

MESSIAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lessons & Carols

December 28th, 2025 II am
Holy Communion, Rite Two

Messiah's Lessons and Carols Liturgy is patterned after Truro Cathedral's Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in Truro England. The readings recount salvation history. We abbreviate the number of readings to five (traditionally nine), so we can also include communion, since it's our primary Sunday worship. Each reading is followed by a Christmas carol, hymn or choir anthem. Many folks look forward to this service, delighting in the opportunity to continue singing Christmas carols at a time when many in the culture around us have moved on.



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THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Winter Snow

You could've come like a mighty storm With all the strength of a hurricane You could've come like a forest fire With the power of Heaven in Your flame

(Chorus) But You came like a winter snow
Quiet and soft and slow
Falling from the sky in the night
To the earth below

You could've swept in like a tidal wave Or an ocean to ravish our hearts You could have come through like a roaring flood To wipe away the things we've scarred (Chorus)

(Bridge) Ooh no, Your voice wasn't in a bush burning No, Your voice wasn't in a rushing wind It was still, it was small, it was hidden

Oh You came like a winter snow Quiet and soft and slow Falling from the sky in the night To the earth below

Oh, yeah, You came falling From the sky in the night to the earth below

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Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Once In Royal David's City

Hymnal #102

လာခားဝဲးဘုရာအမှာရနှဉ်,
ထက်ပေးအလိုက်ပူး,
မိတဂာတိုင်ဘဲအမိနည်,
ပင်လာကိုပေးဆည်ကျိုးပုံး,
ခင်္ခာမေးမှန်နီ မေးရံ,
မိသည်မှု မယှဉ်ရှုးရေခဲ့
၂. ဟဲလီးဝဲလာမှု စိဉ်ထားရည်,
မိုးယွားခိုင်္ခာစေါ်ယှဉ်ရှုး,
အိုင်လာကိုပေးဆည်ကျိုးပူး,
မိလာကိုပေးဆည်ကျိုးပူး,
အိုင်သကိုးမှ မြိုင်္သည် မိုးလာခိုင်္ခေ့
 မိလာကိုပေးဆည်ကျိုးပူး,
အိုင်သကိုးမှာမိုင်္ခေ့
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 မိုးယှဉ်ရှုးကစာ ယွားခိုင်

ပဲ ဘန် ဂိုဆ်းခံးအခါနည်,
 ဒိက နှင်ပူးယီညီအစီဂံ,
 ဘဲညီခီးကွ ဂိုအစီဂိုမေး ရံ နည်,
 ဖုဉ်က နိုဂ်မေးရံသားဘိ,
 စီပစ မင်္ဂိထွဲအခဲ,
 ဘဲညီယူးယီညီစီဂိပ်ဂ်တကုဂ်
 ဒီ ပင် ၁ညီဘာ ဘာသီး နည်,

. ဒီပဝဲခန်ဘာ ဘသီးနည်, ယှဉ်ရှးကဲလာမျာကညီ, ဒီးခ်မျာကညီဘသီးနည်, ဘည်ဝဲခည်တရ်နာတာဖြင့်, သာခုလှစ်ပတရ်သအား, သားရာလှစ်ပတရ်သအား, ဖိသးဘီယှဉ်ရှုးတဂၤနှဉ်, မှါကစင်္ဂလာဖုစိဉ်ထႏ, အတင်္ဂဆဲဉ်တဆံးကိုင်္ဂဘဉ်နှဉ်, ထားမှာဆုအလိင်္ဂလာထႏ, လဲးလာညါကတိုးပလိန်, ထားမျာထာအသိခ်အလိုန်,

ပြဲ. ဖကထဉ်ဘဉ်အီးလာထ:နှဉ့်, တဖုဂ်င်လာသီအသီး, အီဉ်ငံလာက (ပူးအကျိနှဉ့်, ဆှဉ်နီးလာအလိဂ်ဖစ်ဂ်, ဖိသဉ်ဂုံးတာလက်လင်္ဂ, သင်္ဂင်းတရ်းလာထ:,

Please kneel as you are able.

A BIDDING PRAYER

Leader Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; 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. 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 His Lordship, glad with our songs and carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and health over all the earth; for unity and goodwill within the Church he came to build, and especially in this city of St. Paul, and in the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all 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 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:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

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.**

Please stand.

