



# A Service of Lessons and Carols



December 16, 2018

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

The Service of Lessons and Carols is a gathering of scripture readings and sung carols that tell the story of the fall of humanity, God's promise of a Messiah, and the birth of the Christ Child. Its origins date back to Christmas Eve 1880 in Canterbury. The traditional Service of Lessons and Carols was held for the first time at Kings College Chapel on Christmas Eve in 1918, just after the close of World War I. It was seen as a celebration of light and hope in one of the darkest times in European history. Today, the Service of Lessons and Carols can be seen and heard on Christmas Eve at King's College, Cambridge.

WELCOME

DR. JEREMY K. PRIDGEON

PRELUDE

OVERTURE FROM *MESSIAH*

G.F. HANDEL

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

\*PROCESSIONAL CAROL

*ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY*

IRBY

## Verse 1 – Bailey Blake, soloist

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.

## Verse 2 – Cathedral Choir

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 Saviour holy.

## Verse 3 – Congregation

And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey,  
Love, and watch the lowly maiden,  
In whose gentle arms he lay;  
Christian children all must be  
Mild, obedient, good as he.

## Verse 4 – Congregation

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 feelth for our sadness,  
And he shareth in our gladness.

## Verse 5 – Congregation

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.

## Verse 6 – Congregation

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.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

(8:45) DAVE AND LYNDA BORDEN; GRAY AND ALEXIA BORDEN, HALE AND WRIGHT  
(11:00) JOHN AND LORNA BELL; ANDY AND BROOKE BELL

**RESPONSE**                      **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**                      **238**  
*Gloria, In Excelsis Deo*  
*Gloria, In Excelsis Deo*

## First Lesson

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

*FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN* FROM *MESSIAH*                      **G.F. HANDEL**  
CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

*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.*

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## Second Lesson

The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

**NIGHT OF SILENCE**                      **ARR. JOHN FERGUSON**  
CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

*Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in the shadows this cold endless night, frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, flowers that will echo the sunrise, fire of hope is our only warmth, weary, its flame will be dying soon. Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold us, you speak of the light, gentle on the ear you whisper softly, rumors of a dawn so embracing, breathless love awaits darkened souls, soon will we know of the morning. Spirit among us, shine like the star, your light guides shepherds and kings from afar, shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, rising in the warmth of your Son's love, star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for your loving Son.*

### Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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 Counsellor, 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.



### Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a; 6-9

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.

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.

# Third Lesson



The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**AVE MARIA**

**ARR. FRANZ BIEBL**

**ADULT ENSEMBLE**

WAYNE GILL, JOHN MCWILLIAMS, MEG GRIFFIN, SOLOISTS

*Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae et concepit de Spiritu sancto.*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.*

*Benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.*

*Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini, fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.*

*Benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.*

*Et verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis.*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.*

*Benedicta tu in mulieribus et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.*

*Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus.*

*Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

*The Angel of the Lord visited Mary and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord,  
let it be according to Thy word.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners. Holy Mary, pray for us,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*



## Luke 1:26-35, 38

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. Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

# Fourth Lesson

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

**HERE'S A PRETTY LITTLE BABY**      **ARR. ANDRE THOMAS**  
CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
TYRONE HAYES, KOURTNEY ELLIS, SOLOISTS

*Here's a pretty little baby! Look in the manger! Behold, believe, and be baptized! Wise men riding, bright star shining, name is Jesus. Here's a pretty little baby! Look in the manger! Behold, believe, and be baptized!*



