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THE



HERALD
ANGELS

SING!

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 9, 2012
4:00 PM



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

The Right Reverend Morris K. Thompson, Jr., *Bishop of Louisiana*

The Very Reverend David A. duPlantier, *Dean*

The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral

Mr. Jarrett R. Follette, *Director of Music and Organist*

Mr. Samuel Liegeon, Young Artist in Residence, Saint Louis Cathedral, *Organist, Opening & Closing Voluntaries*

Mr. Anthony Sears, *Conductor*

Mr. Troy Buttone, *Verger*

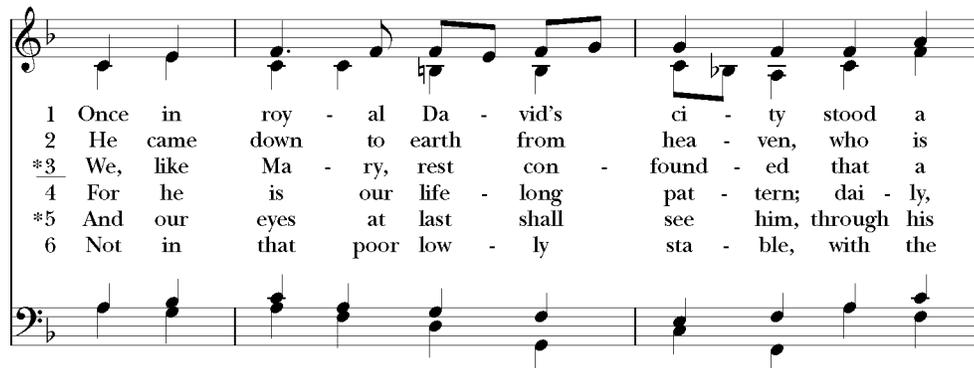
The Venerable Priscilla G. Maumus, *Bishop's Chaplain*

We are grateful to the late Msgr. Crosby Kern and Louis Cathedral for Mr. Liegeon's participation this evening. Samuel will play an organ concert of Christmas music at St. Louis Cathedral on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 PM.

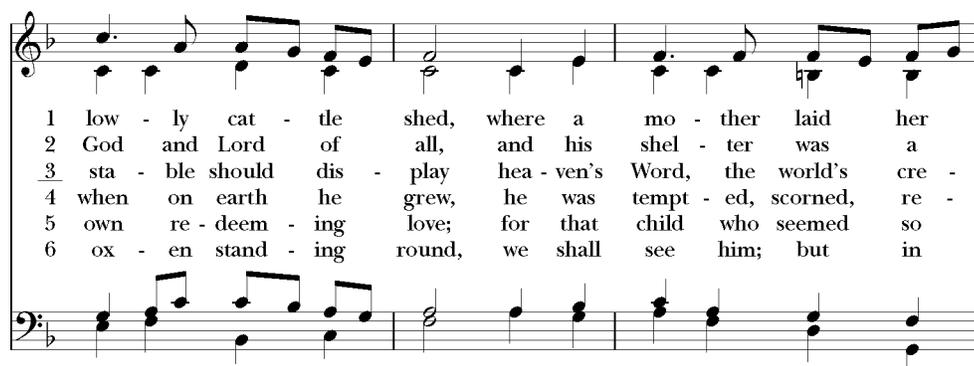
OPENING VOLUNTARY

All stand

Processional Hymn (Choir only verses 1 & 2)



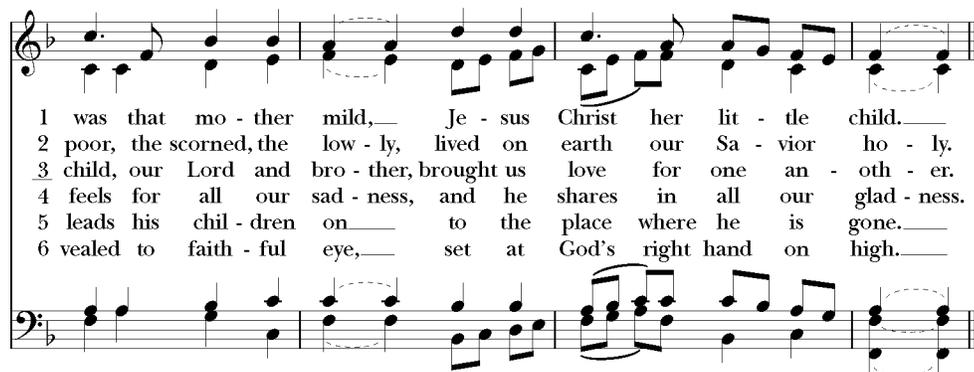
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



