

# HARK!



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HERALD  
ANGELS

# SING!

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 9, 2018

4:00 PM

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## *Participating This Evening*

### CLERGY

The Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr., *Bishop of Louisiana*  
The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

### ORGANIST

Mr. Jarrett R. Follette, *Canon Precentor*

### CONDUCTOR

Mr. Anthony Sears

### ORGANIST, VOLUNTARIES

Mr. Emmanuel Culcasi, Young Artist in Residence, Saint Louis Cathedral

### VERGER

Mr. Troy Buttone

### THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

#### **Soprano**

Andrea Butler  
Carla Campbell  
Marinna Carmichael  
Caroline Carson  
Claire Givens  
Debbie Leathem  
Pamela McCall  
Cleona Torres  
Maggie Windler

#### **Alto**

Carrie Deyo  
Jennifer O'Brien  
Keith Porteous  
Olivia Seal  
Jennilee St. John  
Bridget Tierney

#### **Tenor**

Mikey Cammarata  
Jethro Celestin  
Ryan Garrity  
Shawyn Mars  
Howe Pearson  
Reggie White Cline

#### **Bass**

D. Mikey Corcoran  
Peter Dorsett  
Bryan Gilbert  
Travers Koerner  
Les Leathem  
David Murray

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## *Order of Service*

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

Prelude and Fugue in C major, BWV 547

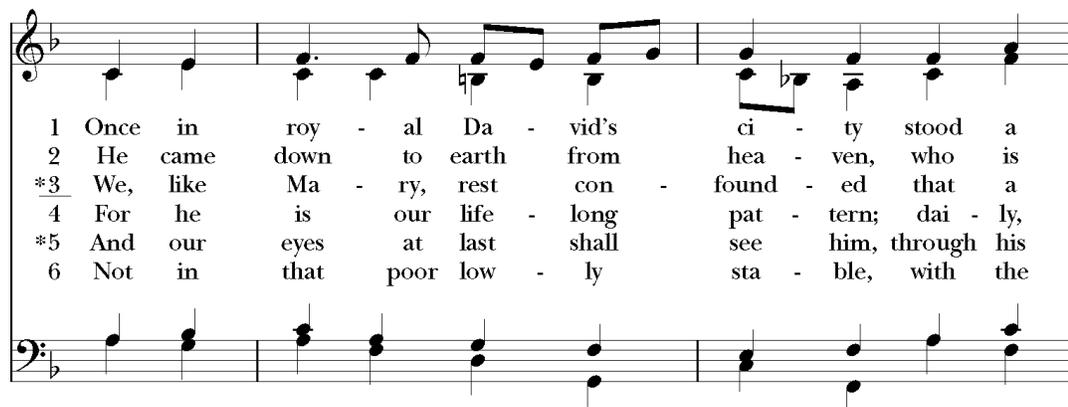
Canonic variations on Vom Himmel hoch, BWV 769..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

- Mr. Culcasi

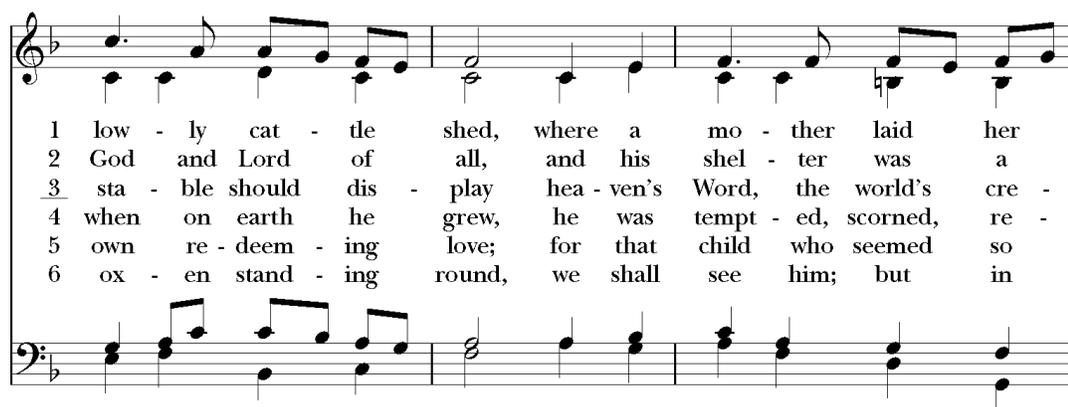
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Choir only verses 1 & 2)



