

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Prélude sur l'Introît de l'Épiphanie

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you,
strength of the thoughts that seek you:
to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise,
to abide in you is to stand fast forever.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Day by Day

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly.

-Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

One: Nations shall come to your light

All: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

One: Jesus said, I am the light of the world,

All: whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Please stand as you are able.*

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all. We confess that our sin and pride dim the brightness of your light. We turn away from those in need and remain content with the way things are. Forgive us, we pray.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

In your mercy, cleanse us and fill us once again with your Spirit, that forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

David N. Johnson, 1972

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

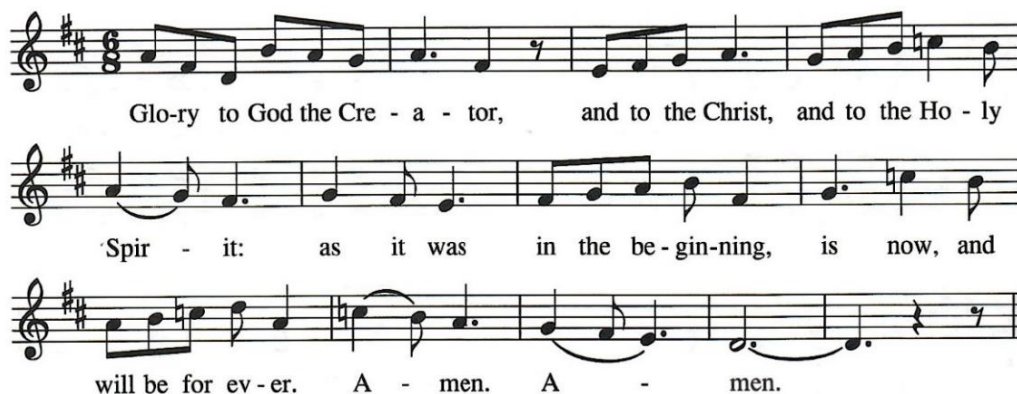
Lord, have mercy upon us.

-Greek, 5th century; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



-3rd/4th century Latin; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 5th grade are dismissed to the Westminster Room for Enrichment activities.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ty Bibas, *lay reader*

EPISTLE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 690)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 2)

SERMON

"We 1,000 Kings?"

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

*LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!

Leader: With joy let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God who became one of us, saying:

People: The grace of God be with us all.

Leader: O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself, so that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

People: The grace of God be with us all.

Leader: O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

People: The grace of God be with us all.

Leader: O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

People: The grace of God be with us all.

Leader: O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted, and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

People: The grace of God be with us all.

(pause for silence)

God of endless light, you sent a star – rising from darkness, guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world until the whole creation shines with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

The Stable Door

C. Armstrong Gibbs, 1933

A soft light from a stable door lies on the midnight lands;
the Wise Man's star burns evermore over all desert sands.

Unto all peoples of the earth a little child brought light;
and never in the darkest place can it be utter night.

No flickering torch, no wavering fire, but life, the Light of men;

what clouds may veil the sky never is night again. *-Lilian Cox (born c. 1878)*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor. By your power you created all that is, making a universe out of chaos, and ruling over all things in love. Throughout the ages, you called your people to love and serve you, and to be your light among the nations. When we failed you, you did not fail us, but sent prophets to call us back to your ways.

We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus to be the Light of the world. He came to heal our brokenness and to set before us the ways of justice and peace.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell, 1976

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various rhythmic values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as triplet markings. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

-Isaiah 6:3b, Revelation 4:8, and Psalm 118:25-26

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He was born to dwell among us, full of grace and truth; in him we have seen your glory. Baptized by John in the Jordan, he lived for you, spoke your truth, showed your love, and gave himself for others. In his death on the cross, he overcame death. Rising from the tomb, he raised us to eternal life, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Illumine our hearts, O God, with the radiance of Christ's presence, that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world. Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor, to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

AGNUS DEI (*sung by the choir*)

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. *-based on John 1:29*

Please come forward to receive communion by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it in a cup.

