

# *A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

*Sunday, December 21, 2025, 9:30 AM*



**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England on Christmas Eve 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four had just been appointed Dean of King's after experience as an army chaplain which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship.

A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn 'Once in Royal David's City'. In almost every year some carols have been changed and some new ones introduced by successive Organists. The backbone of the service, the lessons and the prayers, has remained virtually unchanged. The original service was, in fact, adapted from an Order drawn up by E. W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed, which then served as his cathedral in Truro, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve 1880. A. C. Benson recalled: 'My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve - nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the Church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop.' The suggestion had come from G. H. S. Walpole, later Bishop of Edinburgh.

Almost immediately other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider frame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel and the name of King's could not be broadcast for security reasons. Sometime in the early 1930s the BBC began broadcasting the service on overseas programs. It is estimated that there are millions of listeners worldwide, including those to Radio Four in the United Kingdom. In recent years it has become the practice to broadcast a digital recording on Christmas Day on Radio Three, and since 1963 a shorter service has been filmed periodically for television. Recordings of carols by Decca and EMI have also served to spread its fame.

In these and other ways the service has become public property. From time to time the College receives copies of services held, for example, in the West Indies or the Far East and these show how widely the tradition has spread. The broadcasts, too, have become part of Christmas for many far from Cambridge. One correspondent writes that he heard the service in a tent on the foothills of Everest; another, in the desert. Many listen at home, busy about their own preparations for Christmas. Visitors from all over the world are heard to identify the Chapel as 'the place where the Carols are sung.' Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. 'The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God ...' seen 'through the windows and words of the Bible.' Local interests appear, as they do here, in the bidding prayer, and personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage 'all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light.' The center of the service is still found by those who 'go in heart and mind' and who consent to follow where the story leads.

## The Prelude

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Pianist: Ms. Bertha Dykstra

### *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

(Hymn #268, arr. F. Lopez)

### *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

(Hymn #313, arr. Montgomery-Smart)

### *Christians, Awake*

(Hymn #312, arr. D. Paxton)

## Children's Choir

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Verses 1-3: Children

Verse 4: Women & Children

† Verse 5: Congregation

### *Once in Royal David's City*

Lyrics by Cecil Alexander, Music by Henry Gauntlett

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:  
with the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,  
love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above:  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

† Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

† Congregation Standing

## **The Welcome, Announcements & Explanation of the Service**

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Mr. Joe Steele

### **† The Call to Worship**

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Isaiah 40:1-2; Psalm 98:2-4

Mr. Stephen St. John

**Leader:** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned.

**Congregation:** The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

### **† The Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

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Mr. Stephen St. John

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.

### **† The Hymn**

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Verse 1: Adult Choir

† Verse 2: Congregation

† Verse 3: Congregation with Choral Descant

† Verse 4: Congregation

#### ***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Latin Hymn, arr. John Francis Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light; lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created; [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning: Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

## The First Lesson

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Reader: Mr. Scooter Johnson

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise  
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.  
Genesis 3:8-24

*And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, 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?" And 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 of 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 of 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 deceived me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on 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 her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain 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, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat and live forever—" therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.*

Thanks be to God

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley

St. 2, 3, Mark E. Hunt

Music by Rowland Hugh Pritchard

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;  
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

**The Second Lesson**

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Reader: Mr. Andy Rutledge

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all  
the nations of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 22:15-18

*And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."*

Thanks be to God

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Lyrics by Charles Wesley

Music by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, arr. William Cummings

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.

Mild, he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth. [Refrain]

**The Third Lesson**

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Reader: Mr. Andy Ball

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Messiah.

Isaiah 9:2-7

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

Thanks be to God

## The Carol

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Adult Choir

Ms. Bertha Dykstra, Piano

### *Who Is He in Yonder Stall?*

Benjamin R. Hanby, arr. Kim Collingsworth

Who is He in yonder stall at whose feet the shepherds fall?  
Who is He who softly cried, who created earth and sky?  
It's the Lord! Oh wondrous story! It's the Lord! The King of Glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall. Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.

Who is He in deep distress fasting in the wilderness?  
Who is He the people bless for His words of gentleness?  
It's the Lord! Oh wondrous story! It's the Lord! The King of Glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall. Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.

