





*A Service of
Nine Lessons
and Carols*

2001

*Sunday, December 16
2:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m.*

*St. Andrew's School
Middletown, Delaware*

A Note about this Service

In 1880 the Bishop of Truro, England, drew up a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, based on ancient sources, for use on Christmas Eve in the wooden shed which served as his cathedral. In 1918 the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, Eric Milner-White, adapted the form for use in his Chapel. The readings form a progression, beginning with two passages traditionally seen as prophecies of the coming of Christ, and going on through the familiar readings of the Nativity.

Our own service at St. Andrew's School follows this traditional format closely. Since, liturgically speaking, we hold our service in the middle of Advent, there is always a component of the music of this beautiful season.

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Note: Immediately after the service, all are invited into the choir for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah*. Music will be provided.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (All)

NOTE: Please do not stand to sing until the Choir has finished the first verse.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CHOIR ONLY

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

O come, thou Wisdom from on high
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

O come, thou Day-spring from on high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

Text: Latin, ca. 9th century

Music: 15th Cent. plainsong - adapted T. Helmore (1811-1890)

ALL STANDING, THESE PRAYERS ARE SAID:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Beloved in Christ, be it our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go to Bethlehem and see the thing which has come to pass.

Therefore let us hear in Holy Scripture the story of the loving promises of God and His glorious Redemption, and let us make this Chapel sound with our carols of praise.

But first, because this of all things would rejoice the heart of our Lord Jesus, let us pray to Him for the needs of the whole world, and all His people; for peace on the earth He came to save; for unity in the Church He founded; and for justice and goodwill amongst all people.

And, particularly at this time, let us remember before Him the poor, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved, and all those who do not know or love the Lord Jesus, or who have grieved Him by their sin.

Lastly, let us remember those who have died, the multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this same Lord Jesus, we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to God in the words that Christ Himself taught us, Saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

N.B.: Please be seated during the Lessons and all selections sung by the various choirs. Please stand while singing selections indicated *All*.

CAROL (The Concert Choir)

Carol of the Bells

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells,
All seem to say "Throw cares away."

Christmas is near, bringing good cheer
To young and old, meek and the bold.

Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song,
With joyful ring, all caroling.

One seems to hear words of good cheer,
From ev'rywhere, filling the air.

O, how they pound, raising the sound,
O'er hill and dale, telling their tale.

Gayly they ring, while people sing
Song of good cheer, Christmas is near!

Merry, merry, merry, Merry, Christmas!

On, on they send, on without end.
Their joyful tone to ev'ry home.

Text: Peter J. Wilhousky

Music: Ukrainian Carol by M. Leontovich,
arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

First Lesson

THE STORY FROM GENESIS OF GOD'S PROMISE
TO HIS PEOPLE FROM WHOM WAS TO COME
THE MESSIAH.

READER: *A student of the Third Form*
2:30: Christina Conell - 5:00: Eric Martin

HYMN (All)

Lift Up Your Heads

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings' is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is near.

O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

Text: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth
Music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

Second Lesson

THE PROPHET ISAIAH PROCLAIMS ISRAEL
THE SERVANT OF THE LORD
AND A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS.

READER: *A student of the Fourth Form*
2:30: Megan Dieterle - 5:00 Nia Chaney

CAROL (Choir)

Exsultate Cantamos Festivo

Exsultate, cantamos, festivo.
Exsultate, alegre, canto.
Exsultate, cantamos, festivo.
Canciones jubilo.

Christus Natus!

*We exult and sing festively,
We exult with a lively song,
Songs of joy.*

Christ is born!

Text and Music by Jay Althouse

Third Lesson

ISAIAH THE PROPHET FORETELLS
THE BIRTH AND KINGDOM OF CHRIST.

READER: *A student of the Fifth Form*
2:30: Jennifer Wilson - 5:00: Walton Dumas

HYMN (All)

On Jordan's Bank

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore and
Holy Spirit evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Fourth Lesson

THE PROPHET ISAIAH PROCLAIMS
THE PEACE THAT CHRIST WILL BRING.

READER: *A student of the Sixth Form*
2:30 Michael Primiani - 5:00: Frances Symes

CAROL
(Concert Choir & Brass)

Ding, Dong! Merrily on High

Ding Dong! Merrily on high,
the bells are gaily ringing.
Ding dong, Happily reply,
the angels all are singing.
Gloria, hosanna in excelsis!

Ding dong, carol all the bells,
wait not now do not tarry.
Ring out, sound the good noel,
the baby born of Mary. *Refrain*

Hark now, happily we sing,
and join the angels singing.
Ding dong, sound the steeple bell,
for joyous news we are bringing. *Refrain*

Traditional French Carol (18th century)
arr. by Howard Cable

Fifth Lesson

THE ANGEL GABRIEL SALUTES THE VIRGIN MARY.

READER: *A member of the Alumni Body*
2:30: Hardy Gieske - 5:00: Ann McTaggart

CAROL (Concert Choir)

Sweet the Moments

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
at the cradle do I spend;
Life and health salvation restoring,
from the sinner's newborn friend.