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Hymnal #82

FIRST READING

A Reading from Genesis 3:1-15 found in the Old Testament on page 2.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



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SECOND READING

A Reading from Isaiah 35:1-10 found in the Old Testament on page 663.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming

Hymnal #81

THIRD READING

A Reading from Isaiah 7:10-15 found in the Old Testament on page 636.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

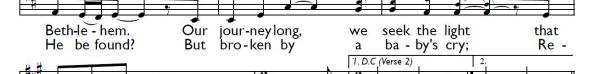
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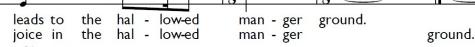


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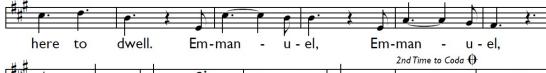
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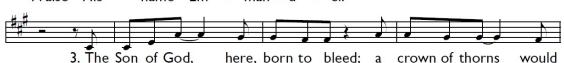




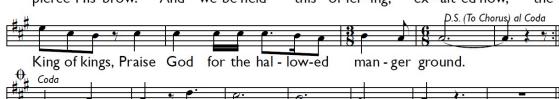












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Praise His

FOURTH READING

A Reading from Hebrews 1:1-12 found in the New Testament on page 218.

After the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Joy To The World

Hymnal #100

All stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(Luke 2:15-21)

Bible NT p. 58

Please turn in your pew Bible to NT p. # 58.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

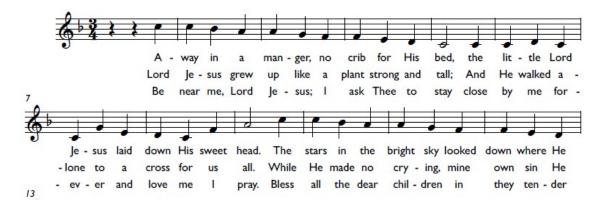
All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the reading:

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Away In A Manger





(Words: Traditional carol, stanza 2; S.Drontle b.1975; Music: melody J. Murray, 1841-1905)

THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer, p. #358, as we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We believe in one God...

... and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PEACE BCP p. 360

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you. Maw Ywa, ata ghu ta poe, oh taw thu da kay.

All And also with you.

Maw oh taw, na thar da kay.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Leader Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

The bread and wine are brought forward and the offering is received.

All The Poor And Powerless

All the poor and powerless, and all the lost and lonely, and all the thieves will come confess and know that You are holy, and know that You are holy.

And all will sing out, "Hallelujah!" And we will cry out "Hallelujah!"

All the hearts who are content, and all who feel unworthy, and all who hurt with nothing left will know that You are holy.

And all will sing out, "Hallelujah!" And we will cry out "Hallelujah!" And all will sing out, "Hallelujah!" And we will cry out "Hallelujah!"

Shout it.

Go on scream it from the mountains, go on and tell it to the masses that He is God. (Repeat twice)

Shout it.

Go on scream it from the mountains, go on and tell it to the masses that He is God. Yeah.

We will sing out, "Hallelujah!"
And we will cry out "Hallelujah!"

Shout it.

Go on scream it from the mountains, go on and tell it to the masses that He is God. (Repeat)

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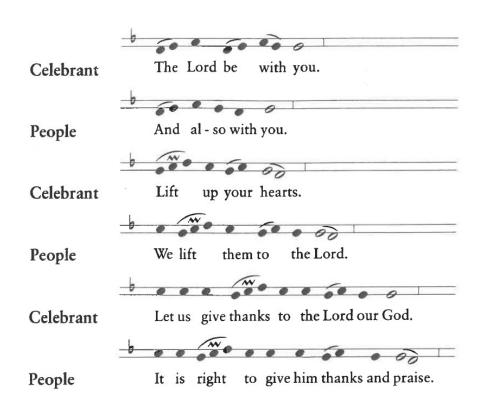
All stand as offering is brought forward.

Leader All things come from you, O God.

All And from your own have we given you.

