

Christmas Eve

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols



The Angels Appearing to the Shepherds
William Blake, 1809

24 December 2023
5:00 PM

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church & School
Houston, Texas

Voluntaries

Noël nouvelet

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Still, still, still/ In the Bleak Midwinter

French carol, arr. Cater


Polish carol, arr.. Swanson

German carol/Gustav Holst, arr. Slavens


In Procession, a Hymn

Irby


All stand and sing. The first verse will be sung by the choir.



Choir only 1. Once in roy - al Dav - id's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
3. We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a sta - ble should dis - play
4. For he is our life - long pat - tern, dai - ly, when on earth he grew,
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing round,



where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
hea - ven's Word, the world's cre - a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day,
he was tempt - ed, scorned, re - ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew.
for that child who seemed so help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove;
we shall see him; but in hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round;



Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
yet this child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
Thus he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
Christ, re - vealed to faith - ful eye, set at God's right hand on high.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895); st. 3 James Waring McCrady (b.1938).

Music: *Irby*, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876), harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

The Invitation & Prayers of the People

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us offer our common prayers and supplications to God.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Andy, Jeff, Héctor, and Kai, our bishops; and Jimmy, Clint, Jeff, Joann, Francene, and Bob, our priests;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, for Joe, our president; Greg, our governor; Sylvester, our mayor; the Congress; the courts, and all those who work for the cause of justice and reconciliation;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Invitatory Carol

All sit. Sung by the choir.

Peace on Earth

And snow falls down on me.
Peace on earth.
The night is dark and soft.
Peace on earth.
The lights that sparkle in the square,
The smoke the lingers in the air.
Peace on earth.

And grace falls down on me.
Peace on earth.
The dark will turn aside.
Peace on earth.
The fires that burn in ev'ry hearth
Do sing out praise of Christmas past.
Peace on earth.

Hear them singing.
Peace on earth.

Words & Music: Errollyn Wallen

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

The Lesson will be read by an acolyte.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The First Carol

Divinum Mysterium

All stand and sing.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his



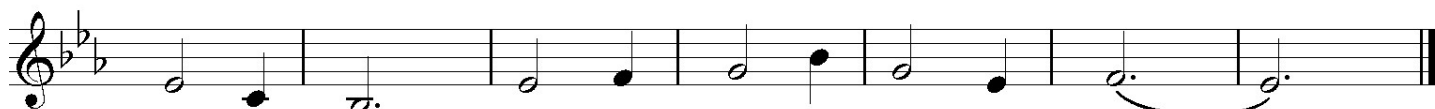
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866) and Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.

Music: *Divinum mysterium*, Sanctus trope, 11th cent.; adapt. *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956), harm. Copyright ©1984, Bruce Neswick. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Second Lesson

Genesis 3:1–7a, 22–24

All sit. The Lesson will be read by a member of the Youth of St Andrew's.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked.

Then the LORD God said, “See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Second Carol

Adam lay ybounden

Sung by the choir.

Adam lay ibowndyn
 bowndyn in a bond
fowr' þowsand wynter
 þowt he not to long

And al was for an appil
 An appil þat he tok
as clerkis fyndyn
 wretyn in her' book

Ne hadde þe appil take ben
 þe appil taken ben
ne hadde neuer our lady
 a ben heuene qwen

Blyssid be þe tyme
 þat appil take was
þerfor' we mown syngyn
 Deo gracias.

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 the apple taken been,
 The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
 A-been heavenë queen.

Blessed be the time
 That apple taken was.
Therefore we may singen:
 Thanks be to God!

Words: 15th-century English; modernized by Edith Rickert

Music: Philip Ledger

The Third Lesson

Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9

The Lesson will be read by a member of the Junior Choristers Choir.

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.
With righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
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.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Third Carol

Forest Green

All stand and sing. The third verse is sung by the choir.



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drousgift is given!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
So God im - parts to hu - man - hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy darkstreets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christmas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the Kings, and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:26–38

All sit. The Lesson will be read by a lector.

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. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with 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.

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 People Thanks be to God.

The Fourth Carol

Gabriel's Message

All stand and sing. The third verse will be sung by the choir.

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came, ___
 2. "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be, ___
Choir only 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, ___
 4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born ___

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 his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes ___ as flame; ___
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee, ___
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," ___ she said, ___
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, ___

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, ___
 thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, ___
 "my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
 and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say, ___

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a! ___
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a! ___
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a! ___
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a! ___

Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924).
 Music: *Gabriel's Message*, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943) © 1961.

