

# FROM FEAR

# to Love



January 3, 2021

10 am

## Prelude

*Es Ist ein Ros' entsprungen*  
Deb Mackay, soprano

Michael Praetorius, arr.  
(1571-1621)

The prelude is a time for quiet reflection.

## Call to Worship

Lee Schafer

## Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Laurie and Chris Kemp, cantors

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## Prayer of Confession

Rev. Adam Blons

## Response

*In excelsis Deo*

GLORIA

Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o! Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - - - o!

# Passing of the Peace

## Children's Message

### Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-9

One: May these words be to us our light and our life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

### Hymn

*A Miracle, A Mystery*

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MPUC 2013 Hymn Contest Honorable Mention

### Welcome

Emily Gurnon

## Gathering Our Prayers

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father/Creator, 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Offertory

*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Elizabeth Poston

Deb Mackay, soprano

(1905-1987)

## Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Hymn

*Arise, Your Light is Come!*

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## Benediction

## Response

### *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery-where;  
go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born.

## Postlude

### *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

Lynn Liepold, Organ

James Biery

(b. 1956)



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# 238 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?  
 3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav-en-ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a,

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - -

WORDS: Trad. French carol; trans. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt. (Lk. 2:6-20)

MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;  
 harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

GLORIA  
 77.77 with Refrain

BIRTH AND BAPTISM

ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line. The lyrics are 'ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!'.

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MPUC HYMN CONTEST  
2013

A Mystery, A Miracle  
8.6.8.6.8.8.10.7

Jayne Southwick Cool

1. A mys-ter - y, a mir - a - cle, both hu - man and di - vine, com -  
2. A feel - ing of a - maze ment min - gled with a sense of awe - is  
3. A com - pan - y of heav'n - ly hosts at once came in - to view. - To  
4. God's peace is not a guar - an - tee of out - ward hap - pi - ness. - A  
5. This Hol - y Child, this Prince of Peace brought right eous - ness to earth, - and

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plete - ly in - ex - pli - ca - ble, a won - der and a sign, im -  
what Ju - de - an shep - herds felt, sur - prised at what they saw. In -  
re - cog - nize God's maj - es - ty is what they came to do, to  
deep - er and more last - ing peace is what we can pro - fess, a  
just - ice, merc - y, grace, and truth acc - omp - an - ied his birth. We

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pos - si - ble to un - der - stand, so or - din - ar - y, yet so grand: Mar - y's  
fields out - side of Beth - le - hem an an - gel came and said to them, "Do not  
spread God's glor - y all a - round, pro - claim ing peace on earth - ly ground, peace for  
peace of soul, of mind and heart, that on - ly Je - sus can im - part. Once con  
now are re - con - ciled and free to live in Chris - tian un - i - ty All re

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boy, fear, all, cealed, joice; Jo-seph's I bring great and now re- with one joy, cheer, small, vealed, voice; child sent news of those who God's plan Je - sus from of great be - for is heavn'n, Son of joy, for your lieve and on peace is as - born, Son of

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God, Sav - whom - sured God, Em - - - - - man - u - el. Em - - - - - man - u - el. born to - day." rests. Christ. Em - - - - - man - u - el.

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