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 veiled 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: Stephen Cleobury

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.*

Remain standing for the

Invitatory Carol

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

Up! good Christian folk, and listen	Tell the story how from glory
How the merry church bells ring,	God came down at Christmastide,
And from steeple bid good people	Bringing gladness, chasing sadness,
Come adore the new-born King:	Showering blessings far and side,

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

Words: George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

Music: Tune from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; harmonized by G.R. Woodward

Please be seated.

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

Read by Samantha Glidewell, *A Cathedral Acolyte*

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

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| 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)

Carol

"What do you see?" the serpent said, the woman answered, "Death."

"It is not death," the serpent said, "It surely is not death."

"I see what God told us to see," the woman quickly said.

"See what I say," the serpent said. "See what I say," it said.

"What do you see?" they asked themselves, the woman and the man;
when they had heeded twisted words, all they could see was shame.

"God cannot see!" they told themselves, and fled into the trees;
for God was near, yet God would call, and God would surely see.

Yet shame and fear are not the end, for Jesus Christ shall come,
to crush the serpent under foot, to tear his kingdom down.

Words: Richard Leach (b. 1953)

Music: Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

Second Lesson ~ Genesis 22:15-18 *God promises to faithful Abraham that his descendents will be blessed*
 Read by Mikey Cammarata, *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.

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.

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.

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



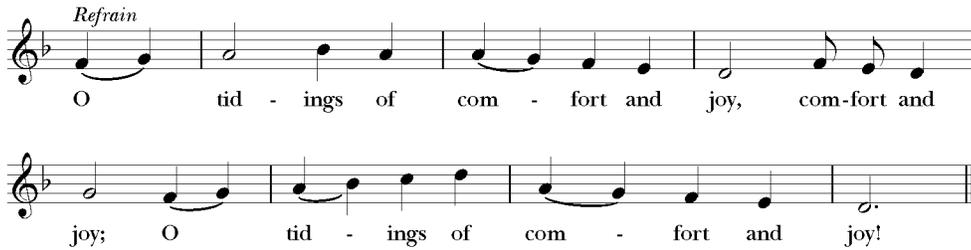
1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
 2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
 3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



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.



Words: London carol, 18th cent.

Music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from *Little Book of Christmas Carols*, ca. 1850;
harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944) Descant: David Wilcocks (b. 1919)

Third Lesson ~ Isaiah 9:2-7 *The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior*
Read by Jesse George, *A 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

The blessed son of God only	The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,
In a crib full poor did lie;	Was a guest and a stranger here;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood	Us for to bring from misery,
Was clothed that everlasting good. Kyrie eleison.	That we might live eternally. Kyrie eleison.

All this did he for us freely,
For to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore,
And give him thanks for evermore. Kyrie eleison.

Words: Robert Southwell (c. 1561-1595)
Music: Richard Dirksen (b. 1921-2003)

Carol

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| 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. | |

Words: St. 1-2 German, St. 3 Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859)
Music: Gerald Near (b. 1942), Melody from *Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern*, 1833.

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

Read by Susan Kartzke, *Chair, Advent House Board*

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

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)

Please stand and sing

Hymn



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose
2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall
3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And
4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The
glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voice - es,
ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,
yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,
low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voice - es,
And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev-ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev-ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev-ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry. And ev-ery stone shall cry,

And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall harbor heaven,
 Though heavy, dull, and dumb, And lie within the roadway,
 For stony hearts of men: God's blood upon the spear-head,
 In praises of the Child By whose descent among us

A stall become a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his kingdom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love refused a gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are recorded. _____

Final Ending

Words: Richard Wilbur (b. 1921)
 Music: *Andújar*, David Hurd (b. 1950)
 Reprinted from *The Hymnal 1982*.

