



THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE of Nine Lessons and Carols was drawn up by Bishop E.W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed, which then served as his cathedral in Truro, on Christmas Eve 1880. A.C. Benson recalled: ‘My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the Church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop.’ The suggestion had come from G.H.S. Walpole, later Bishop of Edinburgh.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, as we know it today, was adapted by The Very Reverend Eric Milner-White for use at King’s College Chapel, Cambridge on Christmas Eve 1918. In his words, ‘The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God ...’ seen ‘through the windows and words of the Bible’. Local interests appear in the bidding prayer and personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service surely must have recalled those killed in the Great War – ‘all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light’. The center of the service is still found by those who ‘go in heart and mind’ and who consent to follow where the story leads.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Pre-Service Music

David Erwin, *organist*
Director of Music Ministry, Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church

God Rest You Merry

Aaron Shows

(b. 1989)

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Paul Blumenthal

(1883-1930)

Sussex Toccata

Paul Ayres

(b. 1967)

Vom Hillem hoch, o Englein kommt (Susani)

Johannes Weyhmann

(1887-1931)

Robert Powell

(b. 1932)

Carol Fantasia

David Blackwell

(b. 1961)

Quelle est cette odeur agreable?

James Biery

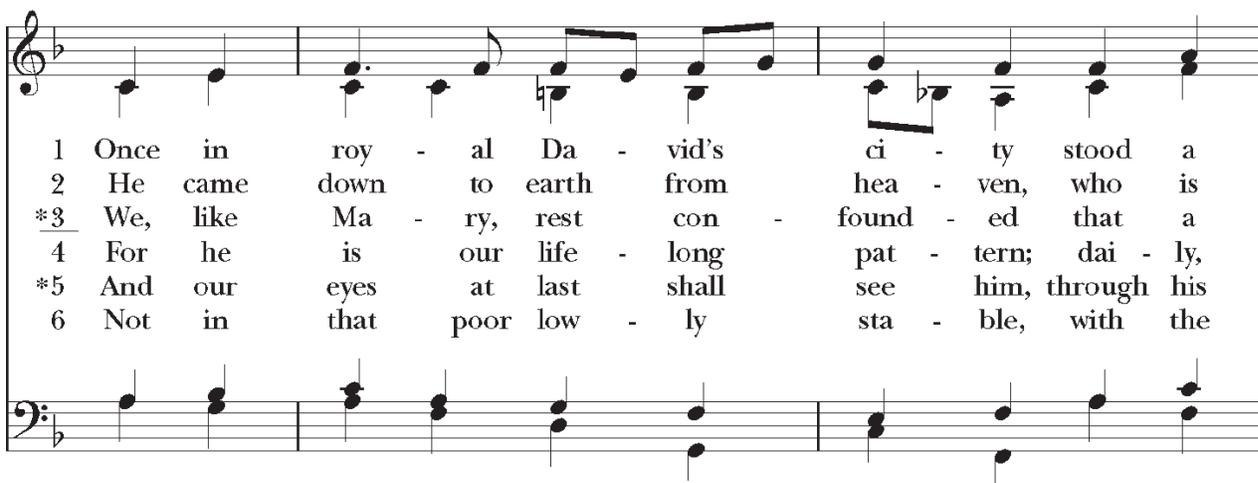
(b. 1956)

☞ *Throughout the service, the Congregation is seated for the reading of Scripture and the singing of Carols and stands for the singing of Hymns and for Prayers*