# Fifth Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger.

**MASTERS IN THIS HALL**      **ARR. MACK WILBERG**  
CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

*Masters in this hall, hear ye news today brought from over sea and ever I you pray. Going o'er the hills, through the milk-white snow, heard I ewes bleat while the wind did blow: Nowell! Nowell sing we clear! Holpen are all folk on earth, born is God's Son so dear: Nowell! Nowell sing we loud! God today hath poor folk raised and cast adown the proud. Shepherds many an one sat among the sheep, no man spake more word than they had asleep. Quoth I, "Fellows mine, why this guise sit ye? Making but dull cheer, shepherds though ye be?" "Shepherds should of right leap and dance and sing, thus to see ye sit, is a right strange thing." Quoth these fellows then, "To Bethlem town we go, to see a mighty Lord lie in manger low:" Ox and ass him know, kneeling on their knee, wondrous joy had I this little babe to see, this is Christ the Lord. Masters be ye glad: Christmas is come in, and no folk should be sad: Nowell! Nowell sing we clear! Holpen are all folk on earth, born is God's Son so dear: Nowell! Nowell sing we loud! God today hath poor folk raised and cast adown the proud.*

## Luke 2:1, 3-7

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 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.

## Luke 2:8-16

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 Saviour, 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.

# Sixth Lesson

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

**THE HURON CAROL**

**ARR. DAN FORREST**

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA  
KATE GATES, SOLOIST

The story of the birth of Christ as it is told from the tradition of the tribes of the Huron Native Americans.

*Jesous Ahatonia (Jesus is born). Gloria.*

*'Twas in the moon of winter-time when all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou (God the Creator)  
sent angel choirs instead;  
Before their light the stars grew dim,  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:*

*"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria."*

*Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapp'd His beauty round;  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
the angel song rang loud and high.*

*"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria."  
The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before Him knelt,  
With gifts of fur and beaver pelt,*

*"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria."*

*O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou (God),  
The Holy Child of earth and heaven is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant Boy  
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy.*

*"Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria."*

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# Seventh Lesson

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

## Matthew 2:1-11

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea 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 Judaea: 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.

## 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 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.

Verse 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.

Verse 2

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 Godhead see,  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.

Verse 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 man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.

OFFERTORY

BREATH OF HEAVEN

ARR. CRAIG COURTNEY

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA  
MABS SEAY, SOLOIST

*I have traveled many moonless nights cold and weary, with a babe inside and I wonder what I've done, Holy Father you have come and chosen me now, to carry your son. I am waiting, in a silent prayer. I am frightened, by the load I bear. In a world as cold as stone must I walk this path alone? Be with me now, be with me now. Breath of Heaven, hold me together, be forever near me, Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness, for you are holy, Breath of Heaven. Do you wonder when you watch my face, if another should have had my place? But I offer all I am for the mercy of your plan. Help me be strong, help me be, help me. Breath of Heaven.*



Verse 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!

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

Verse 3

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,  
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;  
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

Verse 4

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God, glory in the highest:  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

Verse 5

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

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION CAROL

WHAT SWEETER MUSIC CAN WE BRING?

ARR. JOHN RUTTER

POSTLUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO BWV 729

J.S. BACH



## ORCHESTRA

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**VIOLIN I**  
Guy Harrison  
Tian Xu Watson  
Clare Weil  
Ela Tokarska  
Beth Hoener

**VIOLIN II**  
Lorna Wood  
Innona Tabala  
Emma Jones  
Tori Johnston  
Margaret Borders

**VIOLA**  
Reisa Fukada  
Dawn Heese  
Emma Dansak

**CELLO**  
Ryan Donohue  
Jan Gill

**DOUBLE BASS**  
Freddie Smith

**FLUTE**  
Carol Franks  
Kim Urquhart

**OBOE**  
Caterina Bristol  
James Grant

**CLARINET**  
Tim Phillips  
Katrina Phillips

**BASSOON**  
David Simpson  
Traian Sturza

**FRENCH HORN**  
Brenda Luchsinger  
Adam Murphy

**TRUMPET**  
Bryan Reeves  
Carly Johnson

**TROMBONE**  
Doug Bristol  
Marie Robertson

**BASS TROMBONE**  
Lavone Dubose

**TIMPANI**  
Mark Benson

**PERCUSSION**  
Andy Martin

**HARP**  
Katheryn Hoppe-McQueen

**HARPSICHORD**  
Dr. Joshua Coble

## CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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### SOPRANOS

