

**Indicates times when all who are able may stand.*

Chiming Of The Hour

Prelude

"Near the River"

arr. by Anna Laura Page

A medley with "Peace Like a River" and "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

Featuring violinist, Tom Mignerey, violist, Rachel Lee, and pianist, Hyunjoo Kim

Welcome And Congregational Life Announcements

*Call to Worship (Taken from Psalm 148)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the depths!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heaven, and you waters above the heavens! He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

*Hymn

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

*Prayer of Confession

All: God of grace and mercy, the light of your salvation has come into our world, and yet we so often prefer the darkness. We choose what we know to be wrong and against your will, and then we hide from you and refuse to repent. O Lord, you know the truth about us, and there is nothing we can keep from you. We cannot conceal our evil deeds from before your eyes, so help us this morning to confess our sins and be strengthened by your grace to leave the darkness behind and live lives of righteousness and holiness. Hear us now, as we silently confess to you our sins.

*Assurance of Pardon (Taken from Psalm 103:11)

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from. In Jesus' Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

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.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please greet each other, "Peace be with you."

Children's Moment

(at this point children will remain in pews with family)

*Hymn

"Away in A Manger"

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: (Unison) Isaiah 42:1-9

42:1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
42:2 He will not cry or lift up his voice,

**42:3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.**

**42:5 Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:**

42:7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

42:9 See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Featuring Rachel Lee and Hyunjoo Kim

2:32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

2:33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.
2:34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed
2:35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Sermon

"The Sword of Division"

Brian Yount

Affirmation Of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Pastoral Prayer 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.

***Hymn**

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

GO TELL IT

***Call for the Offering**

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"Hallelujah"

Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS

WELCOME! To learn about Trinity's life and service or about becoming a member of Trinity, visit www.trinitypcola.org.

NEXT ADULT STUDY Beginning January 3, 2021 Hugh will present his 12 Session Series FOUNDATIONS of OUR FAITH. The first 2 Sessions will be Jan 3 Intro: Why Study Theology? What is "Reformed Theology"? and Jan 10 The Bible. Please let us know at info@trinitypcola.org if you would like to be a part of this Serendipity/Gap Class Zoom Class.

PLEDGE CARDS Please drop off or mail in your pledge card to the Church Office. If you have misplaced your pledge card, please just write down the amount of your pledge and indicate whether it is weekly, monthly or annually. Please include your name and address. You may adjust your pledge at any time by contacting Sharon. Thank you for your faithfulness.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is called for January 17, 2021 following worship for the purposes: 1) To approve financial terms of pastors' calls for 2021, 2) To elect a Nominating Committee for 2021 Elder Elections, and to Elect the Class of 2023 Elders approved by the Session in April 2020 on behalf of the congregation due to the pandemic quarantine: Elders John Baehr, Sharon Gensemer, Jeff Hendrix, Jan Johnson, Joy Kidd, Eileen Mignerey, and Carol Powell.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE Verses of Comfort can be found at trinitypcola.org > ministries > congregational care > other services - [click link here](#).

CONCERNS OF THE TRINITY FAMILY

TRINITY MEMBERS

Butch Crooke
Faye Groves
Kenny Heffner
Richard & Sue Peden
Jake and Lil Renfro
The Family of Lamar Wasdin
Carl Williams

