

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

LONGFELLOW/MARKS

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men

I thought how, as the day had come
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men

And in despair I bowed my head
There is no peace on earth, I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead, nor doth he sleep
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men

Music by Johnny Marks (1956) Lyrics "Christmas Bells" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1863)

JOY TO THE WORLD

WATTS/MASON

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as, the curse is found

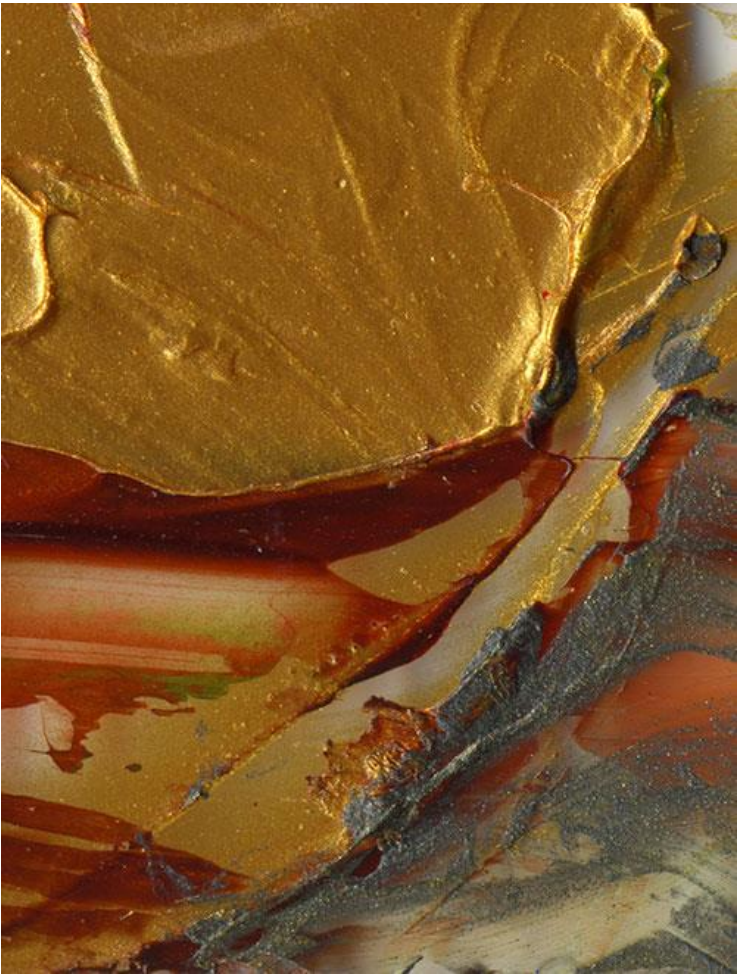
He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders, wonders, of his love

Lyrics by Isaac Watts (1719) Music by Lowell Mason (1839) (Public Domain)

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<p>December 24: Joint Christmas Eve Service with Oak Church. For details please visit: http://www.allgather.org/christmas-at-gathering-church/</p> <p>During the month of December we are accepting nominations for Leadership Team members. You may nominate more than one person. To nominate someone, please fill out a ballot at the back table or visit: http://www.allgather.org/nominate/</p> <p>IFC Kitchen: this coming Friday, 12/26. Hours are 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Come for all or part of that time. Contact Sheana Funkhouser: sheana@nc.rr.com, 919.593.0695.</p> <p>Men's Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, bacon, OJ, coffee.....come STUFF yourselves! Men Only. Where: Craig Silvanic's home (5201 Bakers Mill Rd. Durham, 27707). When: Jan. 10, 8-10 am. RSVP to Steve Kurtz: skurtz007@gmail.com.</p> <p>Fill out a blue card to receive our church-wide midweek email keeping you abreast of news and opportunities.</p>	<p>Office at Hamilton Centre 1415 W NC54 Ste 114 Durham, NC 27707</p> <p>p919.797.2884 f919.908.1171</p> <p>@allgather @markacuff #seriousjoygc</p> <p>Access a password-protected Church Directory at: www.allgather.org/info/directory/</p>	<p><u>2014 Budget Goal:</u> \$360,000</p> <p><u>2014 YTD through Dec. 14:</u> \$308,297</p>

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Luke 1:39-56



Prepare, by Jan Richardson

Fourth Sunday of Advent

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing; their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

-James Montgomery

