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A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 15, 2013  
4:00 PM



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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## 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, *Canon Precentor*  
Mr. Thomas Kientz, Young Artist in Residence, *Organist, Opening & Closing Voluntaries*  
Mr. Anthony Sears, *Conductor*  
Mr. Troy Buttone, *Verger*

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*from Fifteen Pieces founded on Antiphons, Opus 18*..... Marcel Dupré

Magnificat IV (*Cantilena*)

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

Magnificat V

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.*

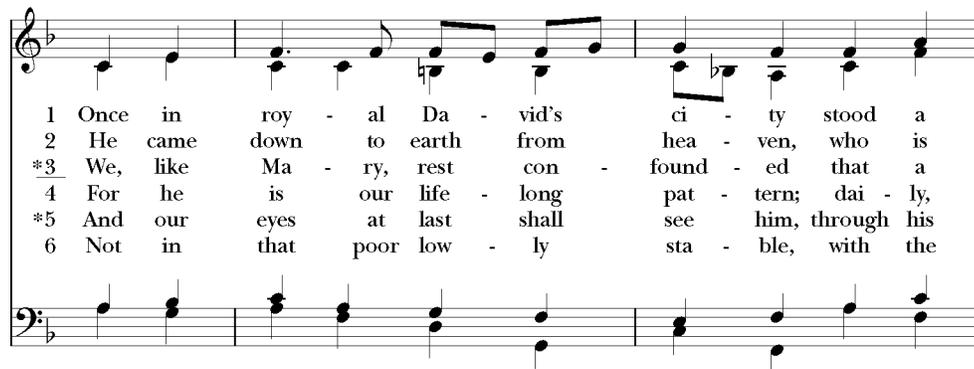
Magnificat VI

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

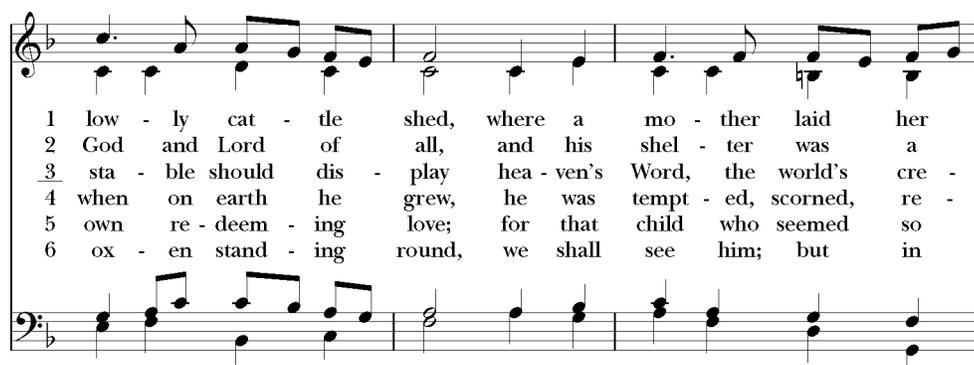
Noel IV ..... Louis-Claude Daquin

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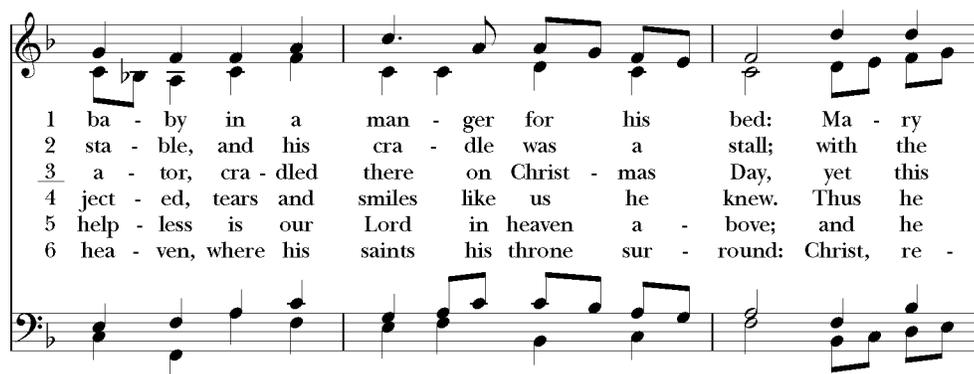
Processional Hymn (Choir only verses 1 & 2)



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



1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her  
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a  
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -  
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -  
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so  
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in



1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry  
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the  
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this  
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he  
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he  
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -



1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —  
2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.  
4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —  
6 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

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

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

Words: Anonymous 15th century

Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)

