THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pre-Service Music & Pastoral Welcome

Prelude "Come All Ye Shepherds" Smith

Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

Call to Confession & Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have kept silent in the midst of prejudice and hatred. We have been idle in the face of violence and injustice. We have not been a light to the nations, and our lives have not revealed your glory. Forgive us, Merciful God. Repair the ugliness of our sin and restore in us your beautiful grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Reflection)



THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Special Music Christmas Time Is Here

Epistle Lesson Galatians 4: 4-7

<u>Canticle of Christmas</u> "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Gospel Lesson Luke 2: 8 – 9

Sermon "God's Daring Plan" written by Barbara Brown Taylor

Presented by Rev. Anthony L. Larson

Hymn "Who Would Think That What Was Needed"

WHITE ROSETTES

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Sharing Joys and Concerns

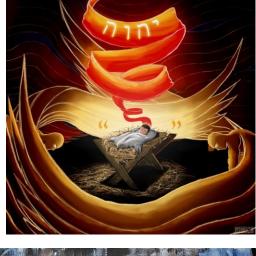
Prayers of the People

SENT BY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

<u>Hymn</u> "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" PERSONENT HODIE

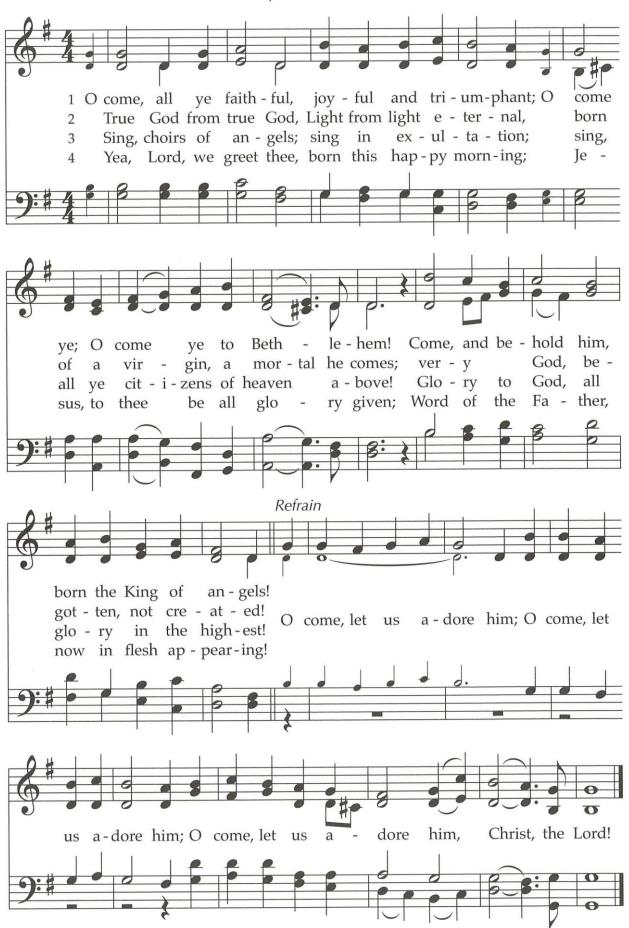
Charge & Benediction

Postlude "An Angelic Medley" Hayes









Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



- 1 Of the Fa-ther's love be got ten, ere the worlds be gan
- 2 By his Word was all cre-at-ed; he com-mand-ed; it
- 3 O, that birth for ev er bless ed when the Vir gin, full
- 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
- 5 O ye heights of heaven, a dore him. An gel hosts, his prais -
- 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa ther, and, O Ho ly Ghost,



Al - pha and O - me he the be, he is ga; to u - ni was done: heaven and earth and depths of 0 cean, Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the by the grace, ac - cord, whom the voic - es the of proph - ets prom-ised sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



end he, of the things that are, ing source, the sees the moon's soft three in one, all that verse of babe, the world's Re -Sav - ior of our race, and the Now he shines, the long - ex their faith ful word. in and King. Let no tongue on earth be our God tol wea - ried prais es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

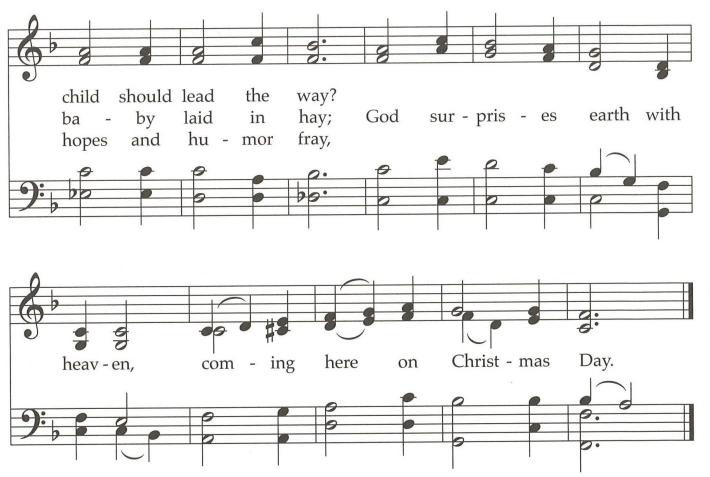


fu - ture years shall see, been, and have that breathes be - neath the all sun, shin ing, re - vealed his sa - cred face, first deem er, cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ed. pect Let ery voice in con - cert ring, si lent; ev e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ion, and min



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- 1 On this day earth shall ring with the song
- 2 His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came
- 3 God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three
- 4 On this day an gels sing; with their song

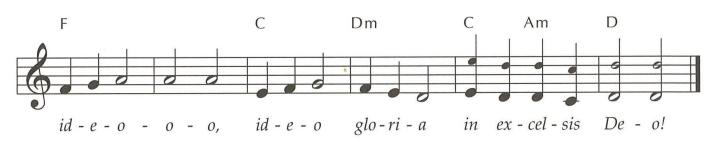


chil - dren sing the Lord, Christ our earth King, born to to on his birth; be down to earth Beth - le - hem OX and ass saw their gifts him led; kneel they low his bed, lay be by earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to



Fa - ther him the gave us. save us; him the cold would hide him. side from praise him fore him, and a dore him. peace and love he gave us. save us;

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^{*}Therefore, glory to God in the highest.