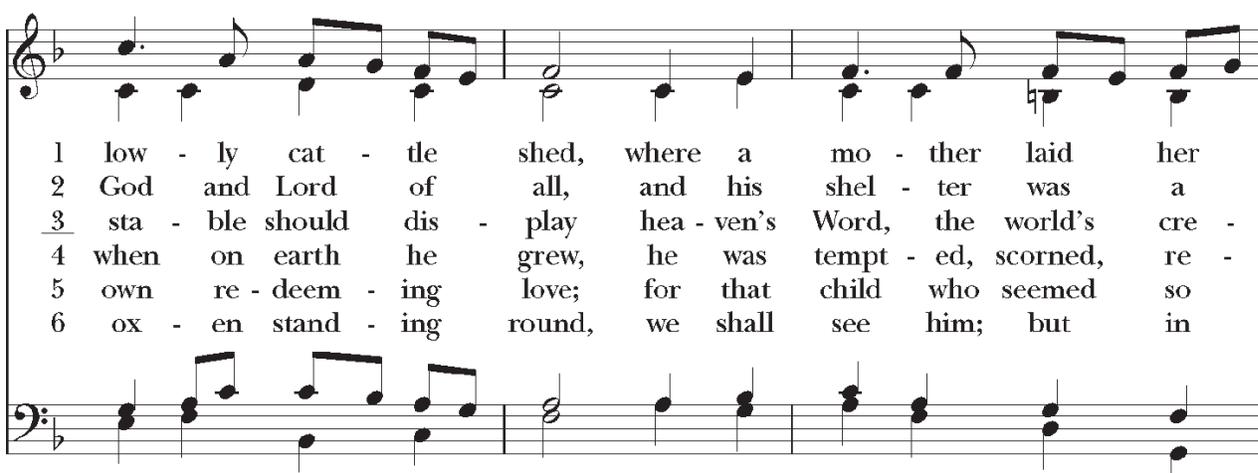
☞ *At the sound of the chime, all stand for the singing of the opening Hymn*

Hymn at the Procession

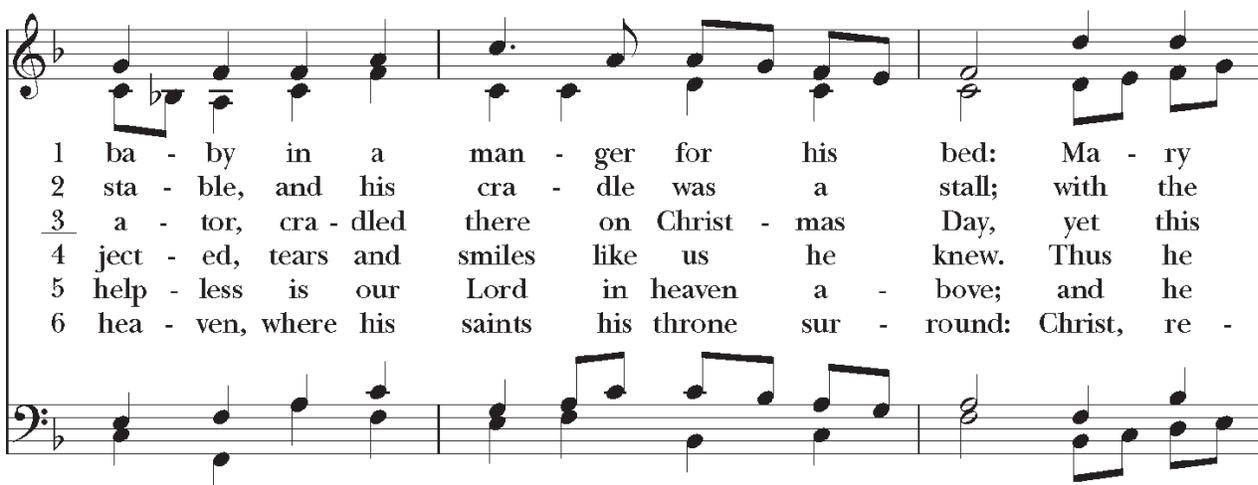
¶ Verses 1 is sung by the Choir alone; all join in singing on verse 2



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) and James McCrady (b. 1938)
 Music: IRBY; John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

¶ At the conclusion of the Hymn, all remain standing as the Officiant says

The Bidding Prayer

BELOVED IN CHRIST, in this season of Christmas, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us look forward in hope to the time when all creation is renewed and all people brought into God's Kingdom of peace and righteousness.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country, and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his Name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

¶ *Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

¶ *Officiant*

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of angels bring us all. ¶ *People* Amen.

