



**A FESTIVAL
OF NINE LESSONS
AND CAROLS**

**DECEMBER 24, 2025
REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

THE Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held 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 College-Cambridge after experience as an army chaplain which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. (He devised the College's Advent Carol Service in 1934, and was a liturgical pioneer and authority during his twenty-two years as Dean of York.) The music was then directed by Arthur Henry Mann, Organist 1876–1929. The choir included sixteen trebles as laid down in King Henry VI's statutes, but until 1927 the men's voices were provided partly by Choral Scholars and partly by older Lay Clerks, and not, as now, by fourteen undergraduates.

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 the choice of carols has varied, and some new ones have been introduced by successive Organists: Arthur Henry Mann; Boris Ord, 1929–57; Harold Darke (his substitute during the war), 1940–45; Sir David Willcocks, 1957–73; Sir Philip Ledger, 1974–82 and, from 1982-2019, Sir Stephen Cleobury, who was succeeded by Daniel Hyde. 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.

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 idea had come from G. H. S. Walpole, later Bishop of Edinburgh. Almost immediately other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider fame 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.

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 recording of the service on Christmas Day on Radio Three, and since 1963 a shorter service has been filmed periodically for television. Recordings of carols by Decca, EMI and, more recently, on the College's own record label 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 the 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.

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

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In Preparation

Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.

PRELUDE

Destin Wernicke

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, BuxWV 188 — Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

Praised be you, Jesus Christ
That you have been born as a man
From a virgin—this is true—
At which the host of angels rejoices.

Gesù bambino — Pietro Yon (1886–1943)

In the humble hut,
In cold and poverty
The Holy infant is born,
Who the world will adore.

In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 608 — J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

COLLECT

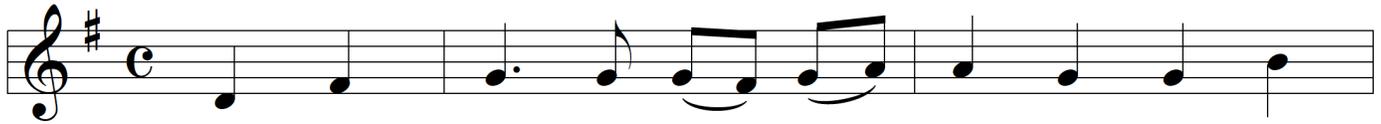
O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL CAROL – LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

IRBY

Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849



Solo: 1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
 Choir: 2. *He came down to earth from heav - en who is*
 ❖ All: 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood, he would
 4. *And our eyes at last shall see him, through his*
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the



low - ly cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her
God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 hon - or and o - bey, love and watch the low - ly
own re - deem - ing love; for that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by, we shall see him, but in



ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Mar - y
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall: with the
 maid - en, in whose gen - tle arms he lay: Chris - tian
gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he
 heav - en, set at God's right hand on high; when like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 chil - dren all must be, mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

❖ BIDDING PRAYER

Minister: Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas Eve our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us hear again from Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this sanctuary glad with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us pray to him for the needs of the whole world, and all his people; for peace upon the earth he came to save; for love and unity within the Church he did build; and for brotherhood and goodwill amongst all men.

And particularly at this time let us remember before him the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of Love.

Lastly let us remember before him them who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

People: 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed
of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.*

They heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

And he said, who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, what is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Latin, 12th cent.

VENI EMMANUEL

Plainsong, 13th cent.



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. *O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's*
 3. O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 4. *O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our*
 5. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,
 Sin - ai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re -
and close the path to mis - er - y.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.



joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The virgin birth of Emmanuel is foretold by the prophet Isaiah.

Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CAROL FOR CHOIR

O Magnum Mysterium — Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

*O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum
jacentem in praesepio.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.
O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum.
Alleluia!*

O great mystery
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger!
O blessed is the Virgin, whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with you.
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Please wait until the choir has finished before turning the page.

Isaiah describes the nature of the Messiah and the Kingdom to come.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

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 of the fear of the Lord;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

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❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

German hymn, c. 1500

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

Michael Praetorius, 1609

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the
 3. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with
 4. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who

ten - der stem hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing,
 rose I have in mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it,
 sweet-ness fills the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor
 felt our hu - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry,

as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et
 the vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a -
 the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y
 who dost our weak - ness know, bring us at length, we

bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 right she bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 God; from sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 pray, to the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.

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OFFERING AND CAROL FOR CHOIR

Bethlehem Down — Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

“When he is King we will give him the King’s gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music,
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When he is King they will clothe him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here he has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Bruce Blunt (1899–1957)

Please wait until the choir has finished before turning the page.

