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ANGELS

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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 10, 2017

4:00 PM

Participating This Evening

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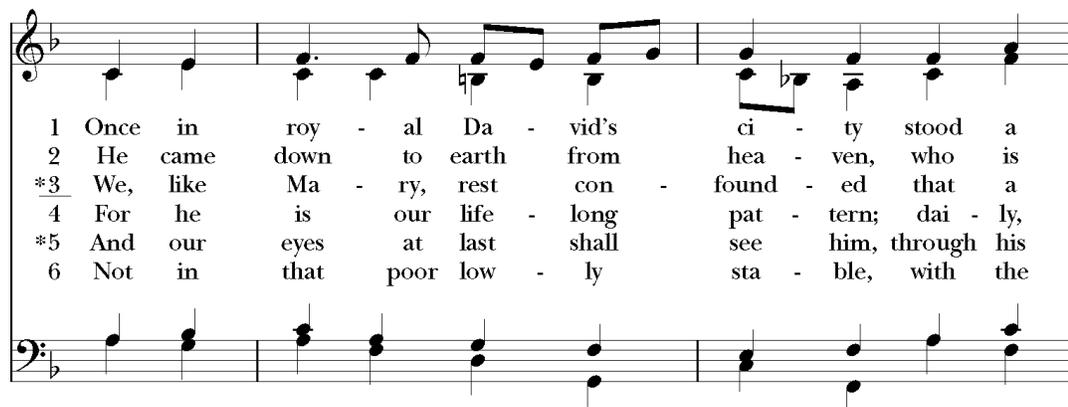
OPENING VOLUNTARY

Toccat, Adagio, and Fugue, BWV 564..... Johann Sebastian Bach

- Mr. Mariano

All stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Choir only verses 1 & 2)



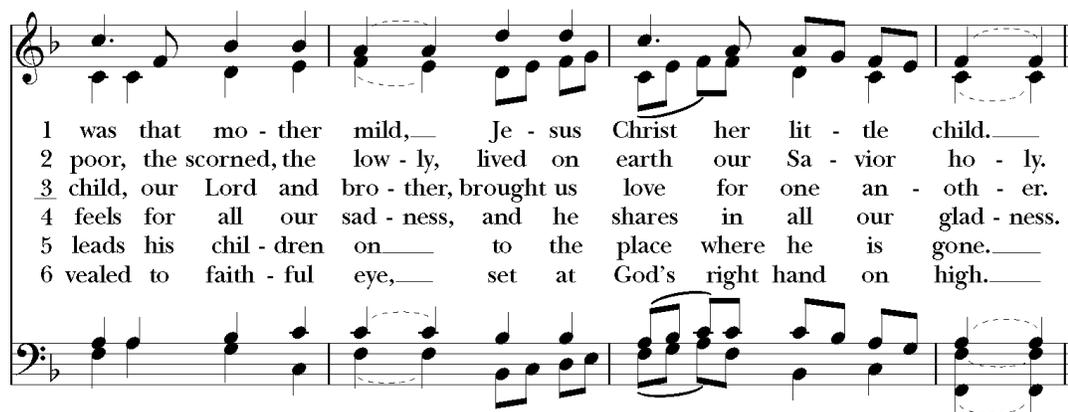
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



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 (b. 1948)

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

The blessed son of God only
In a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood
Was clothed that everlasting good.
Kyrie eleison.

The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,
Was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery,
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: Miles Coverdale after Martin Luther

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

Read by Miss Olivia Montero, *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

"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)

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)

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

Read by Dr. Julio Figueroa, *Board Chair of Advent House*

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

Where is this stupendous stranger?
Prophets, shepherds, kings, advise.
Lead me to my Master's manger,
show me where my Savior lies.

O Most Mighty! O Most Holy!
Far beyond the seraph's thought:
art thou then so weak and lowly
as unheeded prophets taught?

O the magnitude of meekness!
Worth from worth immortal sprung;
O the strength of infant weakness,
if eternal is so young!

God all bounteous, all creative,
whom no ills from good disuade,
is incarnate, and a native
of the very world he made.

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771)

Music: David Ashley White (b. 1944)

Please stand and sing

HYMN

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

Words: Frederico J. Pagura (b. 1923); tr. F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), alt.
 Music: *Valet will ich dir geben*, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) alt.;
 harmony and descant by Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

THIRD LESSON ~ Isaiah 9:2-7 *The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior*
 Read by Mr. Mikey Cammarata, *A Chorister*

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

Hear ye people, Even to the uttermost end of the earth.

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

God is with us. Christ is born!

Ryan Garrity, *Tenor*

Words: Isaiah 9

Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)

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

Read by Ms. Maxine Kimbrell, *Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Program Director of Eden House*

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 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 voic - 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 voic - es,



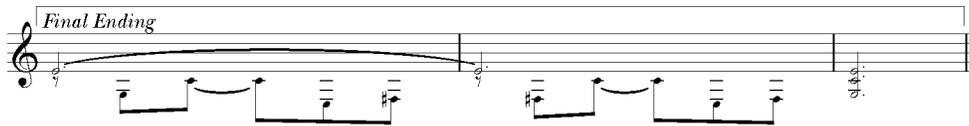
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - ery stone shall cry,
And ev - ery stone shall cry. _____ And ev - every stone shall cry,
And ev - every stone shall cry. _____ And ev - every stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,
Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way
For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,
In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be-come a shrine. _____ 2 This
 To pave his king-dom come. _____ 3 Yet
 God's love re-fused a-gain. _____ 4 But
 The worlds are rec-on-ciled. _____



Words: © Richard Wilbur (b.1921)
 Music: *Andijar*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 Mr. Jesse George, 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!