Lo! at midnight, who is He prays in dark Gethsemane?  
Who is He on Calvary dies in grief and agony?  
At His feet we humbly fall. Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

Who is He who rent the grave? By the pow'r He now can save!  
Who is He who from His throne rules through all the world alone?  
It's the Lord! Oh, wondrous story! It's the Lord! The King of Glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall. Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all.  
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At His feet we humbly fall. Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!

## The Fourth Lesson

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Reader: Mr. Joe Steele

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.  
Isaiah 11:1-9

*There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and 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 of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf 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 cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

Thanks be to God



## The Prayer of Illumination

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Mr. Joe Steele

## The Ministry of the Word

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Mr. Joe Steele

## The Carol

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Adult Choir

Ms. Bertha Dykstra, Piano

### *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Latin hymn, arr. by Timothy Kile

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night, and turn our darkness into light.

O Israel, rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel.

## The Fifth Lesson

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Reader: Mr. Logan Bryant

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed virgin Mary.  
Luke 1:26-38

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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 father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in*

her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Thanks be to God

## The Carol

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Adult Choir

Ms. Bertha Dykstra, Piano

Judah Frank, Violin

### *Song of Mary*

Words by Patricia Mock and Faye López

Music by Faye López

My soul exalts the Lord my God,  
And my spirit rejoices in praise to God my Savior.  
For He has chosen me, the handmaid of the Lord.

Age to age, generations will call me blessed,  
For the favor the Mighty One has shown to His servant.  
For He has honored me, the bonds slave of the Lord.

In His goodness, His kind compassion,  
He sends the Promised One the vow to pay.  
In remembrance of His great mercy,  
The Holy One has done great things for me.  
O magnify His holy name!

My soul magnifies the Lord, my God,  
And my heart rejoices in praise to God, my Savior.  
For He has chosen me, the bonds slave of the Lord.  
Amen.

## The Sixth Lesson

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Reader: Mr. Joe Crowhurst

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.  
Luke 2:1-7

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

Thanks be to God

# The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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Adult Choir

Ms. Bertha Dykstra, Piano

Church Orchestra

## *Star Carol*

Words and Music by John Rutter

Sing this night, for a boy is born in Bethlehem,  
Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;  
Bring your gifts, come and worship at His cradle,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

See His star shining bright in the sky this Christmas Night!  
Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Angels bright, come from heaven's highest glory,  
Bear the new with its message of good cheer:  
Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us,  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

See His star shining bright in the sky this Christmas Night!  
Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

See, He lies in His mother's tender keeping;  
Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.  
Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore Him,  
Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary.  
See His star shining bright in the sky this Christmas Night!  
Follow me joyfully; hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

Let us all pay our homage at the manger,  
Sing His praise on this joyful Christmas Night;  
Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation;  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!  
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!

## The Seventh Lesson

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Reader: Mr. Craig Bosma

The shepherds go to the manger.

Luke 2:8-16

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.*

Thanks be to God

## The Carol

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Adult Choir

Ms. Bertha Dykstra, Piano

Mrs. Mary Margaret Eberle, Flute

### ***Where Shepherds Lately Knelt***

Lyrics by Jaroslav Vajda, Music by Craig Courtney

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,

I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;  
but there is room and welcome there for me,  
but there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find him as they said:  
sweet newborn Babe, now frail! And in a manger bed,  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me,  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,  
his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart, I stare;  
a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace for me,  
a Child, a Son, the Prince of Peace for me.

Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned  
its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,  
to die, to live, and not alone for me,  
to die, to live, and not alone for me.

## The Eighth Lesson

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Reader: Mr. Bill Emrich

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.*

Thanks be to God

## † The Hymn

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### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Lyrics by Phillips Brooks, Music by Lewis Redner

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

## The Ninth Lesson

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Reader: Mr. John Kirkwood

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.  
John 1:1-14

*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 were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Thanks be to God

## † The Hymn

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#299

Verse 1: Choir

† Verse 2: Women

† Verse 3: Men

† Verse 4: All

### *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Lyrics by Isaac Watts, Music by G. F. Handel

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
Let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## † The Benediction

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Mr. Joe Steele

## † Choral Doxology

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Choir and Congregation  
Church Orchestra

### *Hallelujah! (No. 44 Chorus from "Messiah")*

Words and Music George Frideric Handel

The congregation is invited to join the Sanctuary Choir by standing in and around the choir.  
(Lyrics can be found in the separate handout sheet in the narthex.)

*Thank you for joining us.*



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