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ANGELS

SING!

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 8, 2019

4:00 PM

Participating This Evening

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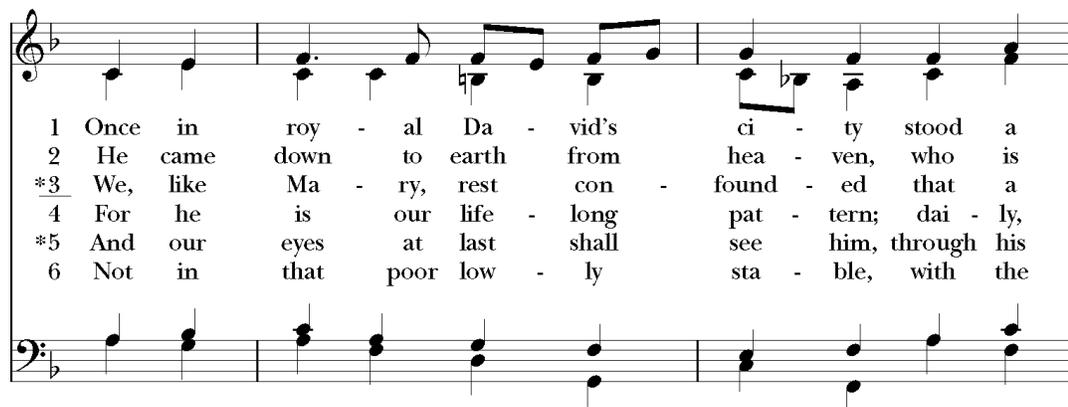
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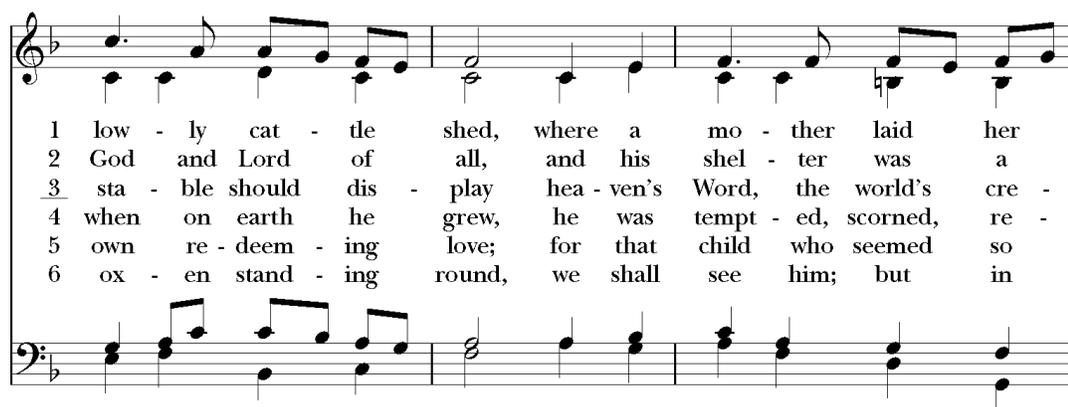
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All stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Choir only verses 1 & 2)



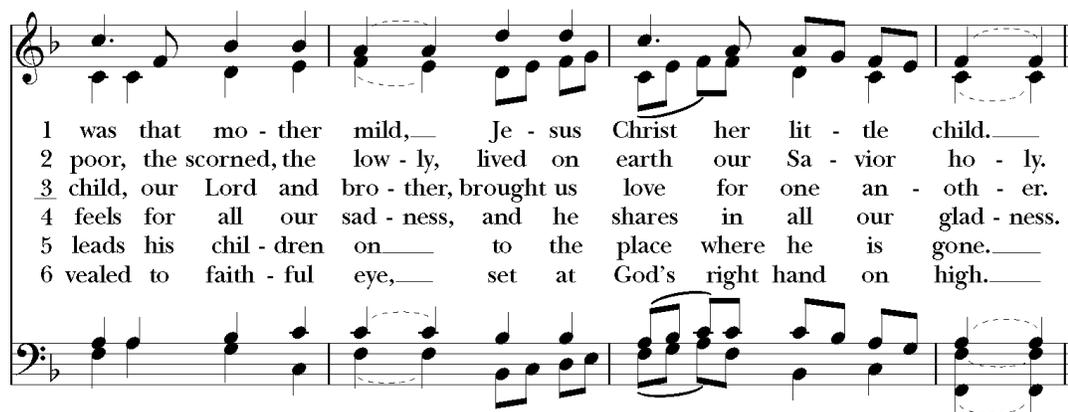
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



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 (1948-2019)

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

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins.
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God.
Who was, and is, and is to come
Sing Holy, Holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below.
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon.
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more.
They need no light nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

Words: From scripture, adapted by Ruth Manz

Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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

Read by Arthur Meade, *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, and said to him, "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 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. This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.
2. The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.
3. Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
he would redeem us by his Son.
4. And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.
5. Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

Words: English traditional carol

Music: arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

CAROL

1. The Lord at first did Adam make
Out of the dust and clay,
And in his nostrils breathed life,
E'en as the Scriptures say.
And then in Eden's Paradise
He placed him to dwell,
That he within it should remain
To dress and keep it well.
3. Now for the blessings we enjoy,
Which are from Heaven above,
Let us renounce all wickedness
And live in perfect love.
Then shall we do Christ's own command,
Ev'n his own written word,
And when we die in Heaven shall
Enjoy our living Lord.