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 Nicole Barnes, *Executive Director, Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative*

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

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

For in this rose contained was
 Heaven and earth in little space; Resmiranda.

By that rose we may well see
 There be one God in Persons Three: Pares forma.

Then leave we all this worldly mirth
 And follow we this joyous birth: Transeamus.

Words: Medieval text
 Music: John Joubert (b. 1927)

Carol

In heaven stood a linden tree
With pure white flowers laden;
Yet not a bloom was fair as she,
Sweet Mary, chosen maiden.

“Hail Mary, blessed virgin mild,
With God you have found favor;
You shall conceive and bear a child,
To all the world a Savior.”

Great Gabriel, God’s angel bright,
From high above came winging
To one, the purest in God’s sight,
A joyful message bringing.

“My soul doth magnify the Lord!
I am His hand-maid lowly;
Be all according to Thy word,”
said Mary, meek and holy.

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 Pete Nunnally, *Mission and Volunteer Coordinator, Episcopal Community Services of Louisiana*

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;
We will lend a coat of fur,
We will rock you:
See the fur to keep you warm,
Snugly round your tiny form.

Music & Words: Czech carol

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.

Carol

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day,
I asked the lord to help me, and he showed me the way. *O won't you [Refrain]*
2. He made me a watchman up on the city wall,
And if I am a Christian I am the least of all. *O won't you [Refrain]*
3. Shepherds lay a watching their flock that starry night,
An angel of the Lord came and shone a holy light. *O won't you [Refrain]*

Tenor: Bart Folse

Words: African-American Spiritual
Music: arr. Roland M. Carter (b. 1942)

Seventh Lesson ~ Luke 2:8-16 *Shepherds go to the manger*

Read by Mary Baldwin Kennedy, *Senior Warden*

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

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!

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 stand and sing

Hymn

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.
Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

Eighth Lesson ~ Matthew 2:1-12 *Wise men are led by the star to Jesus* Read by The Very Rev. Dr. Jean Alden McCurdy Meade, *Rector of Mount Olivet Episcopal Church and Dean of the Downtown Deanery*

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

1. We are three kings from Orient speeding
Swift on our way,
Westward o'er desert sands proceeding,
Night and day.
Seeking to hail the king of all kings
E'en now at his holy birth
Sweet are his laws, Gladness he brings
All the weary and waiting earth.
2. Shining above and brightly beaming
Burned a great star whose radiant gleaming,
Guiding us on, shedding a glow
Full on our pathway poured,
Faithful we now render our vow
Bending low before our Lord.
3. Treasure in caskets hither we bear
Gold all refined frankincense rare.
Deign then O Lord these to receive
While loyal we bow,
Grant as our gifts humbly we leave
We three kings may thy blessing know.

Words: English Text by Stewart A. Trench

Music: From the *Collection de Chœurs* of François-Auguste Gevaert (1828-1908)

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

Read by the Bishop

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; tr. Frederick Oakely and others

Music: *Adeste fideles*, melody att. John Francis Wade,
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Descant: David Willcocks

Closing Prayers

The Blessing

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
Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn; adapt. William H. Cummings
Descant: David Willcocks

Voluntary ~ Improvisation - Sortie

SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY SERVICES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 (Advent 4)

7:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (1928 BCP)
10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
6:00 PM ~ Real Presence

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

5:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

REGULAR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

SUNDAYS

7:30 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (1928 BCP)
10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Sung)
6:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Real Presence)

WEEKDAYS

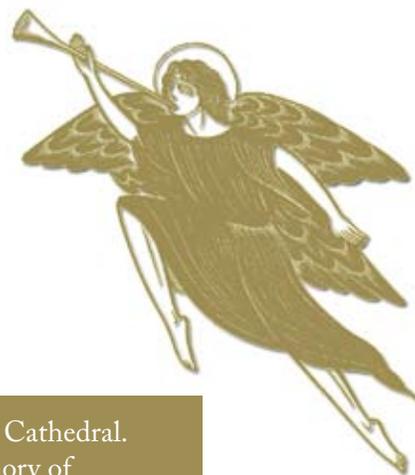
12:15 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

SATURDAYS

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



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