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## CARILLON

Novena di Natale

Nino Rota

iii. Il Presépio (The Manger)

iv. Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the Highest)

Silent Night

arr. Albert Gerken

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Milford Myhre

O Tannenbaum

arr. Mathieu Daniël Polak

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Ronald Barnes

## HANDBELLS

Fantasy on Kingsfold

arr. H. Dean Wagner

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring

arr. Cathy Moglebust

## ORGAN AND HARP

Selected Carols

Carlos Salzedo

Aria in Classic Style

Marcel Grandjany

## THE LESSER PROCESSION

**Of Eternal Love Begotten**

13th Century Plainsong

*Of eternal love begotten, e'er the world began to be,  
God is Alpha and Omega, she the source, the ending he;  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
Evermore and evermore.*

*O ye heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, her praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before her, and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,  
Evermore and evermore.*

*Christ, to thee with God Creator, and O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;  
Honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore.*

## HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:1, 22-24, 27-31

Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Weaver

## INTROIT

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Plainsong, Mode 1

*O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who orders all things mightily.  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.*

*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 cold shadows put to flight.*

## GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner

## THE GREATER PROCESSION *standing as able, sung by all* Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

**All:** Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

**Refrain:**  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

### **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

### **Refrain**

## Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

**All:** Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

### **Refrain:**

Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light:

### **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star.

### **Refrain**

All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One.

### **Refrain**

## COLLECT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jim Keat

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Save us from the time of trial, deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CAROLS

### **Born, Born in Bethlehem**

American Spiritual  
arr. Donald Moore

*Mary had a baby, oh, my Lord. Born, born in Bethlehem. The hay is his pillow, the manger his bed. The beasts stand in wonder to gaze on his head, yet there where he lies, he's so weak and so poor, come shepherds and wise men to kneel at his door. The glory surrounds them with angels on high, and "Peace upon earth!" heav'nly voices reply, then come, little children, and hear what they say, that gladdened the world on that first Christmas day. Mary had a baby, oh, my Lord. Born, born in Bethlehem. Yes, he was born in Bethlehem!*

### **Whatcha Gonna Call That Baby?**

Phyllis Wolfe-White

*Whatcha gonna call that baby? Whatcha gonna call that boy? All the animals gather 'round. In the straw a baby found. See the babe in swaddling clothes? Mary smiles 'cause Mary knows. Glory! Glory Hallelujah, angels sing from on high. Whatcha gonna call that baby? Whatcha gonna call that boy?*

### **What Child Is This?**

arr. Paul Halley

*What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!  
Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.*

## A Spotless Rose

Herbert Howells

*A spotless Rose is blowing  
Sprung from a tender root  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing  
Of Jesse promis'd fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter  
And in the dark midnight*

*The Rose which I am singing  
Whereof Isaiah said  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might  
The Blessed Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night*

## O Holy Night

Adolph Adam

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;*

*Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming;  
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand:  
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here come the wise men from Orient land,  
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our friend;  
He knows our need, To our weakness no stranger!  
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King! your King! before him bend!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is Love and His gospel is Peace;  
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in his name all oppression shall cease,  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;  
Let all within us praise his holy name!  
Christ is the Lord, then ever! ever praise we!  
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!  
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!*



**ORGAN**

Carol Rhapsody

Richard Purvis

**HANDBELLS**

Three King Swing

arr. Sondra Tucker

**HYMN** *standing as able, sung by all*

**Go Tell It on the Mountain**

GO TELL IT

**All: Refrain:**

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

**Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.

**Refrain**

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

**Refrain**

**CAROL**  
**Worship the Newborn King**

M. Roger Holland II

*Come and worship, worship. Come and worship the newborn King. 'Cause he was born, born in a manger, as a meek and a humble lamb.*

*Our Lord was born, our Lord and Savior in the town of Bethlehem, the baby Jesus, mighty God down here on earth. Why don't you join the angels and hail the Messiah's birth?*

*Come and worship, worship. Come and worship the newborn King. He's worthy. God is worthy. Jesus is worthy. Come and praise the Lord.*

**GREETING**

Rev. Adriene Thorne

**CAROL**  
**A Christmas Carol**

Charles Ives

*Little star of Bethlehem!  
Do we see Thee now?  
Do we see Thee shining  
O'er the tall trees?  
Little Child of Bethlehem!  
Do we hear thee in our hearts?  
Hear the Angels singing:  
Peace on earth, good will to men!  
Noel!*

*O'er the cradle of a King,  
Hear the Angels sing:  
In Excelsis Gloria, Gloria!  
From his Father's home on high,  
Lo! for us He came to die;  
Hear the Angels sing:  
Venite adoremus Dominum.*

## RITUAL OF LIGHT

Riverside Pastoral Staff

**HYMN** *sung by all*

### **Silent Night, Holy Night**

STILLE NACHT

**All:** 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.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born.

