

Something Like a Star

*We may choose something like a star
To stay our minds on and be staid.* – Robert Frost

Prelude

“Christmastime is Here”

Guaraldi & Mendelson

Gathering Carol

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

John Francis Wade

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.*

*Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus Dominum.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.*

*Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus,
Venite, adoremus Dominum.*

Gathering Words

Chalice Lighting

*To a world so much in darkness
We kindle this flame for life born anew
On the earth and in our hearts
For this is the Season of Light
That peace may come
The whole world round. (Webb)*

Covenant

*Love is the spirit of this congregation and service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
to dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.*

*El Amor es el espíritu de esta congregación
y el servicio su ley principal.*

Esta es nuestra gran promesa:

*vivir juntos en paz, buscar la verdad a través del amor,
y ayudarnos mutuamente.*

Music

“Deck the Halls”

Traditional carol, instrumental

Reading

“Choose Something Like a Star”

Robert Frost

Carol

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Words: Edmund Hamilton Sears; Music: Richard Storrs Willis

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold.
Peace on the earth, to all good will, from heaven the news we bring.
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world.
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*But with the woes of war and strife the world has suffered long
beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong.
And we who fight the wars hear not the love song which they bring.
O hush the noise of battle strife, and hear the angels sing.*

*For, lo! the days are hastening on by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold:
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

Reading

From the Gospel of Luke

Carol

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Words: John Mason Neale; Music adapt. Thomas Helmore

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel - shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou dayspring, come and cheer.
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel - shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nation bind In one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel - shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Reading **From the Gospel of Matthew**

Music **“Alegría”**
Traditional, Puerto Rico

Homily **“Something Like a Star”** **Rev. Amy Carol Webb**

Music **“A Child is Born”**
Thad Jones

Offering - Minister Discretionary Fund **“God Rest Ye/We Three Kings”**
Arr. BareNaked Ladies

Reading **“Amazing Peace”**
Maya Angelou

Music **“Rosa”**
Pixinguinha

Reading **“And So We Light Our Candles”**

Lighting of the Candles **“Silent Night”**
Mohr & Gruber

*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 - Sleep in heavenly peace*

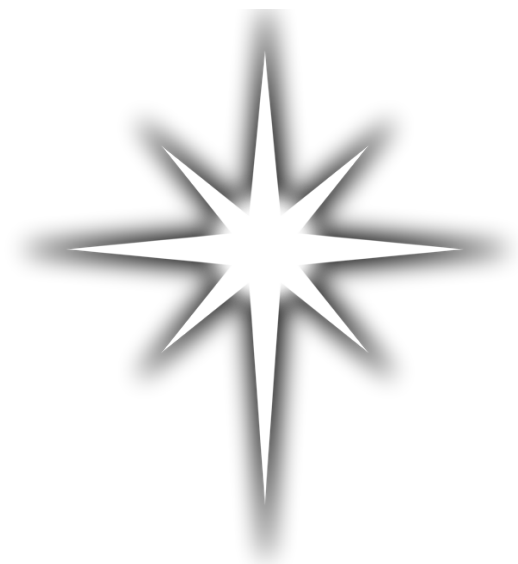
*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing ‘Alleluia!’
Christ the Savior is born - Christ the Savior is born*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth - Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*

*Noche de paz, noche de amor,
Todo duerme en derredor.
Entre sus astros que esparcen su luz
Bella anunciando al niño Jesús
Brilla la estrella de paz
Brilla la estrella de paz*

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht
Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

Blessing



RIVER OF GRASS
December 24, 2022
Rev. Amy Carol Webb

This evening's ensemble:

Musicians: Aaron Stang, guitar; Cecilia Roy, piano;
Ethan Neuburg, bass; Alex Ngo, piano;
Renato DeMoraes, flute;
Linda Lathroum & Marpessa DeMoraes, voice;
and the River of Grass Choristers

Readers: Leana & Ken Bresnahan, Vernon Allen
Marpessa & Renato DeMoraes

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