

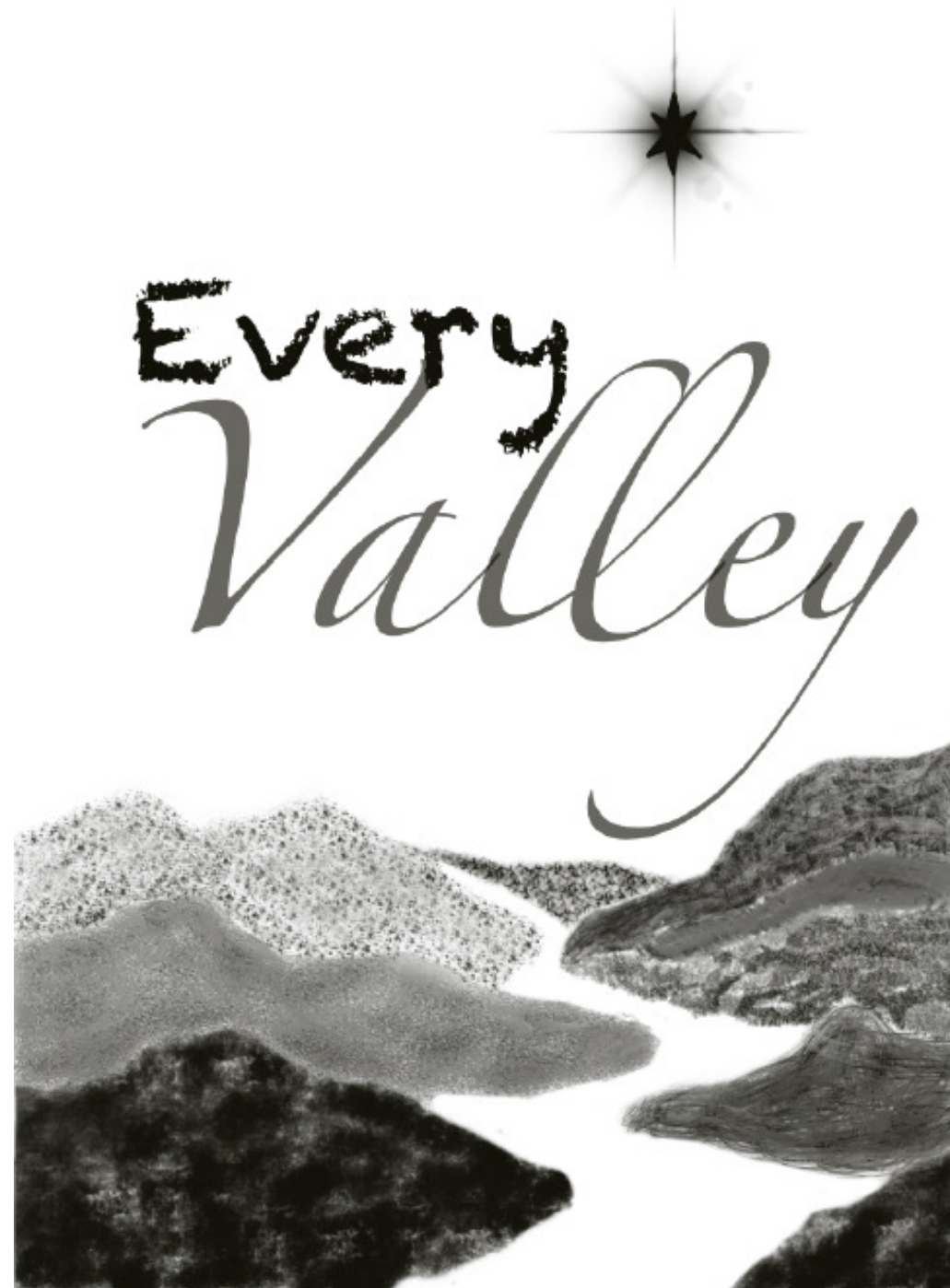
Saw You Never in the Twilight

Saw you never in the twilight,
When the sun had left the skies,
Up in heav'n the clear stars shining
Through the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men, watching,
Saw a little stranger star,
And they knew the King was given,
And they followed it from far.

Heard you never of the story
How they crossed the desert wild,
Journey'd on by plain and mountain,
Till they found the holy Child?
How they open'd all their treasure,
Kneeling to that infant King;
Gave the gold and fragrant incense,
Gave the myrrh in offering.

Know ye not that lowly Baby
Was the bright and morning Star?
He who came to light the Gentiles,
and the darken'd isles a far?
And we too, may seek his cradle;
There our hearts' best treasures bring;
Love, and faith, and true devotion
For our Savior, God and King.

Cecil Frances Alexander



Christmas Eve Service of Scripture Lessons and Carols

Charleswood Mennonite Church ~ December 24, 2019 ~ 6:30 pm

The congregation is invited to stand
for the songs marked with *

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Prayer

HWB 172 *O come, O come, Immanuel*
Choir & Congregation

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27; Genesis 3:14-15, 19-24

Creation: The Relationship begins

Artwork by Fernand Leger, *Adam and Eve*

Genesis 22:15-18 The promise of blessing

Artwork by Renáta Fucíková: *The Promise*

*HWB 175 *O Saviour, rend the heavens* Congregation

Second Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 The Messiah is prophesied

Artwork by Barbara Mitchell, fiber art

HWB 189 *To us a child of hope is born* Congregation
Every Valley (Patti Drennan) Choir

Third Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9 The Messiah will bring justice and peace to the people

Artwork by Edward Hicks, *The Peaceable Kingdom*

SS 10 *Come, walk in the light* Congregation
Prepare Thyself, Zion (Bach, arr Wagner) Choir

Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38 An angelic announcement to Mary

Artwork by Botticelli, *The Annunciation*

HWB 181 *My soul proclaims with wonder* Congregation
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Larry Schackley) Choir

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2:1, 3-7 Jesus is born

Artwork by P. Solomon Raj, *The Journey to Bethlehem*

Away in a Manger (Murray, arr. Burton) Choir
HWB 193 *Silent night, holy night* Congregation

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16 The shepherds come to the manger

Artwork by Daniel Bonnell, *Seeing Shepherds*

*HWB 197 *Angels we have heard on high* Congregation
A Christmas Gloria (Navidada gloriosa) (Evelyn Larter) Choir

Seventh Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11 The wise men bring gifts to Jesus

Artwork by Cody F. Miller, *Three Magi*

HWB 199 *The first Noel* Congregation
Saw You Never in the Twilight (Tom Porter) Choir

Eighth Lesson

John 1:1-14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"

Artwork by Mike Moyers, *The Lord is my Light*

*HWB 212 *O come, all ye faithful* Congregation

Christmas Blessing

*Sending: HWB 318 *Joy to the world* Congregation

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SS = *Sing the Story* (purple)

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