## **PRAYER**

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper and Rev. Adriene Thorne

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** *standing as able, sung by all*  
**The First Nowell**

THE FIRST NOWELL

**All:** The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Refrain:**  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

They lookèd up and saw a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

**Refrain**

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

**Refrain**

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with his blood our life hath bought.

**Refrain**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Adriene Thorne

**VIOLA, HARP, AND ORGAN**

The Sleep of the Infant Jesus

Henri Büsser

## THE CHOIRS

### **The Riverside Choir**

Alan Montgomery, *Interim Director of Music & Organist*  
Leonard Bopp, *guest conductor*

### **The Riverside Inspirational Choir**

Nedra Olds Neal, *director*

### **The Riverside Rising Voices**

Matthew Hommez, *director*

### **The Riverside Youth Choir**

Matthew Hommez, *director*

### **The Riverside Ringers**

Daniel Potter, *director*

## INSTRUMENTALISTS

Yuliya Basis, *piano*

Jennifer Hoult, *harp*

Matt King, *piano*

Jonathon Peretz, *percussion*

Mark Peterson, *bass*

Miranda Sielaff, *viola*

Carla Staffaroni, *carillon*

## SOLOISTS

Jack Cotterell, *tenor*

Juan José Ibarra, *bass*

Rev. Freeman Palmer, *tenor*

Kendra Petuch, *soprano*

## ASL INTERPRETERS

Cheryl Kelly

Bernadine Virani

## ABOUT RIVERSIDE

The Riverside Church is an interdenominational, interracial, international, open, welcoming, and affirming church and congregation. The church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. and the United Church of Christ. Riverside cooperates with the Council of Churches in the City of New York and with the New York State, National, and World Council of Churches. Whoever you are: You are safe here. You are loved here. You are invited into full participation in our life together.

Rev. Adriene Thorne, Senior Minister  
Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister Emeritus

### RIVERSIDE EMAIL LIST

Get the latest news and events at The Riverside Church from our weekly emails. Sign up at [trcnyc.org/email](http://trcnyc.org/email). If you're not receiving them, add [communications@trcnyc.org](mailto:communications@trcnyc.org) to your "Safe Sender list."

### MEMBERSHIP AT RIVERSIDE

Membership is about responding to God's call on your life to step up and belong to this community as you pursue the passion God has set in your heart. By joining The Riverside Church you are taking the next step to partner with us as we seek to cultivate a community of justice, peace, and love that transforms the world. Visit [trcnyc.org/membership](http://trcnyc.org/membership) to find out more.

### DOWNLOAD THE RIVERSIDE APP

Take Riverside with you wherever you go. Text TRCNyc to 833.833.4035 or visit [trcnyc.org/app](http://trcnyc.org/app) to download the app and stay connected to all the videos, podcasts, and events from The Riverside Church.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON CARILLON RECITALS

These recitals take place most weeks at 3:00 PM and can be best heard outdoors listening from Sakura Park, immediately north of The Riverside Church at 122nd Street. Visit [trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals](http://trcnyc.org/carillonrecitals) for the complete schedule and programs.

### SUNDAY MORNING PARKING

Visit the Security Desk on the Claremont Level to pick up a \$5 parking coupon. Bring this bulletin and your parking ticket to the attendant on the upper level to receive this discounted rate, pay, and pick up your car. This discounted rate applies to Sundays only.

### CHURCH NURSERY

Babies and toddlers are not too young to start learning about God's love for them. The nursery is open every Sunday from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and is staffed by trained nursery workers. For location, please see an usher or security guard.

### VOLUNTEER AT RIVERSIDE

Riverside offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from ushering to serving in our Communion and Greeters ministries, providing support in our Food Pantry and Clothing Distribution programs, to making a digital impact through our Digital Ministry, and so much more! Discover the joy of giving back, establish connections with those who share your passion and purpose, and make a lasting difference in the lives of those we serve. Join Riverside's volunteer family and let your light shine in all the ways that matter. Visit [trcnyc.org/volunteer](http://trcnyc.org/volunteer) for more information.

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## UPCOMING CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY SERVICES

### **Sunday, December 24, 2023**

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online  
Christmas Eve Children & Families Service | 4:00 PM | Nave & Online  
Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service | 7:00 PM | Nave & Online

### **Sunday, December 31, 2023**

Sunday Morning Worship | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online  
New Year's Eve Watch Night Service | 11:00 PM | Nave & Online

### **Sunday, January 7, 2024**

Epiphany Sunday | 11:00 AM | Nave & Online

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### **What's happening at Riverside?**

Find out more about all the programs and events happening in the life of our community.



### **Give by your phone.**

Text TRCNYCGIVE to 833.833.4035



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