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Pastors

Epiphany Sunday
Confirmation of Faith

January 3, 2021
Online Worship



Frank and Naomi making GEMS deliveries

Sunday, January 3, 2021 ♦ Epiphany Sunday

Prelude	Frank Glass Sages from the East
Welcome	Carter Snyder-Samuelson
Call to Worship	Melanie Baker, Nancy Meyers One: Over the hills and everywhere, go tell it on the mountain: Many: Jesus Christ is born! One: Born to humble beginnings, you surrounded yourself from the start with everyday people. Many: Raised by a young mother, a laboring carpenter; born to a family unhoued for the night. One: Hark! The angels heralded your coming – not to the rich and famous, but to shepherds working late. Many: Wise ones traveled across the land, compelled not by kings or empire, but by love enfleshed. One: In your ordinariness and unpretentiousness, your presence is extraordinary. Many: In recognizing you among us, we are overwhelmed with joy. One: Draw us toward you, Emmanuel, guide us through the night. Many: Confirm our faith in your miraculous love.
Opening Hymn	Go, Tell It On the Mountain (pg. 5)
Opening Prayer	Leah DeLeon
Prayer Song	The First Noel (pg. 6, v. 1-2)
Gospel	Shakeel Samuel Matthew 2:1-12
Gospel Song	The First Noel (pg. 6, v. 3-4)
Homily	Carter Snyder-Samuelson “All Through the Night”
Confirmation Reflections	Sebastian Provost Sweet Beckford
Hymn	On This Day Earth Shall Ring (pg. 7, v. 1)

Confirmation Reflections	Izzy Clauss-Ehlers Gemstain Adu Nora Matthews
Hymn	On This Day Earth Shall Ring (pg. 7, v. 2)
Baptism & Confirmation Vows	Gemstain, Sweet, Izzy, Nora, Sebastain
Hymn	I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (pg. 8)
Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer	Aurora Celestin Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.
Prayer Song	From a Distant Home (pg. 9)
Offering	Madeline Taylor Of tithes, gifts, and prayers
Offertory	Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light
Communion	Lea Matthews, K Karpen
Response	Go, Tell It On the Mountain
Benediction	Carter Snyder-Samuelson
Postlude	Frank Glass Personent Hodie
Hymn Leaders	Robin Bahr-deStefano, Frank Glass, K Karpen, Jeff Neiblum, Brent Ness, Jane Williams
Audio	David Richards
Video & Editing	Harry Karpen

Gospel Reading from Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise ones from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise ones and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

African American Spiritual
Adapted by John W. Work, Jr., 1906
K Karpen, 2020

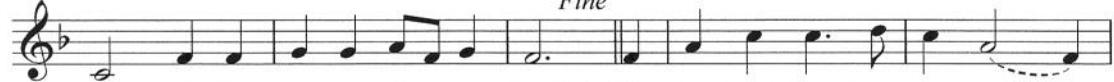
African American Spiritual
Arranged by William Farley Smith, 1986

Refrain

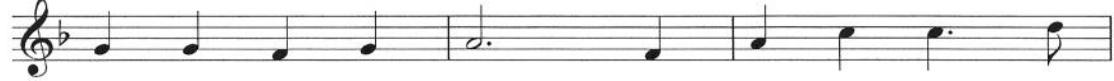


Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev -'ry- where; go, tell it on the

Fine



moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born! 1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er
2. The ma - gi came to see him, _____



si - lent flocks by night, be - hold! through - out the
fol - low - ing that star, so they could bear him

D.C.



heav - ens, there shone a ho - ly light. _____
wit - ness in lands both near and far. _____

The First Noel

Traditional English Carol

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Harmonization from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871



1. The first no - el the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in
2. They look - ed up and saw a star, shin - ing in the east be -
3. And by the light of that same star, three ma - gi came from
4. This star drew nigh to the north west; o'er Beth - le - hem it



fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
yond them far. And to the earth, it gave great light, and so it con -
coun - try far. To seek for a king was their in - tent, and to fol - low the
took its rest. And there it did both stop and stay, right ov - er the



night that was so deep. No - el, no - el, no -
tin - ued both day and night. No - el, no - el, no -
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, no - el, no -
place where Je - sus lay. No - el, no - el, no -



- el, no - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!
- el, no - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!
- el, no - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!
- el, no - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring

Medieval Carol from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582
Translated by Jane Joseph, 1894-1929

Medieval Carol from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582
Harmonized by Frank Glass, 2017



1. On this day, earth shall ring with the song child-ren sing to the Lord,
4. On this day, an - gels sing. With their song, earth shall ring, prais-ing Christ,



Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him our great God gave us.
heav-en's King, born on earth to save us. Peace and love he gave us.



Id - e - o, o, o! Id - e - o, o, o!



Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis de - o!

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985

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1."I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re-
3."When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were
5."In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too old, no long - er young, I'll be
7."I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I re-



joined the day you were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. 2.I was
raised to praise the liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long. 4.If you
there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. 6.When the
joined to see you be bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.



there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well. In a
find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one. I'll be
ev' - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be



blaze of light, you wan - dered off to see where de - mons dwell.
there to make your ver - ses rhyme from dusk to ris - ing sun.
there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

D.C.

