

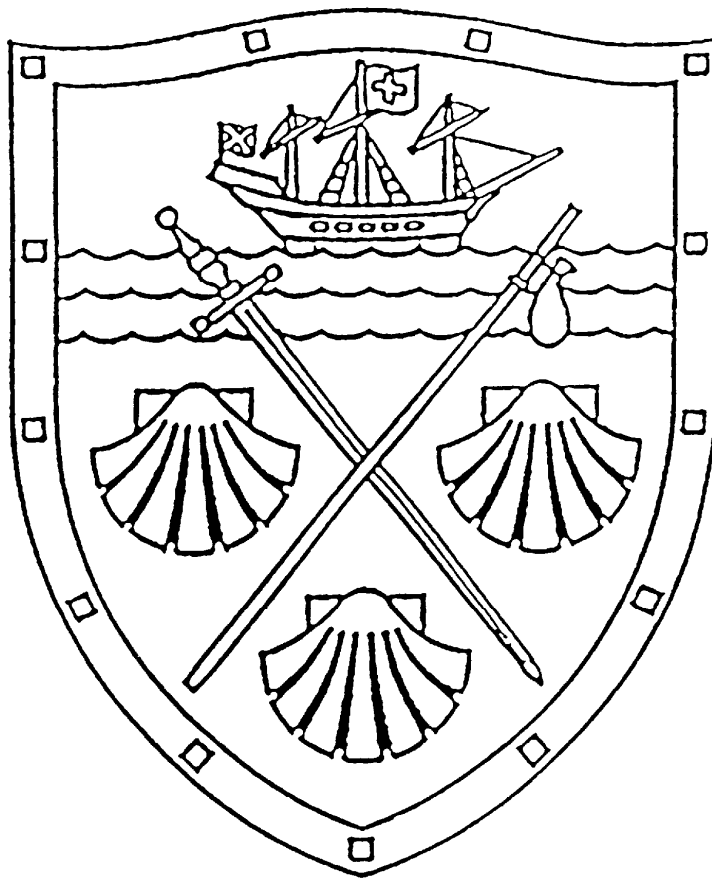
The Cathedral Church of St. James

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021

Organ Recital at 4:00pm;

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at 4:30pm



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4:00pm Organ Recital

Robert Pecksmith, Organist

Puer natus in Bethlehem (BWV 603) - *J.S. Bach*
Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich (BWV 605) - *J.S. Bach*
Noël-Suisse - *Louis-Claude Daquin*
Die Hirten an der Krippe (In dulci jubilo) - *Franz Liszt*
The Holy Boy - *John Ireland*
Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol - *Gerald Near*

Welcome!

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4:30pm A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Please remain seated.

Hymn **Once in Royal David's City** Tune: Irby
Solo 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.

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.
Please stand, as you are able.

All **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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander; Music: Henry John Gauntlett, 1858

Bidding Prayer

Officiant Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight 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 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 place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city. 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 hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and 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 his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Carol

Here is the Little Door - Herbert Howells

Choir

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more, but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold.

Gold that was never bought or sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
Incense in clouds about His head;
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,
But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed, for each He has a gift;
See how His eyes awake, Lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.
(Defend with it thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red,
Myrrh for the honored happy dead;
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;
Touched by such tiny hands, and oh such tiny feet.

First Lesson

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

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

Reader

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. 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Adam Lay Ybounden – Boris Ord

Choir

Adam lay ybounden bounden in a bond
Four thousand winters though he not too long
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took
As clerkes finden written in their book
Nay had the apple taken been the apple taken been
Nay had never our lady abeen heavenly queen
Blessed be the time that apple taken was
Therefore we bound singen Deo gracias, deo gracias!

Second Lesson

To be read in Mandarin.

创世记 22: 15-18

Genesis 22: 15-18

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

Reader

耶和华的使者第二次从天上呼叫亚伯拉罕说，耶和华说，你既行了这事，不留下你的儿子，就是你独生的儿子，我便指着自已起誓说，论福，我必赐大福给你。论子孙，我必叫你的子孙多起来，如同天上的星，海边的沙。你子孙必得着仇敌的城门，并且地上万国都必因你的后裔得福，因为你听从了我的话。

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

*This is the Truth Sent from Above –
Traditional arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams; (v. 3: T. Bell)*

Choir

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, that God at first did man create
The next thing, which to you I tell, woman was made with him to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose
For so a promise soon did run that He'd redeem us with a Son.

And at this 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 pleased to hear what He did say.

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn

In the Bleak Midwinter

Tune: Cranham

All

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there;
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
but his mother only in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him—give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti; Music: Gustav Theodore Holst.