¶ *All are then seated*



Invitatory Carol

Up! good Christen folk, and listen
How the merry church-bells ring,
And from steeple bid good people
Come adore the newborn King:

Tell the story how from glory
God came down at Christmas-tide,
Bringing gladness, chasing sadness,
Show'ring blessings far and wide,

Born of mother, blest o'er other,
Ex Maria Virgine,
In a stable ('tis no fable),
Christus natus hodie.

Ding-dong, ding: Ding-a-dong-a-ding.

Words: G.R. Woodward

Music: Piae Cantiones, 1582 (1848-1918)



THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:1-15

GOD ANNOUNCES IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN THAT THE SEED OF WOMAN SHALL BRUISE THE SERPENT'S HEAD

Reader: A Member of the Youth Group

NOW THE SERPENT WAS MORE SUBTILE than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Carol

Once for a shining hour,
heaven touched earth,
Hope was born a new,
and peace reigned in the world.

Words: Anon.

Music: Roland Martin (b.1955)



THE SECOND LESSON

MICAH 5:2-4

THE PROPHET MICAH FORETELLS THE GLORY OF LITTLE BETHLEHEM

Reader: The Business Manager

BUT THOU, BETHLEHEM EPHRATAH, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

Carol

Nowell sing we with mirth!
Christ is come well,
with us to dwell,
By his most holy birth.

Behold a simple tender babe,
In freezing winter night,
In homely manger trembling lies:
Alas! a piteous sight.

The inns are full; no man will yield
This little pilgrim bed;
But forced he is with simple beasts
In crib to shroud his head.

The stable is a prince's court,
This crib his chair of state,
The beasts are parcel of his pomp,
The wooden dish his plate;

With joy approach, O Christian wight,
Do homage to thy King;
And highly praise this humble pomp,
Which he from heaven doth bring.

Words: Robert Southwell (1561-1595)

Music: John Ireland (1879-1962)



THE THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-9

THE PEACE OF CHRIST IS FORESHOWN

Reader: Chair of the Endowment Committee

AND THERE SHALL COME FORTH A ROD out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Carol

This Babe to us that now is born,
Wonderful works He hath ywrought,
He would not loss what was forlorn,
But boldly again it brought;
bliss.

His ransom for us hath ypaid;
Good reason have we to be His.
Be mercy asked and He be prayed
Who may deserve the heavenly

*And thus it is Forsooth ywis,
He asketh nought but that is His.
Now may we singen as it is.
Quod puer natus est nobis*

This bargain loved He right well,
The price was high and bought full dear.
Who would suffer and for us feel
him ran
As did that Prince withouten peer?

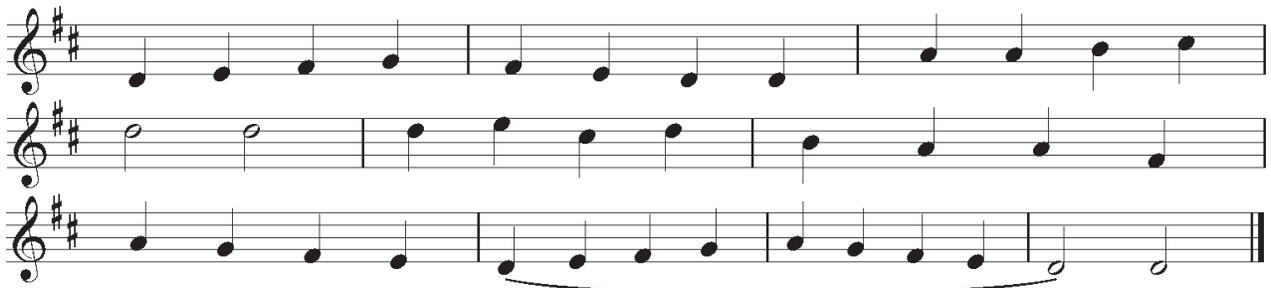
To some purpose God made man;
I trust well to salvation.
What was his blood that from
But fence against damnation?