From a Distant Home

Traditional Puerto Rican Carol
Translated by George K. Evans, 1980

Traditional Puerto Rican Carol
Arranged by Walter Ehret, 1963



1. From a dis-tant home, the Sav - ior we come seek - ing, us - ing as our guide, the
2. Glow - ing gold I bring the new-born babe so ho - ly, tok - en of his pow'r to



star so bright - ly beam - ing. Love - ly east - ern star that tell us of God's morn - ing,
reign a - bove in glo - ry. Glo - ry in the high - est to the Son of Heav - en,



heav - en's won - drous light O nev - er cease thy shin - ing!
and up - on the earth be peace and love to all. _____

Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Our Confirmands: Sebastain, Nora, Sweet, Gemstain, and Izzy

Lizbee, Woody and Daniel all having birthdays this week

Frank and the musicians who brought us such joy on Christmas Eve

Victoria's time with family in FL; and now back in NYC

Unexpected blessings of the past year including more time for quiet reflection and time with family

Lizbee and Dabb's wedding on Jan 1

Gratitude for loving companions for our children

The birth of Charlotte Irene

Prayers of thanks from Jorge, Rosangela and Andre on the 25th anniversary of their arrival in NYC

Remembrance and joy for Frances Helen as we approach her Jan 4th birthday

For the readers, singers and musicians in all of the holiday church services

Jon's son Alex's first unassisted steps after a long recovery from a compound leg fracture; continued healing

For Shirley's unintended but powerful mentorship!

Surprise gift packages

All the various and creative ways loved one connected over the holidays

Nature, hikes and connection/

appreciation of wildlife

All the ways SPSA connects and inspires us

Rachel's sister-in-law's 5 years sober

For our pastors bringing the Word and spreading the Gospel; God be with them

SPSA's continuing and creative outreach far beyond our immediate congregation

Finishing graduate semesters

Prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Bobbie Miller, Amy's sister's mother-in-law, who was diagnosed with cancer 10 days ago. Prayers for Amy's brother-in-law Dave, his brother Dan and their father Don Miller as they try to navigate their shock and grief. Thankful they were all able to be with her these past 2 weeks.

Health/ Healing

Ressie, for relief from pain caused by her sciatica

Continued prayers for Wanda with asthma

Continued prayers for Pat with leukemia

David as he struggles with worsening anemia

Kate's family whose toddler was exposed to Covid -19

Joy, Charlene's mother coping with a new living situation and for her family to find the best way to support her

Christie's parents as they transition to assisted living

Good health for Kathryn

Jess' father-in-law Robert's slipped implant

4-year-old Jo Jo's cancer and the added challenges of chemo/ radiation

Connie's friend Kevin with Bell's Palsy

Kathryn's cousin Diane's continued health issues

Carter's Grandpa David's broken hip and complications surrounding surgery

Healing graces for Rachel's friend suffering from depression

Strength and healing for Esther's Kansan neighbor who was just diagnosed with cancer

That Mary Ellen's nephew with stick with his sober living program

Jenna's grandmother, Margaret, in the hospital after a fall

The residents and city of Nashville in the aftermath of the Christmas explosion

For John B, Laura, Eddie, Eric, Eduardo and Diana, Peter and David, Pam

For those waiting for medical tests

Sabrina K-E, for rest, healing and strength

Healing for Cameron

Comfort

Kyong-jin, her family is in crisis

Danny Burstein and all family, friends and colleagues mourning Rebecca Luker who died of ALS

Family and friends of Jonni, who died from Covid-19; and for her mother Lulu for whom she was the caretaker and is not yet aware of her daughter's death

Don R's Aunt Patty going through the first holiday season without her husband Jim

Family of Steve Q's cousin Bert who died earlier this month

Alison, remembering her Dad on the 36th anniversary of his death

Kate, as she remembers her Dad on the anniversary of his death

Christie's Aunt Linda dealing with her first holidays since the death of her husband

Jacob who has an inoperable brain tumor

Mary Ellen's grieving North Carolina family

Work and Life

Prayers for Peter who is homeless

Continued prayers for Kate's sisters Madelaine and Holly and their partners David and David

Travel mercies for Harry's Aunt Mully, moving back east from CA

Zach, coping with a hard year and gratitude for Ann and her spirit and energy

Ann's parents trying to keep their business afloat

For everyone living alone at this time; especially those dealing with the pain of isolation

For a smooth vaccination program, especially for the older people on the list

Ken's sister, Shari, for some rest from child care for grandchild since the parents are off for the holidays

Those experiencing marital trouble

Jane's cousin Jeremy taking care of his wife and daughter, who have been ill but are recovering

Peace & Justice

For a peaceful presidential transition and for the two Senate run-offs in GA

Covid-19

Linda's cousin Georgia, recovering at home from Covid-19 and double pneumonia

Randy's brother who tested positive for Covid-19

Theodore and Judy, recovering from Covid

Gary T recovering from Covid

Rachel, mostly recovered from Covid

Richard, recovering from Covid and other issues

Paulo Roberto, Rosangela's

cousin who died of Covid complications in Brazil; comfort too for their family

Those in the UK, Southern CA and all other areas dealing with surges in the virus, including the new mutated strain

Megan's Aunt Shirley who is being treated for Covid and is at risk due to underlying conditions

Rev. Dennis Blackwell, hospitalized in New Jersey with COVID-19.

Prayer Requests, Connect & Care

To make a prayer request or join a Connect & Care Group, visit our website, stpaulandstandrew.org/stay-connected

Supporting Our Ministries

We hope that you enjoyed our Christmas Eve service. Please help us continue to offer meaningful virtual worship and support essential services by donating at stpaulandstandrew.org/give

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