



A FESTIVAL *of* NINE
CHRISTMAS
LESSONS
& CAROLS

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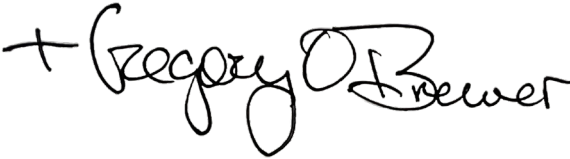
WELCOME TO *Church of the Incarnation*

We are very glad you are joining us for our 66th annual Lessons and Carols. We hope you find it an inspiring way to begin your Christmas celebration. If you are with us tonight for the first time, or have been away for a long absence, I hope that you will take a moment to fill out the gold-topped Communication Card found in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate. It includes an opportunity for you to tell us a little about yourself and how we may welcome you more fully.

This service is an opportunity to hear in word and song the story of God's salvation, beginning with the Fall in the Garden of Eden, through the prophecies to Israel, and culminating in the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. The service is sung by the Incarnation Choir, which sings here each Sunday, and the Scripture lessons will be read by leaders in our community. We are deeply grateful they have made time to be with us this evening, and you can learn more about their contributions to the city of Dallas by referring to the insert in this service bulletin.

If you do not have plans already, I want to invite you to join us as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas Eve. We will have services at 12pm, 2pm, 5pm, and 10:30pm, and we would be delighted to have you join us in worship.

May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas season.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory O. Brewer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Right Reverend Gregory O. Brewer, *Interim Rector*
Church of the Incarnation



Today's offering will support the Dick Granger Neighborhood Ministry. Granger Ministry provides financial assistance to those in need who are working, or are capable of working and actively seeking a job, and live in the geographical vicinity of Church of the Incarnation. This ministry supports both members of our parish family and others who have encountered our parishioners in the name of Jesus Christ. If you would like to make a contribution online, the accompanying QR code is provided for your convenience. Thank you for partnering with us to help others find spiritual growth through personal service in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

COVER ART

Gentile da Fabriano, *Adoration of the Magi* (1423)

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We respectfully ask for silence during the organ voluntary.

Please silence all electronic devices and refrain from recording. Thank you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Canonic variations on 'Vom Himmel hoch', BWV 769 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

All stand.

HYMN

The choir sings stanzas 1 and 2. The congregation joins on stanza 3.

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| 1. <i>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.</i> | 4. <i>For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.</i> |
| 2. <i>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.</i> | 5. <i>And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.</i> |
| 3. <i>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.</i> | 6. <i>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;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.</i> |

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

Music: Irby, Henry John Gauntlett (1805–1876), *Descant:* David Willcocks (1919–2015)

THE BIDDING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER



ELOVED in Christ, be it this Advent season 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 the manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this church, dedicated to the Incarnation of our Lord and God, glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in the Anglican Communion and in this Diocese of Dallas.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and 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 God all those 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 are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us: 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 Officiant continues

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

All sit.

CAROL

THIS is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love.
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I tell,
Woman was made with man to dwell.

And we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his son.

And at that season of the year
Our blest redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleas'd to hear what he did say.

Words: English Traditional

Music: arr. Christopher Robinson (b. 1936) & Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8–19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

AND 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.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

CAROL

ADAM lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond,
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long;

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkës finden
Written in their book.

Ne had one apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady
A been Heaven's Queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen:
Deo gratias!

Words: 15th century English
Music: Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

THE SECOND LESSON

GENESIS 22

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

AND the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, by myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

CAROL

ALL wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with Him for ever. Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heav'n, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom. Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? Or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and numbered her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honor and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry, merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life. Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the way of thy commandments; for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant; that I may fear thee. Behold my delight is in thy commandments; O quicken me in thy righteousness from thy Lord.

Words: Ecclesiasticus 1:1–6, 8–12, Psalm 119:33–35, 38–40

Music: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

THE THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH 9

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

All stand.

HYMN

1. Unto us is born a Son,
King of quires supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal,
of lords the Lord eternal.

2. Christ, from heaven descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know
Be cradled in the manger,
be cradled in the manger.

Men

3. This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer,
and slew the little childer.

Women

4. Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story:
And O that Mary's gentle Child
Might lead us up to glory,
might lead us up to glory!

5. O and A and A and O,
Cum cantemus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino,
Benedicamus Domino.

Words: Latin carol, 15th century; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867–1936), alt.