### Carol

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| 1. King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers,<br>Where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours.<br><br><i>Refrain:</i><br><i>There naught is heard but Paradise bird,</i><br><i>Harp, dulcimer, lute,</i><br><i>With cymbal, trump and tymbal,</i><br><i>And the tender, soothing flute.</i> | 4. The Crown Imperial bloometh too in yonder place,<br>'Tis Charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace. <i>Refrain</i>         |
| 2. The Lily, white in blossom there, is Chastity:<br>The Violet, with sweet perfume, Humanity. <i>Refrain</i>  | 5. Yet, 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim<br>The Star of Bethlem-Jesus-bless'd be his Name! <i>Refrain</i>       |
| 3. The bonny Damask-rose is known as Patience:<br>The blithe and thrifty Marygold, Obedience. <i>Refrain</i>   | 6. Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete,<br>Make thou my heart thy garden-plot, fair, trim and neat. <i>Refrain</i> |

Words: Richard Leach (b. 1953)

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926), Organ interludes by Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

Second Lesson ~ Genesis 22:15-18 *God promises to faithful Abraham that his descendents will be blessed*  
Read by Jethro Celestin, *A member of the choir*

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

The Word of the Lord.

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Carol

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| 1 Creator of the stars of night,<br>Thy people's everlasting light,<br>Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,<br>And hear thy servants when they call.                     | 2 Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride,<br>As drew the world to evening-tide,<br>Proceeding from a virgin shrine,<br>The Son of Man, yet all divine. |
| 3 At thy great name, exalted now,<br>All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,<br>And things in heaven and earth shall own<br>That thou art Lord and King alone. | 4 To God the Father, God the Son,<br>and God the Spirit, Three in One,<br>Laud, honor, might, and glory be<br>From age to age eternally. Amen.       |

Words: English text by J.M. Neale and editors of the *The New English Hymnal*  
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

*Please stand and sing*

Hymn

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

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

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

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

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

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

Descant: Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)

### Third Lesson ~ Isaiah 9:2-7 *The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior*

Read by Mr. David Bottner, *Director, New Orleans Mission*

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

To us is born a blessed Child, to us a son is given,  
 Born of a Virgin undefiled, he is our hope of heaven;  
 Had not this Child to us been born, we all had been in sin forlorn,  
 He is our sole salvation, All thanks, Lord Jesus Christ, to thee,  
 That thou wert pleased a man to be.

Kyrie, eleison.

Music: Daniel Moe (b. 1926)

## 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.

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 Ms. Kara Van de Carr French, *Executive Director, 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.

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## 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 (19<sup>th</sup> cent.)

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

Please stand and sing

## Hymn

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf - fered long;  
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by pro - phets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heaven - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
be - neath the heaven - ly hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all - gra - cious King.”  
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - ering wing,  
and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the tid - ings which they bring;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt.

Music: *Noel*, English melody; adapt. Arthur Seymour Sullivan 1842-1900)

Descant: David Willcocks (b.1919)

## 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 Ms. Miranda Restovic, Deputy Director, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities

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.

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

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.

## Carol

1. A maiden most gentle and tender we sing:  
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria, Ave, ave, ave Maria.

3. The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call  
The Lord of creation, and Savior of all.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria, Ave, ave, ave Maria.

5. Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray;  
Sing praise to the Savior, sing endless ‘Ave.’  
Ave, ave, ave Maria, Ave, ave, ave Maria.

Words: Paraphrased from The Venerable Bede by Andrew Carter  
Music: Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

2. How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child,  
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria, Ave, ave, ave Maria.

4. Three Kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare,  
And marvelled in awe at the babe in her care.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria, Ave, ave, ave Maria.

## Sixth Lesson ~ Luke 2:1-7 *Jesus is born in Bethlehem*

Read by Mr. Michael Robinson, *Neighborhood Coordinator, Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative*

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

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 Ms. LaToya Cantrell, *New Orleans City Counsel Member, District B*

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

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

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

Soloist: Ryan Garrity

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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

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

*Please stand and sing*

## Hymn

1 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; harmony in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922;  
Descant by Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

## Eighth Lesson ~ Matthew 2:1-12 *Wise men are led by the star to Jesus*

Read by Dr. Julio Figueroa, *Senior Warden, Christ Church Cathedral*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God!

## Carol

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.)

Soloist: Guy Tem

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 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 ~ In Dulci Jubilo..... Johann Sebastian Bach Improvisation - Sortie

*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.*

### SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY SERVICES:

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 (Advent 4)

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

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

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

#### WEDNESDAY, 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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Jennifer O'Brien  
Sarah Weinberg

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Jethro Celestin  
Ryan Garrity  
William Parsons  
Reggie White

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