Chorus

*Now let good Christians wake from sleep,
let darkness turn to day,*

*And sinners find in mutual love,
the straight and glorious way.*

2. Now mark the goodness of the Lord
Which he to mankind bore,
His mercy soon he did extend,
Lost man for to restore;
And then, for to redeem our souls
From death and hellish thrall,
He said his own dear son should be
The Saviour of us all.
4. And now the tide is nigh at hand,
Int' which our Saviour came;
Let us rejoice, and merry be,
In keeping of the same.
Let's feed the poor and hungry souls,
And such as do it crave;
Then when we die, in Heaven sure,
Our reward we shall have.

Words: Traditional English

Music: arranged by Philip Moore (b. 1943)

SECOND LESSON ~ Genesis 22:15-18 *God promises to faithful Abraham that his descendents will be blessed*
Read by Mrs. Cleona Torres, *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

1. Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, This have I done for my true love.
2. Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, This have I done for my true love.
3. In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, This have I done for my true love.
4. Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love, This have I done for my true love.

Words: Traditional

Music: John Gardner (1917-2011)

Please stand and sing

HYMN

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal



pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);
harm *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)
Reprinted from *The Hymnal* 1982.

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

Read by Mrs. Pamela Ricciardi, *A Cathedral Lector*

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

1. Let folly praise that fancy loves, I praise and love that Child
Whose heart no thought, whose tongue no word, whose hand no deed defiled.
I praise him most, I love him best, all praise and love is his;
While him I love, in him I live, and cannot live amiss.
2. Love's sweetest mark, laud's highest theme, man's most desired light,
To love him life, to leave him death, to live in him delight.
He mine by gift, I his by debt, thus each to other due,
First friend he was, best friend he is, all times will try him true.
3. Though young, yet wise, though small, yet strong; though man, yet God he is;
As wise he knows, as strong he can, as God he loves to bliss.
His knowledge rules, his strength defends, his love doth cherish all;
His birth our joy, his life our light, his death our end of thrall.
4. Alas! he weeps, he sighs, he pants, yet do his angels sing;
Out of his tears, his sighs and throbs, doth bud a joyful spring.
Almighty Babe, whose tender arms can force all foes to fly,
Correct my faults, protect my life, direct me when I die!

Words: Robert Southwell (c. 1561-1595)

Music: Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

¶ *Please turn the page quietly.*

CAROL

- 1 The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown:
- O, the rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.*
- 2 The holly bears a blossom,
As white as lily flow'r,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our dear Saviour:
- 3 The holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good:
- 4 The holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
On Christmas Day in the morn:
- 5 The holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to redeem us all:

Words: Collated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: arranged by John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

Read by Mr. Peter Davis, *Senior Manager of Development, Communications and Programs,
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)

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 Mrs. Margaret Albert, *A Cathedral Acolyte*

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!

CAROL

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| 1 I sing of a maiden That is makeless; King of all kings To her son she ches. | 3 He came all so still To his mother's bower, As dew in April That falleth on the flower. | 5 Mother and maiden Was never none but she: Well may such a lady God's mother be. |
| 2 He came all so still Where his mother was, As dew in April That falleth on the grass. | 4 He came all so still Where his mother lay, As dew in April That falleth on the spray. | |

Words: 15th-century English

Music: Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

CAROL

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| 1 In heaven stood a linden tree With pure white flowers laden; Yet not a bloom was fair as she, Sweet Mary, chosen maiden. | 2 Great Gabriel, God's angel bright, From high above came winging To one, the purest in God's sight, A joyful message bringing. |
| 3 "Hail Mary, blessed virgin mild, With God you have found favor; You shall conceive and bear a child, To all the world a Savior." | 4 "My soul doth magnify the Lord! I am His hand-maid lowly; Be all according to Thy word," said Mary, meek and holy. |
| 5 Away the angel flew, to share The news of Mary's duty; And heaven rejoiced that she would bear The Blossom of all Beauty. | |

Words: Traditional German; translated and adapted by Karen A. Hindenlang

Music: 14th century German melody; arranged by Crawford R. Thoburn

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

Read by Mr. Alan Brackett, *Senior Warden*

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

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

CAROL

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| O magnum myserium, et admirable 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 Mr. Brandon M. Boutin, *Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement*

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!

