

**Holiday Sing Along**  
*Hosted by St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church*  
*December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Program**

Welcome

Laurie Hyndman

- \*Deck the Halls
- \*Jingle Bells
- \*Jolly Old St Nicholas
- \*What Child is This? (Greensleeves)
- \*White Christmas

Poem: Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

Read by Michele Johns

- \*Chestnuts Roasting on an open fire (aka The Christmas Song)
- \*Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- \*Up on the Housetop

Poem: Christmas Dog by Shel Silverstein

Read by Laurie Hyndman

- \*Silver Bells
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- \*O Christmas Tree

Poem: [little tree] by e.e.cummings

Read by Harriet Davis

- \*Santa Claus is coming to town
- \* A Holly Jolly Christmas
- \*Good King Wenceslas

Poem: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Read by Gary Sylvester

- \*Silent Night
- \*We Wish You a Merry Christmas (farewell)

*Many thanks to our piano accompanist Christina Edelen,  
Music Director at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.*

## *Deck the Hall*

1.

Deck the hall with boughs of holly,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
'Tis the season to be jolly,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
Don we now our gay apparel,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,  
Fa la la la la la la la.

2.

See the blazing Yule before us,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
Strike the harp and join the chorus,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
Follow me in merry measure,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,  
Fa la la la la la la la.

3.

Fast away the old year passes,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
Sing we joyous all together,  
Fa la la la la la la la.  
Heedless of the wind and weather,  
Fa la la la la la la la.

## *Jingle Bells*

1.

Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh,  
O'er the fields we go  
Laughing all the way.  
Bells on bobtail ring,  
Making spirits bright,  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight. Oh!

### **Chorus:**

Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!

Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!

2.

Now the ground is white,  
Go it while you're young,  
Take the reins tonight,  
Sing this sleighing song!  
Get a bobtailed bay,  
Two forty as his speed,  
Hitch him to an open sleigh,  
And "crack" he'll take the lead. Oh!

**Chorus:**

Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way!  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh!

***Jolly Old St. Nicholas***

1.

Jolly Old Saint Nicholas,  
Lean your ear this way!  
Don't you tell a single soul  
What I'm going to say;  
Christmas Eve is coming soon;  
Now you dear old man,  
Whisper what you'll bring to me,  
Tell me if you can.

2.

When the clock is striking twelve,  
When I'm fast asleep,  
Down the chimney broad and black,  
With your pack you'll creep;  
All the stockings you will find  
Hanging in a row;  
Mine will be the shortest one,  
You'll be sure to know.

3.

Johnny wants a pair of skates;  
Susy wants a sled;  
Nellie wants a picture book  
Yellow, blue, and red;

Now I think I'll leave to you  
What to give the rest;  
Choose for me, dear Santa Claus,  
You will know the best.

### ***What Child is This?***

1.

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?

#### **Chorus**

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

2.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

#### **Chorus**

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary

3.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

#### **Chorus**

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

### ***White Christmas***

#### ***Intro:***

***The sun is shining,  
The grass is green  
The orange & palm trees sway.  
There's never been such a day***

*In Beverly Hills LA.  
But it's December the 24<sup>th</sup>  
And I am longing to be up North...*

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
Just like the ones I used to know  
Where the treetops glisten and children listen  
To hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas  
With every Christmas card I write  
"May your days be merry and bright  
And may all your Christmases be white

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*Poem: Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost  
Read by Michele Johns*

### ***Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire***

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire  
Jack Frost nipping at your nose  
Yule-tide carols being sung by a choir  
And folks dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe  
Help to make the season bright  
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow  
Will find it hard to sleep tonight

They know that Santa's on his way  
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh  
And every mother's child is gonna spy  
To see if reindeer really know how to fly

And so I'm offering this simple phrase  
To kids from one to ninety-two  
Although it's been said many times, many ways  
Merry Christmas to you

## ***Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer***

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen  
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen

But do you recall  
The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose  
And if you ever saw it  
You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names  
They never let poor Rudolph  
Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve  
Santa came to say  
"Rudolph, with your nose so bright  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then how the reindeer loved him  
As they shouted out with glee  
"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
You'll go down in history"

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## ***Up on the Housetop***

1.

