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A Festival of Mine

Lessons

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December 11th, 2022 10:45am

# A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Please stand as you are able, as the soloist begins v.1

# **\***HYMN Once in Royal David's City

[Solo]

1. 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 only] 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 Savior holy.





Once In Royal David's City

H.J. Gauntlett (1805-1875)

vs. 1-5 harmonized by A.H. Mann (1850-1929)

vs. 6 arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

# \*THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, be it this Advent season our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought to us by this Holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and health over all the earth; for unity and goodwill within the Church he came to build, and especially in the dominions of this the United States:

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in Christ's name the poor and the helpless, the cold and the hungry, the abused, the exploited and the oppressed, the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the isolated, the lonely and the unloved; the elderly and the little children; trespassers and those who have been trespassed; those who wrestle with faith and those who abandon the church entirely.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no 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 hath taught us:

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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

# Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with grace: Christ gives us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

## Amen.

## Please be seated.

#### CAROL The Truth from Above

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 is that God did man create; The next thing which to you I'll tell woman was made with man to dwell. Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose; And so a promise soon did run that he would redeem us by his Son. And at that 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.

This Is the Truth Sent from Above English traditional carol arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958) FIRST LESSON (Genesis 3:8-11, 14, 17-19)

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

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 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 unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and has 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.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL Adam Lay Ybounden

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 clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady abeen heavené queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we mounsingen, *Deo gracias!* (Thanks be to God!)

Adam Lay Ybounden by Boris Ord (1897 – 1961)

SECOND LESSON (Genesis 22:15-18) read by Lauren Justman

God promises to faithful Abraham all the nations of the earth be blessed.

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 has 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.

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL Ding! Dong! Merrily On High

Ding dong! merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky is riven with angels singing. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis*! (Glory, Hosanna in the highest!)
E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and *io, io io,* by priests and people sungen. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis*!
Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers. *Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis*!

Ding! Dong! merrily on high 16<sup>th</sup>-century French melody harmonized by Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THIRD LESSON (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7) read by Betsy Bass

The prophet foretells the coming of the savior.

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 judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

# \*HYMN Unto Us Is Born a Son



Unto us is born a Son Words and melody from Piae Cantiones (1582) arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Please be seated.

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of its roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon them, 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. 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 like 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.

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came a flow'ret 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 savior, when half-spent was the night. This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor, the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us, and lightens every load.

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Words: 15th century, translated by T. Baker (1851-1934) and H. Spaeth (1845-1925) Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1599. Tune: Es ist Ein Ros' arr. By Brad Nix (b. 1975)

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw the angel, she was troubled, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou has found favor 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 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.

Thanks be to God.

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one; to see the blessed Jesus Christ when he was first her son: When he was first her son, good man: and blessed may he be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two; to see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go: To make the lame to go, good man: and blessed may he be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three; to see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see: To make the blind to see, good man: and blessed may he be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy the Mary had, it was the joy of four; to see her own son, Jesus Christ, to read the bible o'er: To read the bible o'er, good man: and blessed may he be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five: to see her own son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive: To bring the dead alive, good man: and blessed may he be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six; to see her own son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix: Upon the crucifix, good man: and blessed may he be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity. The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven: to see her own son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heaven: To wear the crown of heaven, good man: and blessed may he be, both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

*Joys Seven* English traditional carol arr. By Stephen Cleobury (1948 – 2019) SIXTH LESSON (Luke 2:1-7)

#### St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

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.

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL 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 sorrow 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 at last reposing: Sing lullaby! Sing lullaby! Lullaby! Is the babe awaking? Sing lullaby! Hush, do not stir the infant king. Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning, conquering death, its bondage breaking: Sing lullaby!

Words: S. Baring-Gould (1834 - 1924)

Music: Basque Noel arr. By David Willcocks (1919 - 2015)

The shepherds go to the manger.

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 Savior, 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 all. 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.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.





While shepherds watched their flocks Words: Nahum Tate (1652 – 1715) Music: from *Este's Psalter* (1592) Verse 6 arr. by Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Please be seated.

The magi are led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came magi from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is the child born King of the Jews? for we have seen the star in the east, and are come to worship.

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 magi, 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 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 gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Thanks be to God.

#### CAROL My Lord Has Come

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels; no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven; no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me. Lead me, lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels; no place for me but a stable. My Lord has come.

My Lord Has Come Words and music by Will Todd (b. 1970)

Please stand as you are able.

\*NINTH LESSON (John 1:1-14)

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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 anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of all. 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 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 all 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 the will of humanity, 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 God), full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

# \*CAROL All This Time

All this time this song is best: *Verbum caro factum est.*'

(The word was made flesh and dwelt among us)

This night there is a child yborn that sprang out of Jesse's thorn; we must sing and say thereforn,

All this time this song is best: 'Verbum caro factum est.' Jesus is the childes name, and Mary mild is his dame; all our sorrow shall turn to game:

All this time this song is best: '*Verbum caro factum est*.' It fell upon high midnight: the stares shone both fair and bright; the angels sang with all their might,

All this time this song is best: '*Verbum caro factum est.*' Now kneel we down on our knee, and pray we to the Trinity our help, our succor for to be;

All this time this song is best: 'Verbum caro factum est.'



O Come, All Ye Faithful Words and music: J.F. Wade (c. 1711 – 1786) arr. by David Willcocks (1919 - 2015)

# \*THE COLLECT AND BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

## And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only begotten, Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold on that day to come as our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

## Amen.

Christ, who by incarnation gathered unto all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

## Amen.



Hark! The herald-angels sing Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788) Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847) Verse 3 arr. by David Willcocks (1919 - 2015)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Marilyn Arland

*In dulci jubilo*, BWV 729 by J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

Please join us in the Grand Hall for a reception celebrating this Advent season.

From the Interim Director of Music and Worship:

Thank you to the readers for participating in today's service.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers of Second Baptist Church.

Thank you to Marilyn Arland, Larry Landusky, the Second Baptist Choir and Orchestra, and all our guest musicians.

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2. By transferring their membership from another Christian church.

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