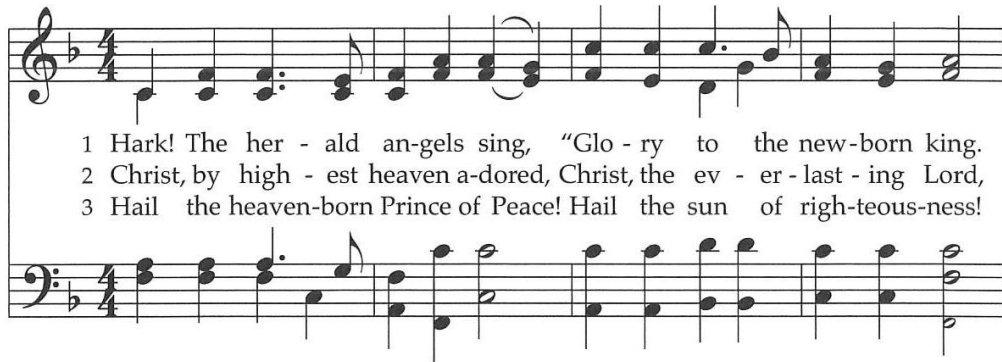
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Don Allen (neighbor of Dona & Milton Usry)
Rose Baber (mother of Barb Martensen)
Jan Baldwin (family of Robert & Gail Childs)
Morgan Beck (brother of Gregg Beck)
Terri Carroll (sister of Dan Prettyman)
Joe Caruthers (friend of Mary Ruth Dobie)
Harvey Howell Casey (nephew of Mary Catherine Hinton)
Patricia Clark (cousin of Elizabeth Massengill)
Nathan Dille (friend of Diane Millas)
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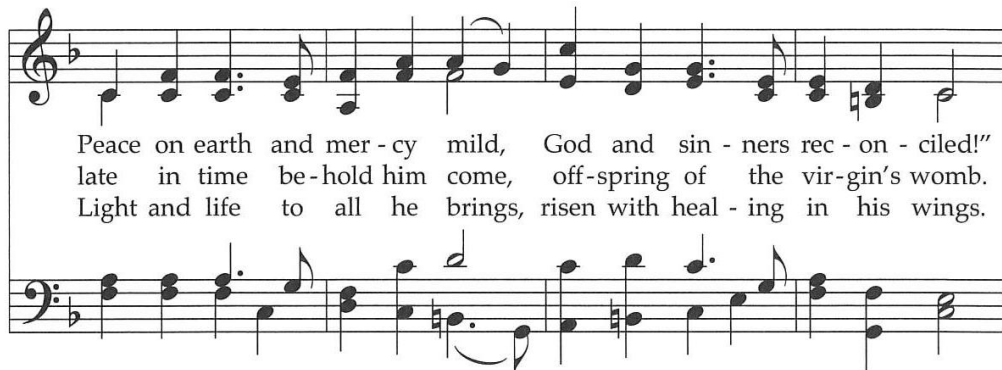
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Tina & Roger Jaskot (friends of Jon & Karen Nagel)
Joe Kemp (friend of Hugh Hamilton)
Yangduck Kim (mother of Hyunjoo Kim)
Jerry LaFlamme (request of Linda Gamble)
Mason Land (request of Barbara McLean)
Tom Landsgaard (brother of Greg Landsgaard)
Deanna & Jeff Lepa (family of Tom & Sandra Buck)
Millard Lunceford (brother of Joy Kidd & Judy Davis)
Angelica Makepeace (request of Alison John)
Lora Millard (family of Cam & Elizabeth Massengill)
Wyatt Mixson & Family (request of Marge Shimmin)
Barbara & Ben Mozo (request of Sandy Edwards)
Mary Muller (request of Peggy Watson)
Shade O'Driscoll Family (friends of Mary Ruth Dobie)
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Allen Smith (son of Gerry Smith,
brother of Berney Smith)
Diane Swalin (request of Mary Ruth Dobie)
Roger Vinson (request of Jean Norman)
Linda Warrick (request of Marge Shimmin)
Jo Winford (sister of Jayne Felix)
Saffron Young (family of Mary Anne Meier)

Prayer Warriors have been praying for our Concerns of the Trinity Family list during this time of isolation. We are grateful to Sally Zorn, Linda Gamble, Mary Anne Meier, Jill Clark, Sharon Gensemer, Sandra Holman, Kathy Webb, Marshall Arrich, Jane Patterson, Pat Harris, Dawn John, and Betty Petree. Thank you all!

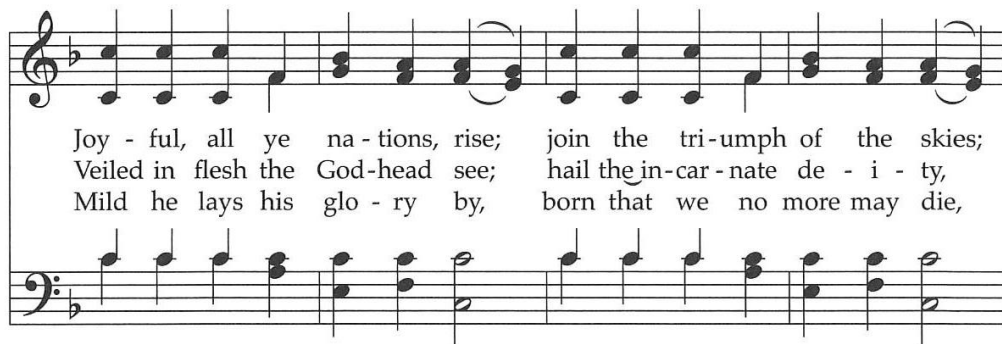
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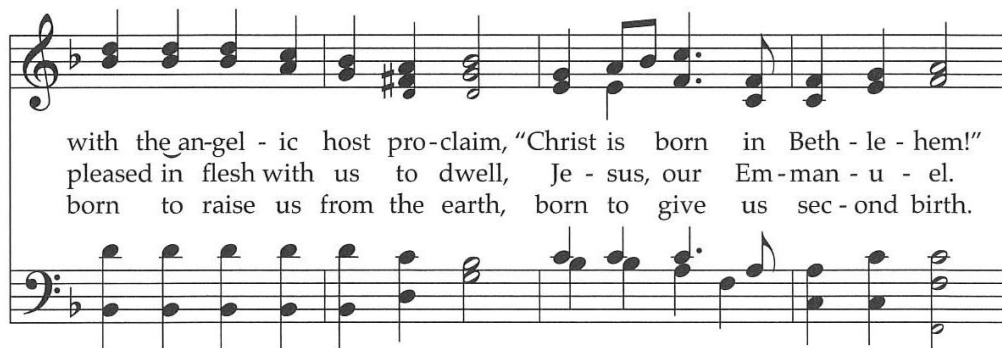
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D)
F