Up on the house top, reindeer pause  
Out jumps good old Santa Claus

Down through the chimney with lots of toys  
All for the little ones, Christmas joys

**Chorus**

Ho, Ho, Ho, who wouldn't go?  
Ho, Ho, Ho, who wouldn't go?  
Up on the housetop, click, click, click  
Down through the chimney with the good St. Nick

**2.**

First comes the stocking of little Nell  
Ol' dear Santa fill it well  
Give her a dolly that laughs and cries  
One that can open and shut its eyes

**Chorus**

Ho, Ho, Ho, who wouldn't go?  
Ho, Ho, Ho, who wouldn't go?  
Up on the housetop, click, click, click  
Down through the chimney with the good St. Nick

**3.**

Look in the stocking of little Bill  
Oh, just see what a glorious fill  
Here is a hammer and lots of tacks  
A whistle and a ball and a whip that cracks

**Chorus**

Ho, Ho, Ho, who wouldn't go?  
Ho, Ho, Ho, who wouldn't go?  
Up on the housetop, click, click, click  
Down through the chimney with the good St. Nick

***Poem: Christmas Dog, by Shel Silverstein***

*Read by Laurie Hyndman*

***Silver Bells***

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style  
In the air there's a feeling of Christmas  
Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile  
And on every street corner you hear

Silver bells, silver bells  
It's Christmas time in the city  
Ring a ling, hear them ring  
Soon it'll be Christmas day

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It's Christmas time in the city  
Ring a ling, hear them ring  
Soon it'll be Christmas day

## ***Winter Wonderland***

***Intro:***

***Over the ground lies  
a mantle of white,  
A heaven of diamonds  
shine thru the night,  
Two hearts are thrillin'  
in spite of the chill in  
the weather.***

***Love knows no season,  
Love knows no clime,  
Romance can blossom  
any old time.  
Here in the open,  
We're walkin' and hopin' together!***

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?  
In the lane, snow is glistening  
A beautiful sight  
We're happy tonight  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
Gone away is the bluebird  
Here to stay is a new bird  
To sing a love song  
While we stroll along  
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow, we can build a snowman  
We'll pretend that he is Parson Brown  
He'll say, are you married?  
We'll say, no man  
But you can do the job when you're in town

Later on, we'll conspire  
As we dream by the fire  
To face unafraid  
The plans that we've made  
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow, we can build a snowman  
We'll pretend that he is Parson Brown  
He'll say, are you ready?



We'll say, no man  
But you can do the job when you're in town

Later on, we'll conspire  
As we dream by the fire  
To face unafraid  
The plans that we've made  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
Walking in a winter wonderland  
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### *O Christmas Tree*

1.

O Christmas tree O Christmas tree you stand in splendid beauty!  
O Christmas tree O Christmas tree you stand in splendid beauty!  
Your branches green in summer's glow  
And evergreen in winter's snow  
O Christmas tree O Christmas tree you stand in splendid beauty!

2.

O Christmas tree O Christmas tree you stand in splendid beauty!  
O Christmas tree O Christmas tree you stand in splendid beauty!  
Your branches green in summer's glow  
And evergreen in winter's snow  
O Christmas tree O Christmas tree you stand in splendid beauty!

### *Poem: {little tree} by e.e.cummings*

*Read by Harriet Davis*

### *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town.

He's making a list  
He's checking it twice  
Gonna find out who's naughty or nice  
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake. Oh!

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town

### ***Holly Jolly Christmas***

Have a holly jolly Christmas  
It's the best time of the year  
Now I don't know if there'll be snow  
But have a cup of cheer

Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And when you walk down the street  
Say hello to friends you know  
And everyone you meet

Ho ho the mistletoe  
Is hung where you can see  
Somebody waits for you  
Kiss her once for me

Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And in case you didn't hear  
Oh by golly have a holly jolly Christmas  
This year

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Is hung where you can see  
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Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And in case you didn't hear  
Oh by golly have a holly jolly Christmas  
This year

### ***Good King Wenceslas***

1.

Good King Wenceslas looked out  
On the feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay 'round about  
Deep and crisp and even;  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
Though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight,  
Gath'ring winter fuel.

2.

“Hither, page, and stand by me,  
If thou know'st it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?”  
“Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
Underneath the mountain,  
Right against the forest fence,  
By Saint Agnes' fountain.”

3.

“Bring me flesh and bring me wine,  
Bring me pine logs hither;  
Thou and I will see him dine,  
When we bear them thither.”  
Page and monarch forth they went,  
Forth they went together,  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather.

4.

“Sire, the night is darker now,  
And the wind blows stronger;  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer.”  
“Mark my footsteps, good my page,  
Tread thou in them boldly;  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly.”

5.

In his master's steps he trod,  
Where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the Saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,  
Wealth or rank possessing,  
Ye who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing.

*Poem: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, by Clement Moore*  
*Read by Gary Sylvester*

## *Silent Night*

1.

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  
Sleep in heavenly peace

2.

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

3.

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  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

## *We Wish You a Merry Christmas (farewell)*

We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas,  
We wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!  
Good tidings to you, wherever you are;  
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;  
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding, and a cup of good cheer.

We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some;  
We won't go until we get some, so bring some right here.

We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas;  
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.