A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 22, 2024 5:00 pm

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.

Pre-Service Organ Recital

Noël Étranger	Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)
Von Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her	Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
Noël Suisse	Louis-Claude Daquin
Pastorale in F, BWV 590	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

¶ 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 and 2 are sung by the Choir alone; all join in singing on verse 3

1 Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

¶ Sung by All

3 And through all His wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as He.

4 For he is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

5 And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

6 Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him: but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) & James McCrady (b. 1938)
Music: John Gauntlett (1805-1876)
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Bidding Prayer

¶ The Officiant says

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

The First Lesson Genesis 3:1-15

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head
Reader: A Member of the Youth Group

Now the serpant 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

Adam lay ybounden
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long

And all was for an apple
An apple that he took
As clerkes finden
Written in their book

Ne had the apple taken been
The apple taken been
Ne had never our lady
A-been heavené queen

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gracias!

Words: 15th century English
Music: Frank Boles (b.1955)

The Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15–18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed
Reader: Director of Stewardship and Giving

And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Carol

Ding dong! merrily on high,
in heav'n the bells are ringing.
Ding dong! verily the sky
is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
let steeple bells be swungen,
and i-o, i-o, i-o,
by priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
your matin chime, ye ringers;
may you beautifully rime
your evetime song, ye singers.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)
Music: Arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The peace foretells the coming of the Saviour
Reader: A Member of the St. Paul's Guild

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

¶ All stand and join in singing the following Hymn

Hymn

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)
Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Descant: Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)

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

The Fourth Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown
Reader: A Member of the Outreach 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

A spotless Rose is blowing,
Sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,
Of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light
Amid the cold, cold winter
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and might,
The blessed babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.

The Rose which I am singing,
Whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing
In Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and might,
The blessed babe she bare us
In a cold, cold winter's night.

Words: 14th century
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary
Reader: The Parish Treasurer

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

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say-
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Words: Basque carol, paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)
Music: Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

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

Today the Virgin comes to the cave
To give birth to the Word eternal:
Rejoice, O World
With the Angels and the Shepherds
Give glory to the Child!
Alleluia!

Mary my wife, O Mary my wife!
What do I see?
I took you blameless before the Lord
From the priests of the Temple.
What do I see?
Rejoice, O World....

Joseph the Bridegroom, O Joseph the Bridegroom!
Do not fear.
God in his mercy has come down to earth,
He takes flesh in my womb
For all the world to see.
Rejoice, O World....

Mary, my Bride, O Mary my Bride,
What do I see?
You, a virgin giving birth.
Strange mystery!
Rejoice, O World....

Joseph the Bridegroom, O Joseph the Bridegroom!
Do not fear.
God in his mercy has come down to earth,
He takes flesh in my womb
For all the world to see.
Rejoice, O World....

Warned by the Angel we believe
That Mary gives birth inexplicable
To the infant, Christ, our God.
Rejoice, O World....

Words: Mother Thekla (1918-2011)
Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)

The Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8–16

The shepherds go to the manger
Reader: The Senior Warden

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

A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni creator Spiritus.

At Bethlehem, that blessed place,
The child of bliss now born he was;
And him to serve God give us grace,
O lux beata Trinitas.

There came three kings out of the East,
To worship the King that is so free,
With gold and myrrh and frank incense,
A solis ortus cardine.

The angels came down with one cry,
A fair song that night sung they
In worship of that child:
Gloria tibi Domine.

A babe is born all of a may,
To bring salvation unto us.
To him we sing both night and day.
Veni creator Spiritus,

O lux beata Trinitas,
A solis ortus cardine,
Gloria tibi Domine.
Noel!

Words: Anonymous, 14th century
Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

¶ All stand and join in singing the following Hymn

Hymn

1 While shepherds watch'd their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

2 Fear not, said he, (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind),
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

3 To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign.

4 The heav'nly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid.

5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a heavenly throng
of angels praising God, and thus
addressed their joyful song:

6 All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good-will henceforth from heav'n to men
begin and never cease!

Words:Nahum Tate (1625-1715)
Music:Winchester Old, melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592;
harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1922; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

¶ All are seated at the conclusion of the Hymn

The Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus
Reader: An Assistant Rector

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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Carol

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, and the night is light about me.
Amen.

Words: Amos 5:8; Psalm 139
Music: Jonathan Dove (b.1959)

¶ All stand for the reading of the 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

Hymn

1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2 God of God,
Light of Light,
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten not created;
O come, let us adore Him….

3 See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
O come, let us adore Him….

4 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God,
In the highest!
O come, let us adore Him….

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786)
Music: attr. John Francis Wade
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

¶ All are seated at the conclusion of the Hymn

The Rector's Greeting

¶ All stand

Vesper Responsory

Officiant The word was made flesh and dwelt among us;
People And we beheld his glory.

Officiant The glory of the Lord has been revealed, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God;
People And we beheld his glory.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People The word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory.

A Collect for Christmas

Officiant Behold, the dwelling of God is with men;
People 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

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Organ Voluntary

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Participants in the Service

Officiant
The Rev. Andrew John Archie

Readers
First Lesson: Nathan Smith
Second Lesson: Alexis Posnanski
Third Lesson: Robert E. Sherwood
Fourth Lesson: Harry Moppins
Fifth Lesson: David Ott
Sixth Lesson: Frankie Eichenberger
Seventh Lesson: Joseph Sheehan
Eighth Lesson: The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinson
Ninth Lesson: The Rev. Andrew John Archie

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CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, December 25 — Christmas Day

10:00 am Choral Eucharist * Church

Sunday, December 31 — Christmas I

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist Church
10:00 am Choral Eucharist * Church
5:00 pm The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) St. Mary's Chapel

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 — Holy Name

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Church

* The Choir will sing at these liturgies

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