



# Synod of the Northeast

## *Christmastide Worship* *December 26, 2021*

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

"MARY'S LULLABY"

**MAX REGER**

*arr. Andrew Henderson*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**REV. ANITA WRIGHT**

We come today from across this northeast region  
To celebrate the birth of your Son  
The light of the world, the Prince of Peace.  
We come today with anticipation and joy  
That with this birth we can start anew.  
Come, let us worship wherever we are in this holy place.

#### OPENING HYMN

"LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING MEDLEY"  
**THE SYNOD CHOIR**

**ARR. ADAM AND MATT PODD**

#### LITANY

**PSALMS 96**  
**Rev. Scott Williams**  
**Rev. Nancy Talbot**

L: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

P: **We sing a new song.**

L: Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
P: **We do declare.**

L: Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
give to the LORD glory and strength!  
Give to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering and come into his courts!  
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!  
P: **We bring an offering and worship.**

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!  
P: **We rejoice.**

L: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the LORD,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.  
P: **He in righteousness. We in faithfulness.**



**CHORAL RESPONSE**

“O HOLY NIGHT”  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BROOKLYN

**HYMN**

**CHRISTMAS POEM**

“AMAZING PEACE”

**DR. MAYA ANGELOU**  
READ BY ELDER LUCI DUCKSON-BRAMBLE

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

“NAVIDAD, FETCHA HERMOSA”  
CANTICO NUEVO

**RAFAEL D. GRULLÓN**  
ARR. R.D. GRULLÓN AND J. LOCKWARD

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

THE WORD

**REV. SANDAWNA GAULMAN ASHLEY**

Luke 2:41-52

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**SERMON**

“LET JESUS GROW UP”

**REV. SANDAWNA GAULMAN ASHLEY**

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Joy”

WRITTEN BY GEORGIA MASS CHOIR

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR

COMMUNION

REV. NANCY TALBOT

REV. SCOTT WILLIAMS

CHORAL RESPONSE

“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

HYMN

CITY ON A HILL CHURCH CHOIR

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

REV. LESLIE LATHAM

CHORAL RESPONSE

“HALLELUJAH CHORUS”

HYMN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BROOKLYN

CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. SANDAWNA GAULMAN ASHLEY

*You are invited to respond, “Amen.”*

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Acknowledgements

*Prelude*

Chloe Holgate & Katherine Wessinger, Sopranos

Helen Karloski, Mezzo-Soprano

Cyrus Beroukhim, Violin

Jacqueline Kerrod, Harp

Paolo Bordignon, Organ

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of New York City

*Let Heaven and Nature Since Medley*

*Synod Choir*

Rev. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley, Transitional Synod Leader

Elder Lisa Baker, Presbyter of Southern New England

Elder Lori Hylton, Presbytery of Hudson River

Rev. Leslie Latham, Synod Moderator

Rev. Micah Nutter-Dowling, Presbytery of Western New York

Rev. Nancy Talbot, Synod Stated Clerk

Elder Steven Vance, Presbytery of Utica

Rev. Brandi Wooten, Presbytery of Genesee Valley

Adam and Matt Podd - Music and Arrangement

Presbytery of New York City

*O Holy Night*

Joanna Curtis (Singer)

David Murry (Singer)

Richard Arriaga (Singer)

Matt Podd (Pianist and Musical Arrangement)

First Presbyterian Church Brooklyn Choir, Presbytery of New York City

*Navidad, Hermosa Fetcha*

Cantico Nuevo Ministry Inc.

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Sang Bum Cho (Tenor)

Eunjoo Lee Huls (Mezzo-Soprano)

Ed Huls (Baritone)

Kyunghee Kim (Soprano)

City On a Hill Church Choir, Paramus, NJ

Matt Podd (Music and Arrangement)

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