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, how shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

CAROL FOR CHOIR

Gabriel's Message — arr. Edgar Pettman (1866–1943)

The angel Gabriel from heaven came;
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame:
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

“For known a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee;
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady,” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn;
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

(Basque Carol)

Please wait until the choir has finished before turning the page.

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.

PICARDY

French melody, 17th cent.



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - wing - ed ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 faith - - - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - - - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - - - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

The angel of the Lord appears to the shepherds with good tidings.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, good will toward men.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849

CAROL

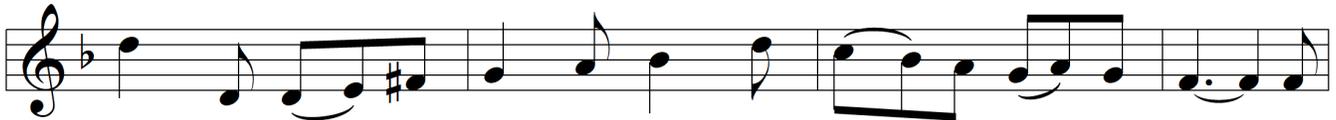
Richard Storrs Willis, 1850



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old, from
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled, and
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low, who
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old, when,



an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold; "Peace
 still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world: a -
 toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow, look
 by the Spir - it's might - y pow'r, ar - rives the time fore - told: when



on the earth, good will to men from heav'n's all - gra - cious King:" the
 bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov'r - ing wing, and
 now! for glad and gol - den hours come swift - ly on the wing: O
 Peace shall o - ver all the earth its prom - ised splen - dors fling, and



world in sol - emn still - ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
 the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

The shepherds go to the manger.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

CAROL FOR CHOIR

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella — Alice Parker (1925–2023), Robert Shaw (1916–1999)

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella.
Bring a torch, come hurry and run.
It is Jesus, good folk of the village,
Christ is born, and Mary's calling:
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the mother;
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Child!

It is wrong, when the Baby is sleeping,
It is wrong to speak so loud;
Silence now, as you come near the cradle,
Lest you awaken little Jesus,
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the mother;
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Child!

Skies are glowing, the heavens are cloudless,
Bright the path to the manger bed.
Hasten, all who would see little Jesus,
Shining bright as yonder star,
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the mother;
Ah! Ah! beautiful is the Child!

(Traditional French Carol)

Please wait until the choir has finished before turning the page.

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

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People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Rev. Eric Landry

❖ CAROL FOR CONGREGATION

John Francis Wade, 1751

ADESTE FIDELES

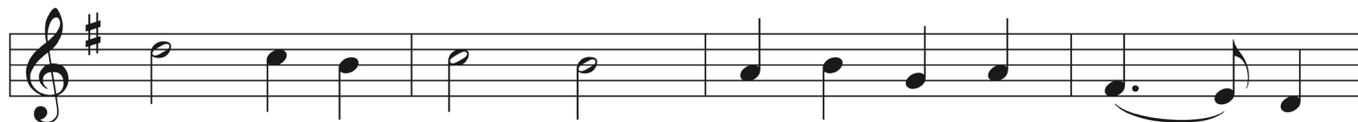
J. F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:



O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove;
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
 glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

❖ COLLECT AND BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Minister: Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you; the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, now and evermore.

People: Amen.

❖ DEPARTING CAROL

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753

MENDELSSOHN

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,



with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

POSTLUDE

Destin Wernicke

In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729 — J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

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	4:00 SERVICE	6:00 SERVICE	
First Lesson:	Kaleb Ly	Meg Rhinehart	<i>Youth Leader</i>
Second Lesson:	Brian Wells	Marybeth Price	<i>Small Group Leader</i>
Third Lesson:	Alaina Torrey	Max Smith	<i>Ministry Leader</i>
Fourth Lesson:	Jared Chacon	Zoie Duncan	<i>Ministry Leader</i>
Fifth Lesson:	Ben Haguewood	Debbie Matlock	<i>Deacon/Deacon Assistant</i>
Sixth Lesson:	Rick Bocock	Barry McBee	<i>Elder</i>
Seventh Lesson:	Landy Ligon	Scott Brister	<i>Elder</i>
Eighth Lesson:	Danny Morgan	Danny Morgan	<i>Pastor</i>
Ninth Lesson:	Eric Landry	Eric Landry	<i>Pastor</i>

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