



The Carols of Advent
December 14, 2016

Christ Our Redeemer

Advent Gathering

P: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,

C: the light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us, for it is evening,

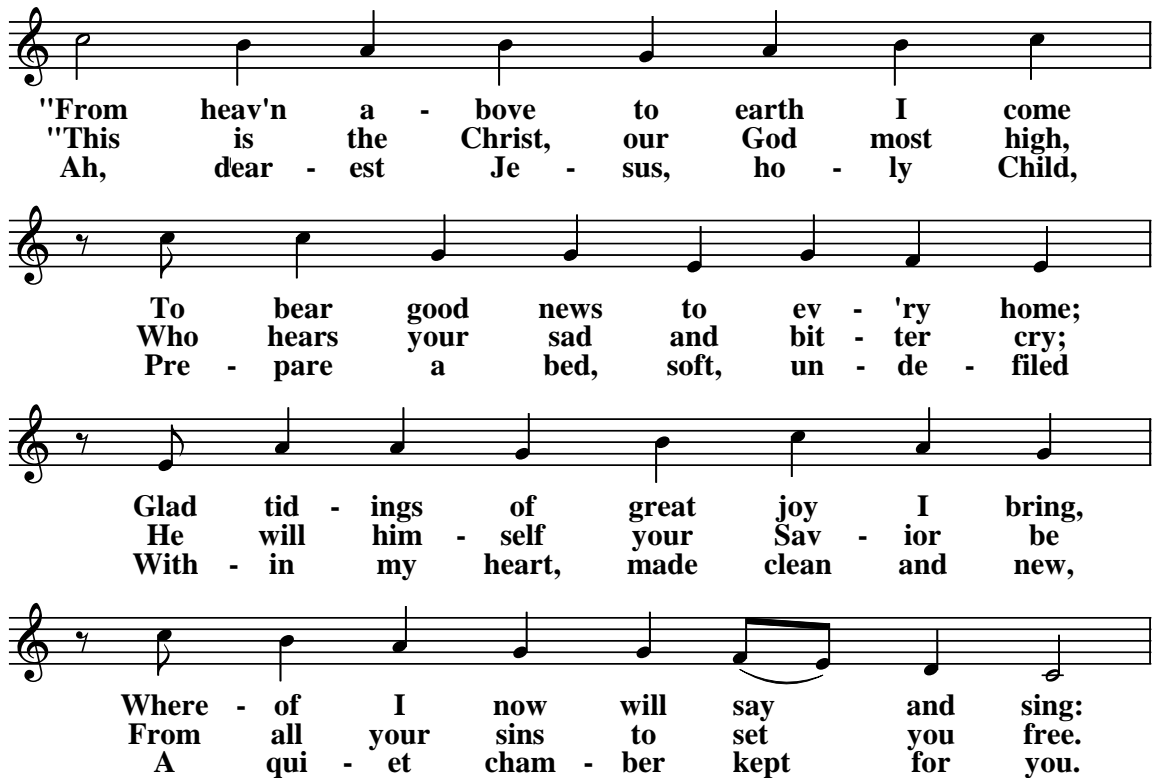
C: and the day is almost over.

P: Let your light scatter the darkness,

C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.

Theme Carol "From Heaven Above"

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The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 7/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes. The lyrics are: "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come; 'This is the Christ, our God most high, Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly Child, To bear good news to ev - 'ry home; Who hears your sad and bit - ter cry; Pre - pare a bed, soft, un - de - filed Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring, He will him - self heart, your made Sav - ior and be With - in my heart, clean and new, Where - of I now will say and sing: From - all your sins to set you free. A qui - et cham - ber set kept for you.

Confession of Sins

All: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have borne in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

All: We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Musical Selection Sr. Choir "Mary, Did You Know?"

Words: Mark Lowry

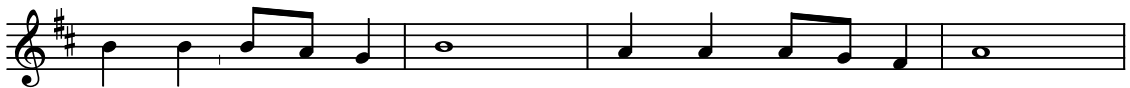
Music: Buddy Greene Setting: Jack Schrader

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 60:1-5a ¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ²See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. ^{5a}Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy."

The Candle Song Joy

Natalie Sleeth

COR Students: Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy,
He brings joy to every heart, He comes! He comes!



Light one can-dle for joy, one bright can-dle for joy,



Ev-ry na-tion will find sal-va-tion in Beth-l'em's ba-by boy.

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Advent Devotion based on Luke 2:10-11

JOY

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Offering

Prayer

Closing Carol "O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is" Congregation & Sr. Choir

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Choir: O Jesus Christ, Your manger is My paradise where my soul is reclining.
For there, O Lord, We find the Word Made flesh for us -- your grace is brightly shining.



He whom the sea And wind o-bey Comes down to serve the sin-ner in great

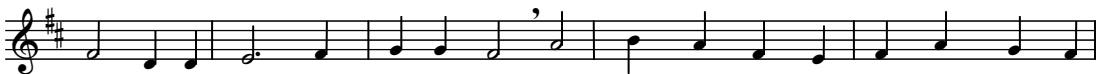


meek-ness. Now God's own Son With us is one And joins us and our



chil-dren in our weak-ness.

Choir: Dear Christian friend, On him depend; Be of good cheer and let no sorrow move you.
For God's own child In mercy mild Joins you to him -- how greatly God must love you!



Pon-der a - gain What glo-ry then The Lord will give you for your earth-ly



sad-ness. The ang-el host Can nev-er boast Of great-er glo-ry,



great-er bliss or glad-ness.

Choir: The world may hold Her wealth and gold; But you, my heart, keep Christ as your true treasure.
To him hold fast Until at last A crown is yours and honor in full measure.