Music: *Puer nobis nascitur*, melody from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582, *Descant:* David Willcocks (1919–2015)

All sit.

THE FOURTH LESSON

ISAIAH II

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

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.

With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. 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's 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.

CAROL

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen
au seiner Wurzel zart;
wie uns die Alten sungen
von Jesse kam die Art
und hat ein Blümlein bracht
mitten im kalten Winter wohl
zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röslein das ich meine,
davon Jesaias sagt;
hat uns gebracht alleine Marie,
die reine Magd:
aus Gottes ew'gem Rat
hat sie ein Kind geboren wohl
zu der halben Nacht.

Das Blümlein so kleine,
das duftet uns so süß;
mit seinem hellen Scheine
vertreibt die Finsternis.
Wahr'r Mensch und wahrer Gott,
hilft uns aus allem Leide
rettet von Sünd' und Tod.

*A rose there is aspringing
from tender roots on earth;
As ancient men were singing,
from Jesse came its birth
And now this little flower
Appears in coldest winter at this,
the midnight hour.*

*This Rose, the stem of Jesse,
by prophets once foretold;
Mary alone has brought us
the Child promised of old.
By God's eternal power
The Maid has borne the infant at this,
the midnight hour.*

*The flower so small and slender
shines through with radiance bright;
to us so sweet and tender
dispels the darkest night.
True Man with God's true power,
helps us from all our suffering,
saves us from death's dark hour.*

Words: 15th century German carol

Music: arr. Donald Cashmore (1926–2013) & Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

THE FIFTH LESSON

LUKE I

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

AND 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 favoured, 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 favour 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 for ever; 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 Mary said, behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

CAROL

THE first good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of one;
To see the blessed Jesus Christ
When he was first her son:

*When he was first her son, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of two;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To make the lame to go:

*To make the lame to go, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of three;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To make the blind to see:

*To make blind to see, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of four;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To read the Bible o'er:

*To read the Bible o'er, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of five;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To bring the dead alive:

*To bring the dead alive, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of six;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
Upon the crucifix.

*Upon the crucifix, good man:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of seven;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To wear the crown of heaven:

*To wear the crown of heaven:
And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
To all eternity.*

Words: English traditional

Music: arr. Stephen Cleobury (b. 1948)

THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. 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 Judæa, 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.

CAROL

CHRIST, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes,
To feed, or lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.

Words: Robert Herrick (1591–1633)

Music: Randall Thompson (1899–1984)

THE SEVENTH LESSON

LUKE 2

The shepherds go to the manger.

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. 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.

All stand.

HYMN

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| 1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around. | 4. 'The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.' |
| 2. 'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.' | 5. Thus spake the Seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song: |
| 3. 'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be the sign:' | 6. 'All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.' |

Words: Nahum Tate (1625–1715)

Music: Winchester Old, melody from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1592; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1922; Stanza 2 descant: Craig Sellar Lang (1891–1971); Stanza 6 descant: Stephen Cleobury (b. 1948)

All sit.

THE EIGHTH LESSON

MATTHEW 2

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

CAROL

“**W**HEN 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 pure 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.

Words: Bruce Blunt (1889–1957)

Music: Peter Warlock (1894–1930), arr. David Hill (b. 1957)

All stand.

THE NINTH LESSON

JOHN I

St. 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 any thing 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.

OFFERTORY

All sit. The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

CAROL

GOD is with us.
Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the earth.
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.
The people that dwell in the shadow of death,
upon them the light has shined.
For unto us a child is born! For unto us a child is given!
And the government shall be upon his shoulder;
and His name shall be called Wonderful! Counselor!
The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the earth.
Christ is Born!

Words: adapted from the Orthodox Great Compline for Christmas Eve

Music: John Tavener (1944–2013)

All stand.

HYMN

1.

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!*
2.

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him, &c.
3.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
'Glory to God
Glory in the highest:'
O come, let us adore him, &c.
4.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, &c.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711–1786)
Music: *Adeste fideles*, *Descant:* David Willcocks (1919–2015)

COLLECT AND BLESSING

Officiant The Lord be with you.
All And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of the advent of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

MAY he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the Divine Nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

1. 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.
Hark! the herald angels sing
 Glory to the newborn King.
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
 Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, &c.
3. 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 we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
 Born to give us second birth;
Hark! the herald angels sing, &c.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), *Descant:* David Willcocks (1919–2015)

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Toccata-Gigue on the Sussex Carol

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