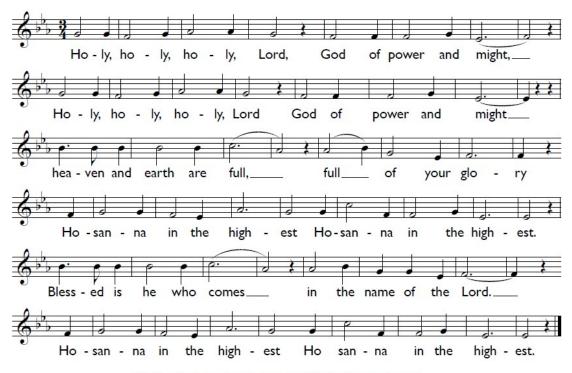
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C BCP p. 369

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. # 369



Leader God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy...
... proclaim with them your glory, in their enduring hymn.

SANCTUS



Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Please kneel as you are able.

Leader And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and...

...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

All We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Leader Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and...

... gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,



Music:Senzeni na (What have we done?), South African; set to words of Mass by Betty C. Pulkingham (Freedom Mass); Used by permission.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP p. 364-366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #364.

Leader Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Leader The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to kneel in prayer at the Communion. The ushers will release you, one pew at a time, to kneel at the Altar Rail to receive Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus are welcome to receive the Eucharist. A special note to visitors: If you are accustomed to receiving Holy Communion in your home Church, no matter what its denomination, you are also welcome to receive Holy Communion. After receiving the bread, one is free to receive the chalice. If you would prefer to receive the bread only, simply cross your arms in front of you. And, if you would prefer to receive a blessing only, please also signify by crossing your arms. Thank you.

Healing team members are available for prayer during communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Hymnal #89

လာခဲလာများလမးဖီဖုံး,
 တင်္ဂသီဉ်ဖုဉ်ဝးတရီး,
 မူဓိဉ်ကလူးလီဉ်ဖျိုလာထား,
 ဒီးခဲ့တနင်္ဂသားဝဉ်,
 ဟူဟီဉ်ဓိဉ်ဓိအိဉ်ရားအိုဉ်ဘိုဉ်,
 တနဉ်ကလူးပရာ,
 "ဟွာခဲဉ်တုံးလွဲတုံးမှာလညီ,
 တာ်သူလာဟီဉ်ဓိဉ်ရာ".

၂. ခဲအာံုစုဂ်ကီးမုခိုင်ကလုး, ယူးလီးလာမုခိုင်ထး, ခဲအာံုစုဂ်ထီးမုခိုင်ကလုး, သာဝင်ခုပေရှင်သား, သာကုံးဆားခေးမတီခိုခိုရု၊, ထဲတာ်ဝုဂ်လိခ်ဘိုလိခ်, တာလူးယားလာမုဆာတီခိုဆာ, သာဝဂ်တာ်ထုတာဖိုး. ဖဲခဲ့ ဆိုခိုထဲတာ နီးတာဖြိုခို, တာဆုံးတာ ဆါတာသန်, တာကီတာ စိတ်ဖြိုခ်တာ ယာန်, စဲခဲ့ သေးရတာတာန်, ပင်တာ ယာသီတနာကျာ, စဲခဲ့ အာန်ထိုခ်လဲ, ဆိုခိုဘုံးအိုခိုသါလာကျဲဘယာ, ကနေခိုတလုံးသင်္ခန်.

၁၈ဝုံခံခံး, အဆာကတို်,
 လာဝံစ်းဟုလာများ,
 သုံးဘူးအသးအဆီအရွှေ,
 ပထိုဉ်တာဖုံကိတာပုံး,
 ဖုစိဉ်အသီ, ဟီဉ်စိဉ်အသီ,
 သူစီးပားတတ်ဖုှာ,
 ဒီးဌာကညီကီးထဲတိုးကို်,
 သုံးဝှဉ်စ်းဆာကလုံး, ဘားဖုဉ်.

In The Bleak Mid-Winter

Hymnal #112

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name Jesus the only one who could ever save Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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All stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP p. 365

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #365.

Leader Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members ... with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE BLESSING

BCP p. 366

The Celebrant offers a blessing to the people in the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All stand.

CLOSING HYMN

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Hymnal #99

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p. 366

Please turn in the Book of Common Prayer to p. #366.

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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