Third Lesson*Please be seated.**Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7**The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.**Reader*

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.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.****Carol***There is No Rose – Philip Stopford**Choir*

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluya*.
 For in this rose contained was heaven and earth in little space: *Res miranda*¹.
 By that rose we may well see that he is God in person three: *Pares forma*².
 The angels sung the shepherds to: “Gloria in excelsis Deo”, *Gaudeamus*³.
 Leave we all this worldly mirth, and follow we this joyful birth: *Transeamus*.

¹Res miranda = thing of wonder. ²Pares forma = Equal in form. ³Gaudeamus = Let us rejoice.

*Please stand, as you are able.***Hymn****Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Tune: Es ist ein' Ros

All

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
 of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.
 It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,
 when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
 with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
 To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,
 when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
 dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;
 true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,
 and share our every load.

Text; St. 1-2, German (15th cent.); tr. Theodore Baker; St. 3, Friedrich Layritz; tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth.
 Music: Melody *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius.

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Reader 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: 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Carol

The Huron Carol – arr. Robert Anderson

Choir

'Twas in the moon of winter-time when all the birds had fled,
That mighty gitche Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
Before the light the stars grew dim, and wondering hunters herd 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 raged 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 winter-time 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 fox and beaver pelt
“Jesus your king is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis Gloria.”

O children of the forest free, O sons of Manitou,
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.”

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.**Reader*

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.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

*People***Thanks be to God.****Carol***The Angel Gabriel – Paul Lohman**Choir*

The angel Gabriel from heaven came
 With wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame
 All hail said he thou lowly maiden Mary
 Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

For known a blessed mother thou shalt be
 All generations laud and honour thee
 Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold
 Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head
 To me be as it pleaseth God she said
 My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name
 Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2: 1, 3-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Reader 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Leader As the candles of **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love** burn in the Advent wreath, we pray for a time when all of God's children, filled with hope, will experience peace, joy and love that the Christ-child brings. We will now light the Christ Candle as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

The Christ Candle is lit.

Leader Lord Jesus Christ, may the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

All **Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Carol

Choir

*Gaudete! Gaudete! Christus est natus
ex Maria virgine, Gaudete!*

*Tempus adest gratiæ, hoc quod
optabamus;
Carmina letitiæ devotè reddamus.*

*Deus homo factus est, Natura mirante,
Mundus renovatus est à Christo
regnante.*

*Ezechielis porta clausa pertransitur;
Unde lux est orta,
salus inuenitur.*

*Ergo nostra concio psallat iam in
lustro; Benedicat Domino;
salus Regi nostro.*

Gaudete! – Medieval arr. Thomas Bell

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of
the Virgin Mary – Rejoice!

The time of grace has come—
What we have wished for; songs of
joy; let us give back faithfully.

God has become man, with nature
marvelling, the world has been
renewed by the reigning Christ.

The closed gate of Ezekiel is
passed through, whence the light is
risen; salvation has been found.

Therefore, let our assembly now
sing in brightness; let it bless the
Lord: Salvation to our King.

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2: 8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Reader

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 among those whom he favours. 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.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Tune: Winchester Old

All

While shepherds watched their flocks by night all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind.
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind.

To you in David’s town this day is born of David’s line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

the heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swaddling bands, and in a manger laid.”

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

“All glory be to God on high, and to the world be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven and earth begin, and never cease.”

Text: Luke 2: 8-14; para. Nahum Tate, alt.; Music: Melody *Whole Book of Psalms*, 1592.

Children’s Talk

Carol: Procession to the Crèche

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High - arr. Mack Wilberg

Choir

Ding dong merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers,
May you beautifully rhyme your eve'time song, ye singers
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Blessing of the Crèche

Officiant

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All

**Praise be to Jesus Christ, who dwells among us, now and forever.
Amen.**

Officiant Light has sprung up for the righteous,
All **And joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.**

Officiant Let us pray.
God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings hope, peace, joy and love. Lord, bless this crèche and all who look upon it; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Hymn **Away in a Manger** Tune: Cradle Song

All Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus—look down from on high
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me for ever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Text: American (19th cent.); Music: William James Kirkpatrick, adapt.

Eighth Lesson *Please be seated.* *Matthew 2: 1-11*

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reader 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 Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired 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.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Carol

Christus Vincit - arr. Martin Baker

Choir

Christ has overcome; Christ reigns; Christ commands.
Peace, life and eternal salvation. May good times come;
May the peace of Christ come; may Christ's kingdom come.

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Tune: Adeste Fideles

All

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 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.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God in the highest;
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Text: John Francis Wade; Music: Melody attrib. John Francis Wade, alt.

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Reader

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 people. 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 people 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 one 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 children 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 human will, 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.

Reader

The word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Tune: Mendelssohn

All

Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Collect for Christmas Eve

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Blessing

Officiant Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and things 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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

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Postlude In dulci jubilo (BWV 729)

J.S. Bach

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