(G)
B \flat

(D)
F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7)
C7

(D)
F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G)
B \flat

(D)
F

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7)
C7

(D)
F

(Em)
Gm

(A7)
C7

(D)
F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

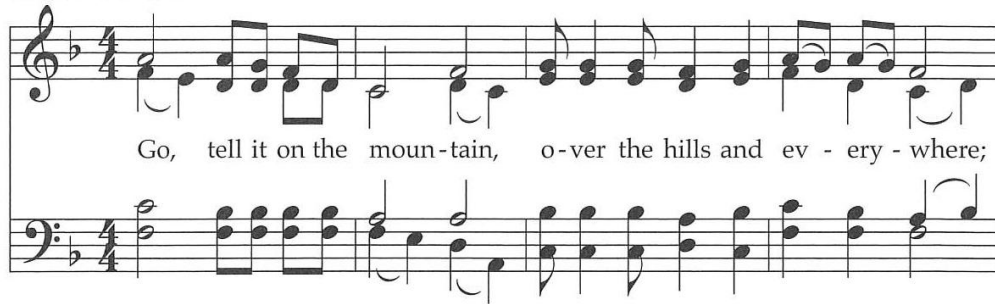
Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885;
 stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892
 MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1887

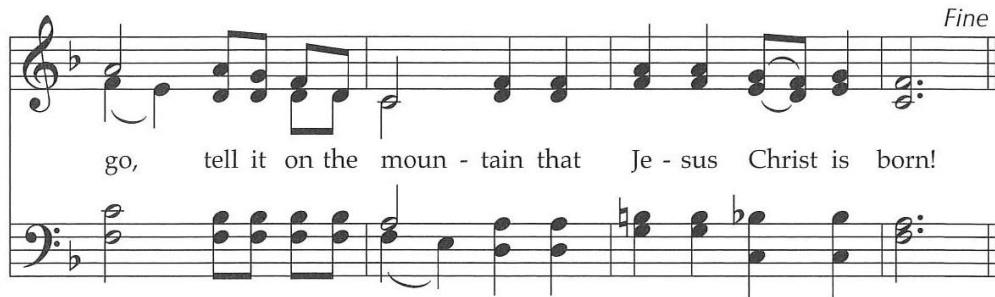
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 11.11.11.11
 (alternate tune: CRADLE SONG, 114)

136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

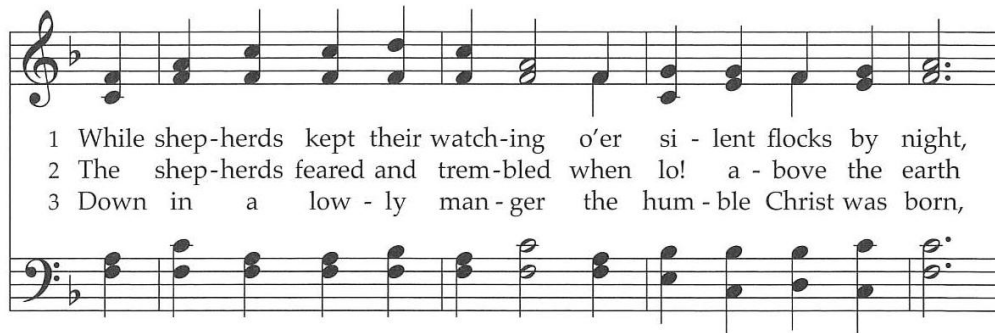
Refrain ♪ = ♪ ♪



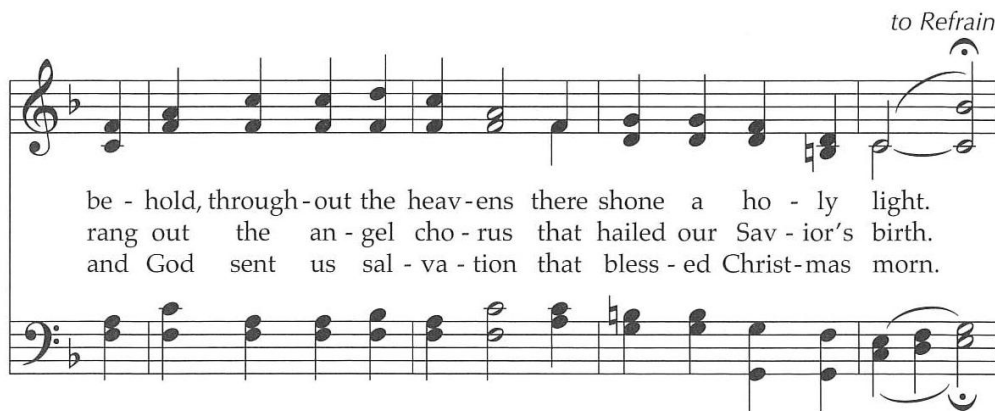
Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

TEXT: African American spiritual; stanzas, John W. Work II, 1940

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. John W. Work III, 1940; harm. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987

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GO TELL IT

7.6.7.6 with refrain