Almighty God in Trinity,
Thy mercy we pray with whole heart,
Thy mercy may all woe ake fell
And dangerous dread from us to start.

Words: 15th-century English

Music: Cecilia McDowall (2008)

¶ All stand and join in singing the following Hymn



1. Unto us is born a Son, King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun, Of lords the Lord eternal,
of lords the Lord eternal.
2. Christ, from heav'n descending low, Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know, Be-cradled in the manger,
be-cradled in the manger.
3. This did Herod sore affray, And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay, And slew the little childer,
and slew the little childer.
4. Of his love and mercy mild This the Christmas story;
And O that Mary's gentle Child Might lead us up to glory,
might lead us up to glory!
5. O and A, and A and O, *Cum cantibus in choro,*
Let our merry organ go, *Benedicamus Domino,*
benedicamus Domino.

Words: Fifteenth century; translated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR; *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

¶ *All are seated at the conclusion of the Hymn*



THE FOURTH LESSON

LUKE 1:26-38

THE ANGEL GABRIEL SALUTES THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Reader: A Member of the Outreach Committee

AND IN THE SIXTH MONTH THE ANGEL GABRIEL was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation

this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Carol

I sing of a maiden that is makeless;
King of all kings to her son sheches.

He came all so still where his mother was,
As dew in April that falleth on the grass.

He came all so still to his mother's bower,
As dew in April that falleth on the flower.

He came all so still where his mother lay,
As dew in April that falleth.

Mother and maiden was never done but she:
Well may such a lady Godes mother be.

Words: 15th-century English

Music: Matthew Martin (b.1976)

‡ *All stand and join in singing the following Hymn*

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say -

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

Words: Traditional Basque
 Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE; Traditional Basque Carol

¶ All are seated at the conclusion of the Hymn

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SALUTES HER COUSIN ELISABETH

Reader: The Parish Treasurer

AND MARY AROSE IN THOSE DAYS, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.” And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

Carol

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu:
Alleluya

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space:
Res miranda

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in person three:
Pares forma

The angels sung the shepherds to:
“Gloria in excelsis Deo”
Gaudeamus

Leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyful birth:
Transeamus

Words: Anonymous, ca. 1420
Music: John Joubert (1927-2019)



THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

SAINT LUKE TELLS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Reader: The Junior Warden

AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THOSE DAYS, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Carol

On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy news of great mirth.
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad
since our Redeemer made us glad.
When from our sins he set us free.
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before his grace
then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing.
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
which makes the Angels sing this night.
Glory to God and peace to men.
Now and forevermore, Amen.

Words: Traditional English

Music: David Willcocks (1919-2015)



THE SEVENTH LESSON

LUKE 2:8-16

THE SHEPHERDS GO TO THE MANGER

Reader: The Priest Associate

AND THERE WERE IN THE SAME COUNTRY shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Carol

Shepherds, called by angels,
Called by love and angels;
No place for them but a stable.

My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars,
Searching for love in heaven;
No place for them but a stable.

His love will hold me,
His love will cherish me,
Love will cradle me.

Lead me to see him,
Sages and shepherds and angels;
No place but a stable.

Words and Music: Will Todd (b.1970)

¶ All stand and join in singing the following Hymn



1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.
2. From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born: the Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy.
3. The shepherd at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm, and wind,
and went to Bethlehem straightway this blessed Babe to find:
O tidings of comfort and joy.
4. But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay,
they found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
his mother Mary kneeling unto the Lord did pray:
O tidings of comfort and joy.
5. Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface:
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Words: Traditional Carol (Eighteenth century)
Music: GOD REST YOU MERRY (1850)

¶ All are seated at the conclusion of the Hymn



THE WISE MEN ARE LED BY THE STAR TO JESUS

Reader: The Senior Warden

NOW WHEN JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Carol

Lully, lulla, By, by. lully, lullay.

O sisters too how may we do
 for to preserve this day?
 This poor youngling for whom we sing
 By, by, lully, lullay.