Amber Andrews  
Carolyn Bryan  
Pat Chambless  
Ann Coker  
Sarah Fell  
Jeanne Friesen  
Kate Gates  
Allison Gore  
Sherryl Gould  
Meg Griffin  
Ellen Haulman  
LaFaye Holley  
Erica Jenkins  
Liz Land  
Donna Manson  
Paula Mathis  
Linda McIntyre  
Peggy McKinney  
Sarah McWilliams  
Dottie Moseley  
Jodee Schwartz  
Christy Sellers  
Suzanne Sheppard  
Tara Sinco  
Sarah Beth Tribble  
Rebecca Williams

### ALTOS

Carolyn Andreu  
Mary Tyler Ashe  
Julia Azar  
Marsa Beck  
Sara Beck  
Pam Buss  
Nancy Cone  
Jan Gill  
Erma Head  
Brice Hill  
Cyndi Hill  
Sally Kenton  
LeeAnn Mallory  
Sharon Murray  
Lyl Parker  
Judy Pate  
Catherine Ray  
Ruth Russell  
Mabs Seay  
Amy Strickland  
Danna Strickland  
Susan Thomas  
Sara Ann Turner  
Linda Webb  
Kate Wilson  
Marilyn Zeigler

### TENORS

John Beck  
Avery Berry  
Tom Borden  
Jonathan Bowman  
James Conely  
Bill Cumbie  
Kourtney Ellis  
Robert Lee  
Chase McKoon  
Ed Reed  
Zabriel Rivers  
Dawson Sellers  
Lowell Thomas  
James Turner  
Roger Williams  
Fred Zeigler

### BASSES

John Bell  
Blair Bingham  
Dave Borden  
Chris Dunn  
Wayne Gill  
Walter Griffin  
Dan Haulman  
Tyrone Hayes  
Doug Irvin  
George Kenton  
Woody Lamar  
John McWilliams  
Roy Smith  
Ron Stabler  
Lloyd Strickland  
Jerome Webb  
Norman Williams



## ADULT ENSEMBLE

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### SOPRANO

Jeanne Friesen  
Kate Gates  
Meg Griffin  
Ellen Haulman  
Christy Sellers  
Tara Sinco

### ALTO

Julia Azar  
Jan Gill  
Sharon Murray  
Zabriel Rivers  
Mabs Seay  
Danna Strickland

### TENOR

Tom Borden  
Jonathan Bowman  
Kourtney Ellis  
Robert Lee  
Ed Reed  
Lowell Thomas

### BASS

John Bell  
Blair Bingham  
Dave Borden  
Wayne Gill  
Tyrone Hayes  
Doug Irvin  
John McWilliams

### Readers:

Lesson 1: Rev. Lucas Tribble  
Lesson 2: Leah Grace Borders  
Lesson 3: Daphne Johnston  
Lesson 4: Jonathan Bowman  
Lesson 5: Blair Bingham  
Lesson 6: Rev. Gillian Walters  
Lesson 7: Dr. Jeremy Pridgeon



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## MINISTERS

**Dr. Jeremy K. Pridgeon**  
Senior Minister

**Reverend Lucas S. Tribble**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Gillian L. Walters**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Ben A. McDavid**  
Associate Minister

**Dr. C. Jason Borders**  
Theologian In Residence

**Rev. G. Charles Kendall**  
Associate Minister

**Reverend Ed J. Deabler**  
Associate Minister

**Bishop David W. Graves**  
Bishop of Alabama-West Florida Conference

**Dr. James H. Seay**  
Director of Music

**Rev. R. Allen Newton**  
District Superintendent of  
Montgomery-Prattville District

**Dr. Joshua H. Coble**  
Organist/Assistant Director of Music

# Seasonal Services at First United Methodist Church



## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19  
5:30 PM | DUFFEY CHAPEL



## ADVENT 4

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23  
8:45 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY



## CHURCHWIDE CAROLING IN CLOVERDALE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23  
3:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 | SANCTUARY

NOON | HOLY COMMUNION  
3:14 PM | FAMILY SERVICE  
5 & 7 PM | CANDLELIGHT



## NEW YEAR'S COVENANT SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30  
10 AM | SANCTUARY