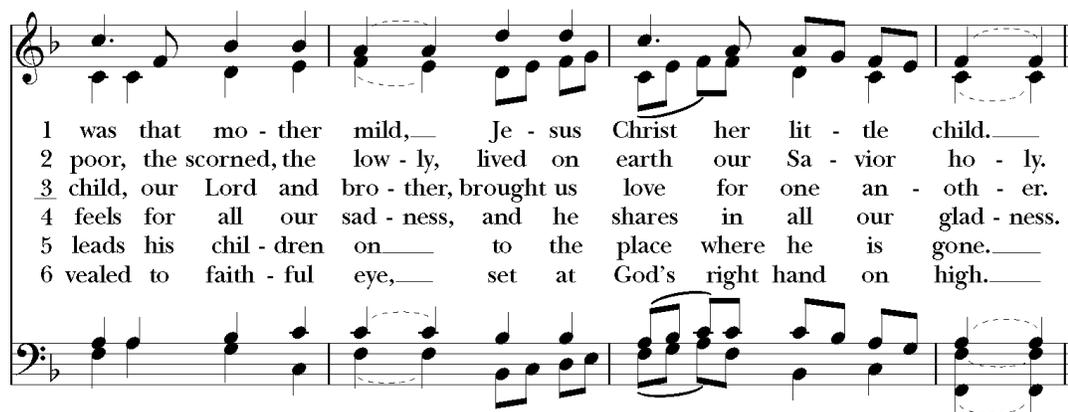
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a  
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is  
\*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a  
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,  
\*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his  
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



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: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)

Music: *Irby*, melody: Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

Descant: Steven Cleobury (b. 1948)

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## THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Said by all)*

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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### *The Dean continues*

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

### INVITATORY CAROL

Nowell, nowell.  
Who is there that singeth so, Nowell, nowell?  
I am here, Sir Christèmas.  
Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas!  
Welcome to all, both more and less!  
Come near, come near, Nowell, nowell.

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, tidings I you bring:  
A maid hath borne a child full young,  
Which causeth you to sing: Nowell, nowell.  
Christ is now born of a pure maid;  
In an ox-stall he is laid,  
Wherefore sing we at abrayde: Nowell, nowell.

Buvez bien, buvez bien par toute la compagnie.  
Make good cheer and be right merry,  
And sing with us now joyfully: Nowell, nowell.  
Nowell.

Words: anon. (c. 1500)

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

### FIRST LESSON ~ Genesis 3:8-19 *Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden*

Read by Olivia Tuck, *A Cathedral Youth*

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from

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the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

### CAROL

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.
2. His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.
3. For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.
4. I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.
5. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: From Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, compiled by Joshua Smith  
Music: Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

### CAROL

1. Adam lay y'bounden,  
Bounden in a bond:  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.
2. And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden  
written in their book.
3. Ne had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been.  
Ne had never our lady  
A-been heavenè queen.
4. Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was.  
Therefore we moun singen  
Deo gracias!

Words: Anonymous 15th century  
Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

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SECOND LESSON ~ Genesis 22:15-18 *God promises to faithful Abraham that his descendents will be blessed*

Read by Jethro Celestin, *A member of the choir*

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

**CAROL**

People, look East, The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth, and set the table.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen,  
He for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the bird is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast  
Him who commeth from the East.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East, and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Besançon Carol Tune, Arranged by Philip Dietterich

Please stand and sing

HYMN

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol-lemn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon- or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,  
1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;  
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.

Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); descant by Alan Gray (1855-1935)

Reprinted from *The Hymnal 1982*.

THIRD LESSON ~ Isaiah 9:2-7 *The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior*

Read by Kathryn Washington, *Member of the board, Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative*

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

CAROL

Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee  
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.  
By the stream & o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice!  
Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek & he is mild,  
He became a little child:  
I a child & thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.

Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)

Text: William Blake (1757-1827)

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## CAROL

1. Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who was wrapped up in silk:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly.
2. Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly!
3. Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,  
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly!
4. Now the holly bears a berry, as blood is it red,  
Then trust we our Saviour, who rose from the dead:  
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,  
And the first tree in the green-wood, it was the holly!

Words: Collated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: Cornish traditional carol arranged by John Rutter (b. 1945)

## FOURTH LESSON ~ Isaiah 11:1-9 *The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown*

Read by Traci Simon, *Director of Finance and Operations, Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

## CAROL

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.  
It blooms without a blight, It blooms without a blight,  
blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.  
The virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.  
Our God of endless might, our God of endless might,  
gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Words: William Bartholomew (19th cent.)