Herod, the king, in his raging,
 charged he hath this day.
 His men of might in his own sight
 All young children to slay.

That woe is me,
 poor Child for Thee,
 and ever morn and day.
 For Thy parting neither say nor sing,

*Words: Traditional Carol
 Music: Philip Stopford (2011)*



¶ All stand for the reading of the Ninth Lesson

THE NINTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

SAINT JOHN UNFOLDS THE GREAT MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

Reader: The Rector

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

¶ All remain standing and join in singing the following Hymn, overleaf

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 Jes - us, to thee be glo - ry given;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786)
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES; attr. John Francis Wade

g All are seated at the conclusion of the Hymn

The Rector's Greeting

Anthem

God is with us. Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the earth.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.
The people that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them the
light has shined. For unto us a child is born! For unto us a son
is given! And the government shall be upon his shoulder; and
his name shall be called Wonderful! Counsellor! The mighty
God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace.

Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the earth. God is with us.
Christ is born!

Words: From the Orthodox Great Compline for Christmas Eve

Music: John Tavener (1944–2013)



‡ *All stand for the Responory, Prayer, and Blessing*

Vesper Responory

Incarnatus est

‡. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us;

℞. And we beheld his glory.

‡. The glory of the Lord has been revealed,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God;

℞. And we beheld his glory.

‡. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

℞. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory.

A Collect for Christmas

‡. Behold, the dwelling of God is with men;

℞. He will dwell with us and we shall be his people.

‡ *Officiant*

TO THEE, O CHRIST, Word of the Father, we offer our lowly praises and humble thanks. For love of our human race, thou didst most wonderfully choose to be made man, and to take our nature as nevermore to lay it by; that we might be regenerate and born again by thy life-giving Spirit, and restored in the image of God, to whom, one blessed and undivided Trinity, be all honor, might, majesty, and glory, both now and for ever. ‡ *People* Amen.

The Christmas Blessing

MAY HE WHO BY HIS INCARNATION gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward grace and goodwill; And the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. ‡ *People* Amen.

Hymn

‡ *The Hymn is found on the following page*

‡ *At the conclusion of the Hymn, all remain standing as the Choir and Ministers depart*

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia super *In dulci jubilo*

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: MENDELSSOHN; Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Ushers will be standing at each door with alms basins ready to receive your free-will offering. Please be generous in the spirit of the season and in mind of Our Lord who said, "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive."

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Participants in the Service

OFFICIANT

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

READERS

Sophia Simanowitz	First Lesson
Sonya Woolley	Second Lesson
Kathy Sherby	Third Lesson
Harry Moppins	Fourth Lesson
David Ott	Fifth Lesson
Betsy Panke	Sixth Lesson
The Rev. Thomas Albinson	Seventh Lesson
Joe Sheehan	Eighth Lesson
The Rev. Andrew Archie	Ninth Lesson



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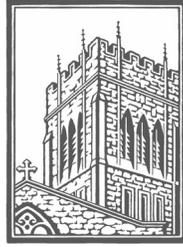
Ann Babington
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CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Friday, December 24 — Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Nativity Pageant and The Holy Eucharist* *Church*

6:30 PM Choral Eucharist* *Church*

10:30 PM Carol Service of Preparation and Praise* *Church*

11:00 PM Solemn Midnight Eucharist of the Incarnation* *Church* — *Incense will be used*

Saturday, December 25 — Christmas Day

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist* *Church*

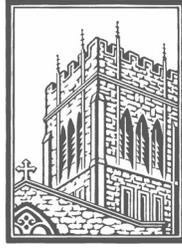
Sunday, December 26 — The First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist *Church*

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist* *Church*

** The Choir will sing at these liturgies*

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- January 2 Solemn Evensong *
- February 6 Evensong
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- March 6 Evensong
sung by the CSMSG Choir at the Abbey of St. Mary and St. Louis
- April 3 Evensong
- 10 Passion Vespers
- May 1 Eastertide Vespers
Sung by the monks of the Abbey of St. Mary and St. Louis

** Incense will be used*

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