will with all a - bide this ho - ly Christ - mas - tide.

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Welcome Statement

We welcome all people to begin or deepen their relationship with Christ through worship and study. We invite all believers to fully participate in the life and ministry of our church as members, leaders, and lay staff. We celebrate the gifts and presence of diverse Christians among us—whether those differences be race, ethnicity, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, or socioeconomic status. We are blessed by our diversity and are unified in Christ.

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