Wine is in the ceramic cups and grape juice is in the silver chalices.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the station in front of the lectern.

MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The hymn to which this tune is set is printed in the hymnal at no. 827, O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright.

Note words in the second stanza that relate to Communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have welcomed us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us by your generous hand. Transform us to be your body in the world, and strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

***HYMN 150**

As with Gladness Men of Old

Dix

st. 4 harm. Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN (*All are invited into the chancel to listen to the postlude.*)

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

We conclude worship with an exuberant setting of the chorale printed in the hymnal at no. 827.

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. You may go to ryepc.com/im-new/ and fill out the welcome form online.

If you or a family member need to step out of the sanctuary during worship, please feel free to do so. There is live audio from the service in the narthex at the back of sanctuary and live video in the church library.

To help children feel welcomed and engaged during worship, Rainbow Bags – filled with crayons, books, and coloring pages – are located in boxes at each sanctuary entrance door.

Please return Rainbow Bags following worship.

The sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop assistive listening system. To access the system, please switch your hearing aid setting to “T” (telephone).

Participating in worship:

Elly Holtman, *crucifer*

Edward Avery, Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson, and Steven Loveless, *ushers*

Edward Avery, Amy Dolan, Gary Gibson, Christoph Hofmann, and Becky Ruegger, *communion servers*

In Memoriam:

Michelle Florence, December 1, 2024 and Peggy Jager, December 28, 2024

TODAY

Coffee Hour will take place in the Assembly Room.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study – Zoom

7:30 p.m. Co-Pastor Nominating Committee – Conference Room

Tuesday, January 7

1:00 p.m. Women’s Discipleship – Library / Zoom

Wednesday, January 8

3:30 p.m. Children’s Choir – Westminster Room

7:30 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting – Library

Thursday, January 9

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

Saturday, January 11

9:00 a.m. New Officer Training – Westminster Room

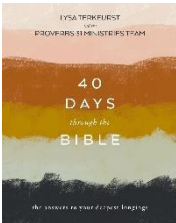
6:00 p.m. Send Off for John Miller – Assembly Room

GENERAL NOTICES



CHILDCARE

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for children 3 months to 3 years old while parents attend worship services. Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing. If you have any questions, please reach out to Anne Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.



WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Beginning January 14, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Library

Beginning on January 14, please join us for our study of 40 Days Through the Bible by Lisa Terkeurst on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

For more information, please contact Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com. All are welcome!

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

7:30 - 8:30 p.m., every other Tuesday

Moms' Bible Study is a group is for moms with young children who are looking for support, encouragement, and fellowship with other moms. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:00. Please contact Madison Walsh (madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on the email list or for more information.



WEST COAST SWING DANCE CLASSES

Every Thursday from 6-7 p.m. in the RPC Assembly Room

Taught by Dance Instructor Christopher Bledsoe

\$20/person/session – all levels welcome!

www.westie-night-out.com/

Brought to RPC by the Fellowship and Formation Committee.

Contact Carol Love at cloveny5@gmail.com for more information.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday, January 12, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for the annual Youth Mission Trip! This year we will be partnering with the Indigenous Oglala Lakota Tribe and spending a week at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Not only will we be assisting with providing basic needs for families, but we will also be invited to listen to lessons from the Lakota Elders and build relationships with the broader community through their Re-Member Volunteer Program. You can learn more in our January 2025 Grace Notes!

If you are interested in joining us for this year's Mission Trip, please come to the information session on Sunday, January 12 at 11:15 a.m. in the Westminster Room. Registration will go live on the church website on Wednesday, January 15, at 8:00 p.m., and will be limited to twelve youth. If you have any questions, please email Anne Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*

Anne Halloin, *Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

Jason Charneski, *Director of Music and Organist*

Maida Robinson, *Chief Administrative Officer*

Peggy Berretta, *Administrative Assistant*

Max Crawley, *Administrative Assistant for Communications*

Aileen Lynch, *Office Assistant*

Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*

Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*

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Agnus Dei

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Dix [As with Gladness Men of Old]

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