CAROL

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| Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, The humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, Content our earthly lot to share, Loving father, loving mother, Shelter thee with tender care! | Blessed Jesus, we implore thee With humble love and holy fear, In the land that lies before thee, Forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling, Ever to thy heart be dear! |
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Blest are ye beyond all measure,
Thou happy father, mother mild!
Guard ye well your heavenly treasure,
The Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!
God go with you, God protect you,
Guide you safely through the wild!

Words: Paul England
Music: Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)

¶ *Please turn the page quietly.*

Please stand and sing

HYMN

1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed on the ground,
2 "Fear not," said he, for might-y dread had seized their trou-bled mind;
3 "To you, in Da-vid's town, this day is born of Da-vid's line
4 "The heaven-ly Babe you there shall find to hu-man view dis-played,
5 Thus spake the ser-aph, and forth-with ap-peared a shin-ing throug

1 the an-gel of the Lord came down, and glo-ry shone a-round.
2 "Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring to you and all man-kind.
3 the Sa-rior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
4 all mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and in a man-ger laid."
5 of an-gels prais-ing God, who thus ad-dressed their joy-ful song:

6 "All glory be to God on high
and on the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

Words: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

Music: *Winchester Old*, melody from *The Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1592, harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922

Descant: Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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

Read by The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney, *Director of Advent House*

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

Here is the little door.
Lift up the latch; O lift!
We need not wander more,
but enter with our gift.
A gift of finest Gold,
Gold that was never bought nor sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
Incense in clouds about his head;
all for the Child who stirs not in his sleep,
but Holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.
Bend low about his bed: for each he has a gift!
See how his eyes awake—lift up your hands! O lift!
For Gold he gives a keen-edged sword (defend with it thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red.
Myrrh for the honoured happy dead.
Gifts for his children, terrible and sweet,
Touched by such tiny hands and oh! such tiny feet.

Words: Frances Blogg Chesterton (1869-1938)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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!

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*

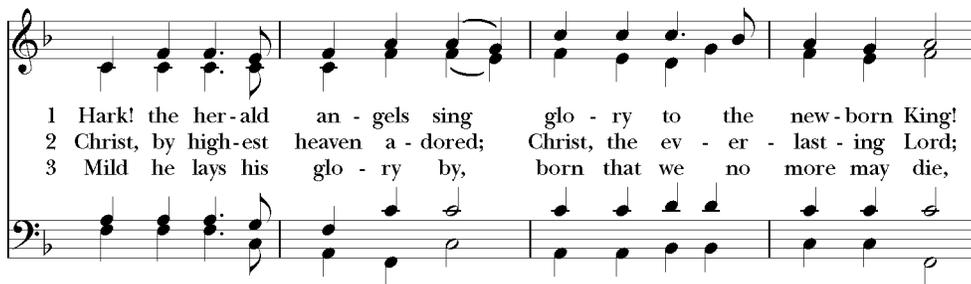
Words: John Francis Wade; (1711-1786) tr. Frederick Oakely (1802-1880) and others
Music: *Adeste fideles*, melody att. John Francis Wade, harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

CLOSING PRAYERS

THE BLESSING

Please stand and sing

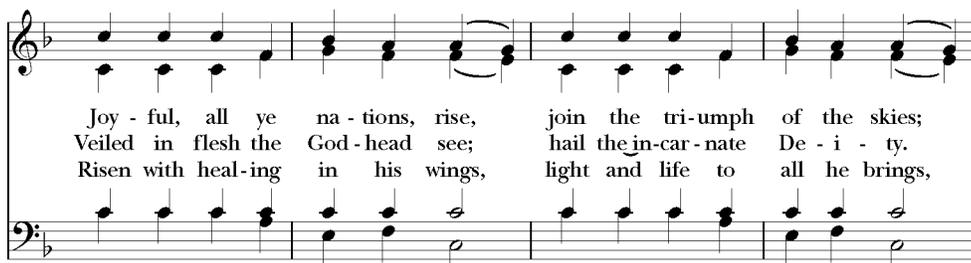
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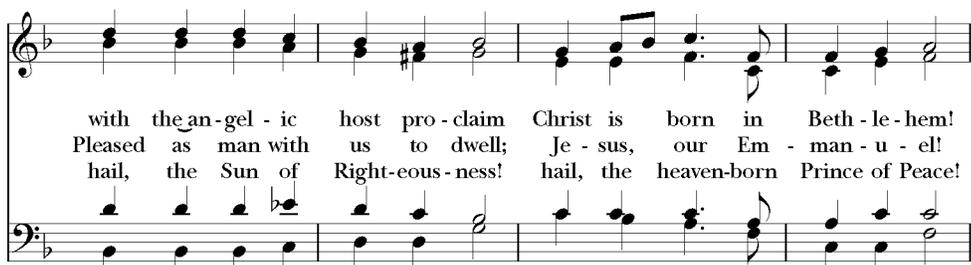
1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



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)

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