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 2: 1; 3–7

All sit. The Lesson will be read by the Head of Ushers.

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.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Fifth Carol

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Sung by the choir.

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
 To see the legend of my play,
 To call my true love to my dance;

*Sing, oh my love, oh my love, my love, my love,
 This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
 Thus was I knit to man's nature
 To call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
 Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
 To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
 To call my true love to my dance.

Words & Music : English traditional, arr. John Gardner

The Sixth Lesson

Luke 2: 8-16

The Lesson will be read by a teacher from St Andrew's School.

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.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Sixth Carol

On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol)

All stand and sing.

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring
News of great joy news of great mirth
News of our merciful King's birth

Then why should men on earth be sad since our Redeemer made us glad
When from our sin He set us free
All for to gain our liberty

When sin departs before His grace then life and health come in its place
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the newborn King

All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night
Glory to God and peace to men
Now and forever more amen

Words: Bishop Luke Wadding, 17th-century Music: English traditional, arr. Philip Ledger

The Seventh Lesson

Matthew 2: 1-12

All sit. The Lesson will be read by the Director of Altar Guild.

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 ob-

served 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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People Thanks be to God.

The Seventh Carol

All Bells in Paradise

Sung by the choir.

Deep in the cold of winter,
Darkness and silence were eve'rywhere;
Softly and clearly, there came through the stillness a wonderful sound,
A wonderful sound to hear.

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth, a heavenly King.
All bells in paradise, I heard them ring,
'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sing.*

Lost in awe and wonder,
Doubting I asked what this sign may be;
Christ, our Messiah, revealed in a stable,
A marvelous sight, a marvelous sight to see.

He comes down in peace,
A child in humility,
The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor;
Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,
Gold, incense, and myrrh.

Words & Music: John Rutter

The Eighth Lesson

Hebrews 1:1–12

The Lesson will be read by the Junior Warden.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son”?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

Of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire.”

But of the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you

with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

And,

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

they will perish, but you remain;

they will all wear out like clothing;

like a cloak you will roll them up,

and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same,

and your years will never end.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Eighth Carol

Sung by the choir.

The Infant King

Sing lullaby, lullaby baby, now reclining, sing lullaby.
Hush, do not wake the infant king,
Angels are watching, stars are shining over the place where he is lying.
Sing lullaby.

Sing lullaby, lullaby baby, now a-sleeping, sing lullaby.
Hush, do not wake the infant king,
Soon will come sorrows with the morning, soon will come bitter grief and weeping.
Sing lullaby.

Sing lullaby, lullaby baby, now a-dozing, sing lullaby.
Hush, do not wake the infant king,
Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing, then in the grave, a last reposing.
Sing lullaby.

Sing lullaby, lullaby, is the babe awaking? Sing lullaby.
Hush, do not wake the infant king,
Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning, conquering death, its bondage breaking.
Sing lullaby.

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould

Music: Frederick Teardo

The Ninth Lesson

All sit. The Lesson will be read by the Rector.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Ninth Carol

Adeste fidelis

All stand and sing.



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3. See how the shep - hers, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
4. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
5. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.
lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven - a - bove;
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry given;



Come and be - hold him born, the King of an - gels,
on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
glo - ry to God glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

Words: John Frances Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others

Music: *Adeste fideles*, present from of melody att. John Frances Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

The Collects

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Mendelssohn



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - ell!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!



Refrain
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

In Procession, a Voluntary

Paeon on Divinum Mysterium

John Cook

The congregation is invited to sit for the remainder of the voluntary after the procession has ended.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Reverend Clint Brown, *Officiant*

The St. Andrew's, Choristers, & Junior Choristers Choirs

The St Andrew's Choral Scholars

Mr. Stacy Jenkins, *conductor*

Readers

Andrew Biscone, Matthew Perkins, Fiona Kirk, Kay Lynn Jenkins, Elizabeth Dennis,
Elsa Reymundo, Karin Farquhar, Benjamin Gibbs & The Reverend Jimmy Grace.

GUEST MUSICIANS

Stephanie Gustafson, *harp*

Melisa Gultan, Abigail Padilla, & Kiana Semiei, *soprano*

Ethan Marfil & Jason Oquendo, *tenor*

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Sara Lewis by Pam Lewis

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by Craig Thompson

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St. Andrew's by Stephanie Wells

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