

A Service of Lessons and Carols



December 13, 2020
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.

PRELUDE

CARILLON DE WESTMINSTER

LOUIS VIERNE

WELCOME

DR. JAY D. COOPER

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

1. ELIZABETH ALBRECHT, 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.*

2. 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.*

3. 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.*

4. 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.*

5. 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.*

6. 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.*

THE BECK FAMILY

John, Sara, Marsa, and Martha Newton



RESPONSE

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

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Gloria, In Excelsis Deo

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The First Lesson

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

REV. GILLIAN L. WALTERS

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

ARR. PARKER/SHAW

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent
here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows
put to flight, Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home,
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The Second Lesson

The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Isaiah 11:1-4; 6-9

REV. LUCAS S. TRIBBLE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO FROM GLORIA ANTONIO VIVIALDI

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Glory to God in the highest!

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-4; 6-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips, he shall kill the wicked.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Third Lesson

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Luke 1:26-35; 38

REV. BEN A. McDAVID

MARY'S WONDER

ARR. JOHN SEAGARD

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

*Slumber softly, slumber gently, sleep now, I will keep thee,
rest now while I watch thee. Angel voices now are singing: In Excelsis
Gloria! Slumber softly, slumber gently, sleep now, I will keep thee,
rest now while I watch thee.*

The Fourth Lesson

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Luke 2:1; 3-7

DR. C. JASON BORDERS

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

ARR. JOHN RUTTER

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

*How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all
the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry? Candlelight, angel
light, firelight and star glow Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Angels are singing the Christ child is born. Shepherds and wise men
will kneel and adore him. Seraphim round him their vigil will keep.
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour. But Mary will
hold him and sing him to sleep. Candlelight, angel light, firelight and
star glow Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Angels are singing the Christ child is born. Find him at Bethlehem
laid in a manger. Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead
incarnate and hope of salvation. A child with his mother that first
Christmas Day. Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star glow.
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Angels are singing the Christ child is born.
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The Third Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called 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.

The Fourth Lesson Luke 2:1, 3-7

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered.

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Fifth Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger.

Luke 2:8-16

REV. GILLIAN L. WALTERS

THE SHEPHERDS SING

ARR. BOB CHILCOTT

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

MEG GRIFFIN, SOPRANO

The shepherds sing: and shall I silent be?

My God, my God, no hymn for thee?

My soul's a shepherd too;

a flock it feeds, of thoughts, and words and deeds.

The pasture is thy word:

the streams, thy grace enriching all, all the place.

Shepherds and flock shall sing, shall sing,

and all my pow'rs outing the daylight hours.

Then we will sing, and shine on our own day,

and one another pay.

His beams shall cheer my breast, and doth so twine,

till ev'n his beams sing, and my music shine.

The Sixth Lesson

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1-12

REV. LUCAS S. TRIBBLE

HERE'S A PRETTY LITTLE BABY

ARR. ANDRE THOMAS

CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

TYRONE HAYES AND AMBER ANDREWS, SOLOISTS

Here's a pretty little baby! Look in the manger!

Behold, believe, and be baptized!

Wise men riding; Here's a pretty little baby! Look in the manger!

Behold, believe, and be baptized!

Bright star shining; Here's a pretty little baby! Look in the manger!

Behold, believe, and be baptized!

Name is Jesus; Here's a pretty little baby! Look in the manger!

Behold, believe, and be baptized!

The Fifth Lesson Luke 2:8-16

In that region, there were shepherds living in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

The Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Seventh Lesson

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1:1-14

DR. JAY D. COOPER

CAROL HYMN *HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING* 240

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 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.*

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.*

The Seventh Lesson 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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

OFFERTORY

1. *See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.*
4. *Say, ye holy shepherds, say
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?*

SEE AMID THE WINTER SNOW Cathedral Choir and Orchestra

2. *Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*
5. *"As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing peace on earth
Told us of the Saviour's birth".*
7. *Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy Face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy Sweet humility!*

ARR. DAN FORREST

3. *Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim.*
6. *Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.*

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

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!

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!

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

DR. JAY D. COOPER

*BENEDICTION CAROL

WHAT SWEETER MUSIC CAN WE BRING?
 CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

ARR. JOHN RUTTER

POSTLUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO BWV 729

J.S. BACH

The chancel arrangement is given to the glory of God by the Worship Committee and the Flower Guild for the month of December.

The wreath on the columbarium is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe F. Lassiter III by Clare and Bill Ward, Christine Lassiter, Emily Lassiter (Mary Jane and Camille), and Nancy and David Belser.

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ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I
Yu Wang
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Emma Jones

VIOLIN II
Sylvia Wehrs
Bethany Simon

VIOLA
Dawn Heese
Emma Dansak

CELO
Michael Zyzak

DOUBLE BASS
Zack Hamman

FLUTE
Elizabeth Haynes

OBOE
Caterina Bristol

TRUMPET
Bryan Reeves

TIMPANI
Mark Benson

PERCUSSION
Andy Martin

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

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Ann Coker
Susan Cooper
Kim Donley
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Jeanne Friesen
Kate Gates
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