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

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*Please stand and sing*

HYMN



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

*Refrain*



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Words: London carol, 18th cent.

Music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850 (1887-1958),  
Reprinted from *The Hymnal 1982*

Descant: David Willcocks

FIFTH LESSON ~ Luke 1:26-38

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High*  
Read by Alan Brackett, Senior Warden

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

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## 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 blessèd Babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

Words: 14th Century German, translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)  
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

## CAROL

1. The first good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of one;  
To see the blessed Jesus Christ  
When he was first her son:  
*When he was first her son, good man:  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.*
2. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of two;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To make the lame to go:  
*To make the lame to go, good man:  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.*
3. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of three;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To make the blind to see:  
*To make the blind to see, good man:  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.*
4. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of four;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To read the bible o'er:  
*To read the bible o'er, good man:  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.*
5. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of five;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To bring the dead alive:  
*To bring the dead alive, good man:  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.*
6. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of six;  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
Upon the crucifix:  
*Upon the crucifix, good man:  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.*
7. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of seven:  
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,  
To wear the crown of heaven:  
*To wear the crown of heaven, good man:  
And blessed may he be,  
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
To all eternity.*

Words: Joys Seven; English Traditional  
Music: Stephen Cleobury (b. 1948)

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**SIXTH LESSON ~ Luke 2:1-7 *Jesus is born in Bethlehem***

Read by William H. Forman, Jr., *Mentor of the Education For Ministry Group.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

**CAROL**

Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, do not stir;	Mary's little baby, sleep, sweetly sleep,
We will lend a coat of fur,	Sleep in comfort, slumber deep;
We will rock you:	We will rock you:
See the fur to keep you warm,	We will serve you all we can,
Snugly round your tiny form.	Darling, darling little man.

Music & Words: Czech carol

**CAROL**

O magnum myserium, et admirabile sacramentum ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, jacentum in praesepio! Beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!	<i>O great mystery, and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new- born Lord, lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!</i>
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Words: Responsorial chant from Matins on Christmas Day

Music: Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

**SEVENTH LESSON ~ Luke 2:8-16 *Shepherds go to the manger***

Read by The Reverend A.J. Heine, *Member of the board, Advent House*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

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## CAROL

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day.  
A breast full of milk, and a manger-full of hay.  
Enough for Him, whom angels, fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel, which adore.

Soloist: Reggie White Cline

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain,  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed,  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.  
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

*Please stand and sing*

## HYMN

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

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Words: Philips Brooks (1833-1893)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Descant: Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)

**EIGHTH LESSON ~ Matthew 2:1-12 *Wise men are led by the star to Jesus***

Read by The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts, *Christ Church Cathedral*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

**CAROL**

When He is King we will give him the Kings' gifts,      When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,  
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,      Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,  
Beautiful robes," said the young girl to Joseph,      He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,  
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.      Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,      Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,  
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,      Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,  
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music      Mary for love, and for lullaby music  
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.      Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Words: BETHLEHEM DOWN; Bruce Blunt (1899-1957)

Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

**NINTH LESSON ~ John 1:1-14 *The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory***

Read by The Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr., *Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

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Please stand and sing

HYMN

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,

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;

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;

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.

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

Words: John Francis Wade; (1711-1786) tr. Frederick Oakely (1802-1880) and others  
Music: *Adeste fideles*, melody att. John Francis Wade, harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906  
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

CLOSING PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

*Please stand and sing*

HYMN

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); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

VOLUNTARY ~ Noel X: Grand Jeu et duo.....Louis-Claude Daquin  
(1694-1772)

*As the final music concludes we ask that you vacate the cathedral as we prepare for the 6:00 Mass which we call, "Real Presence." You are most welcome to stay - all baptized Christians are welcome at God's table.*

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## *Upcoming Concerts*

**Christmas Presence - *The Real Presence Ensemble***

*Wednesday, December 12 - 7:00 PM*

**Lyrica Baroque - Christmas Concert**

*Friday, December 21 - 7:00 PM*

### *Schedule of Holiday Services*

*Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)*

5:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Sung, Bishop Thompson preaches*

*Delayed broadcast on WGSO, AM Radio at 7:00 PM.*

9:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Sung, Bishop Thompson preaches*

*Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)*

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist

*with carols*

### *Regular Schedule of Services*

*Sundays*

8:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (1928 BCP)

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)

6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Real Presence)

*Weekdays*

12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

*Saturdays*

9:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

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