CAROL

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

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| He came all so still | He came all so still |
| Where his mother was, | Where his mother lay, |
| As dew in April | As dew in April |
| That falleth on the grass. | That falleth on the spray. |

Words: 15th-century English
 Music: Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)

CAROL

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae
et concepit de Spiritu sancto.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus.

Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini.
Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus.

Et Verbum caro factum est
et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Music: Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

*The angel of God visited Maria
and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, Jesus.*

*Maria said: See the servant of the Lord.
May it happen to me according to your word.*

*Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, Jesus.*

*And the Word became flesh
and lived among us.*

*Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Holy Mary, pray for us now and in the hour of our death.
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

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

Read by Mrs. Pam Riccardi, *A Cathedral Lector*

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.

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.

Music & Words: Czech carol

CAROL

1. What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day
That sees December turned to May,
That sees December turned to May.
2. Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn
Thus on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven and the under-earth.
- 3 We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns the patient ground to flowers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
The darling of the world is come.
- 4 The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart,
Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honor, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music ...

Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

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

Read by Mr. Lucas Diaz, *Board Member of The Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative*

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

1. We stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Watching the frosted meadows
That winter had won.
2. The evening was calm, Lady,
The air so still,
Silence more lovely than music
Folded the hill.
3. There was a star, Lady,
Shone in the night,
Larger than Venus it was
And bright, so bright.
4. Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
It seemed to us then
Telling of God being born
In the world of men.
5. And so we have come, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves,
We give to your son.

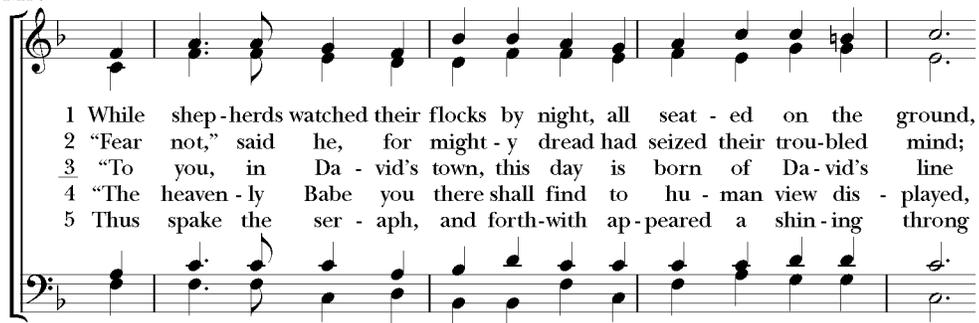
Words: Clive Sansom (1910-1981)

Music: Robert (Bob) Chilcott (b. 1955)

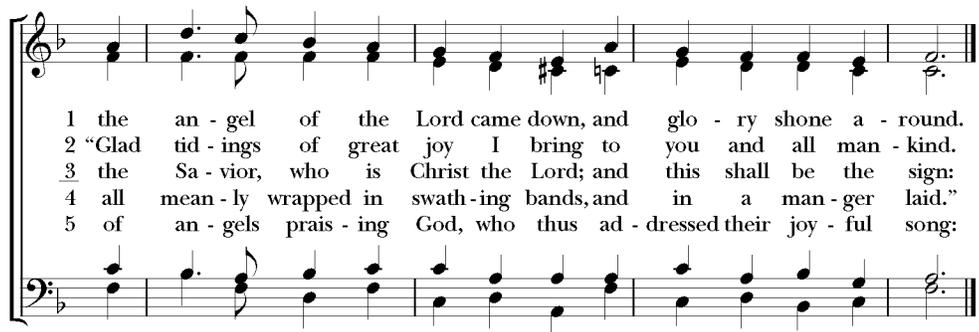
*The scores for this carol were given to the Cathedral choral library
in memory of The Reverend William C. Morris.*

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 throng



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 Booke of Psalmes*, 1592; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922;
desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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

Read by Dr. Annette Figueroa, *President of The Daughters of the King*

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

Three kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King:
God, incense, myrrh are their offering.

(How brightly shines the morning star!)
(With grace and truth from heaven afar)
(Our Jesse tree now bloweth.)

The star shines out with a steadfast ray:
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

(Of Jacob's stem and David's line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o'er-floweth.)

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting-place
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

(Thy word, Jesu)
(Inly feeds us, Rightly leads us,
Life bestowing.)
(Praise, O praise such love o'er-flowing.)

David Murray, *Baritone*

Words: Tr. H.N. Bate

Music: Peter Cornelius (1824-1874), arranged by Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

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

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 ~ Dieu parmi nous (God with us) from *La Nativité du Seigneur* Olivier Messiaen

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 our table.

Upcoming Concerts

Casey Candebat, Tenor - Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17 - 3:00 PM

Lyrica Baroque - Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 23 - 7:00 PM

Schedule of Holiday Services

Sunday, 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

Monday, 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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