Truly blessed is the station
low before his manger plain;
while I hear the angels singing,
"Gloria" their sweet refrain.

Lord, in ceaseless contemplation
fix our hearts and eyes on thee,
till we taste thy full salvation,
and thy unveiled glory see.

Little child now born among us,
heal our hatred, bring us peace;
Gracious Saviour! we implore thee,
in our hearts thy love increase.

Text: Walter Shirley, arr. Marc F. Cheban
Music: Restoration (Southern Harmony, 1835)

CAROL (All)

What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: For sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain.*

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain.*

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Music: traditional English melody - Greensleeves

Sixth Lesson

ST. LUKE TELLS OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

READER: *A member of the Staff*
2:30: Lorraine Sill - 5:00 Judy Odden

HYMN (All)

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
*Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain.*

Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighter visions beam afar:
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain.*

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In his temple shall appear: *Refrain.*

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854)
Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Seventh Lesson

THE SHEPHERDS GO TO THE MANGER.

READER: *A member of the Faculty*
2:30: Diahann Johnson - 5:00: Ana Ramirez

CAROL (Concert Choir)

Rise Up, Shepherd!

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn.
Rise up, rise up, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Saviour's born.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Leave your sheep and leave your lambs.
Rise up, rise up, and follow!
Leave your ewes and leave your rams,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!

Follow, oh, follow, oh, follow, oh, follow.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow, follow.

If you take good heed to the angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow!

Follow, go follow! Follow, go follow!
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the Star of Bethlehem.
Rise, up shepherd, and follow.

Traditional American
arr. by Susan N. Callaway

Eighth Lesson

THE WISE MEN ARE LED BY THE STAR TO JESUS.

READER: *A Trustee of the School*
2:30 Henry Herndon - 5:00 Bill Brownlee

CAROL (Choir)

Jazz Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Alleluia,
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Christ the Lord is born.

Lo, now He comes, the awaited Messiah,
The babe who is born in a poor cattle stall.
There 'mid the wisemen and shepherds adoring,
He lies sweetly sleeping, the Savior of all.

Tell the news through all the earth;
Tidings of the holy birth.
Sent from God with us to dwell:
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Text and Music by Natalie Sleeth

Ninth Lesson

ST. JOHN INTERPRETS
THE MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION.

READER: *The Headmaster*

CAROL (Concert Choir)

Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Don we now our gay apparel,
Troll we now our yuletide Carol,

See the blazing yule before us,
Strike the harp and join the chorus,
Follow me in merry measure,
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,

Fast away the old year passes,
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Sing we joyous all together,
Heedless of the wind and weather.
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Old Welsh Carol
arr. Leo Tellep

CAROL (All)

Joy to the World

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

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.

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

Text: Issac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray:

The Collect

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May He who by His Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

A Christmas Offering

An envelope is provided in this booklet for your Christmas Offering. Baskets to receive the offering are placed in the rear of the Chapel for your use upon leaving. Our Offering this evening will go to support St. Mark's School in Jane Furse, South Africa. This is our companion school which has a very special ministry to educate young black students for leadership in the new South Africa. Your student vestry asks your generous support for this ongoing project.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (All)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God from God, Light from Light,
lo! he abhors not the virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father; *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.*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear:
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing. *Refrain.*

Participants in the Service

The Reverend Canon Carl Kunz, *Chaplain*
The Reverend Louise Howlett, *Associate Chaplain*
Jay Hutchinson, *Associate Chaplain*
Marc F. Cheban, *Chapel Organist / Choirmaster*

The Johannes Brass

Kate Falcone, *Trumpet I*
Susan M. Peo, *Trumpet II*
Bonnie McDonald, *French Horn*
Philip Hessler, *Trombone*
Dean Buckwalter, *Tuba*

THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Soprano

Kim Black
Maggie Bryan
Nia Chaney
Cora Currier
Elaine Erdely
Elizabeth Lea
Searcy Milam
Kristina Romaine
Laney Smith

Alto

Jennifer Kim
Lana Matsuyama
Sarah Peebles
Amanda Purcell
Frances Symes
Claire Teigland
Sarah Unger
Jenn Wilson
Emily Zazulia

Tenor

Sam Baroody
Andy Carroll
Young Choi
John Collins
Chris Kovachev

Bass

John Allen
Micah Levinson
Nick Manice
Eddie Reynolds
Anthony Timberman
Steve Tooze

THE CONCERT CHOIR

Soprano

Grace Awantang
Margaret Hoffecker
Virginia Mann
Searcy Milam
Kristina Romaine
Meaghan Rathvon

Alto

Emma Budwig
Amanda Purcell
Frances Symes
Emily Zazulia

Tenor

Andrew Carroll
Peyton Coles
John Collins
Chris Kovachev

Bass

John Allen
Walton Dumas
Rob Previti
John Slattery
Steven Wu