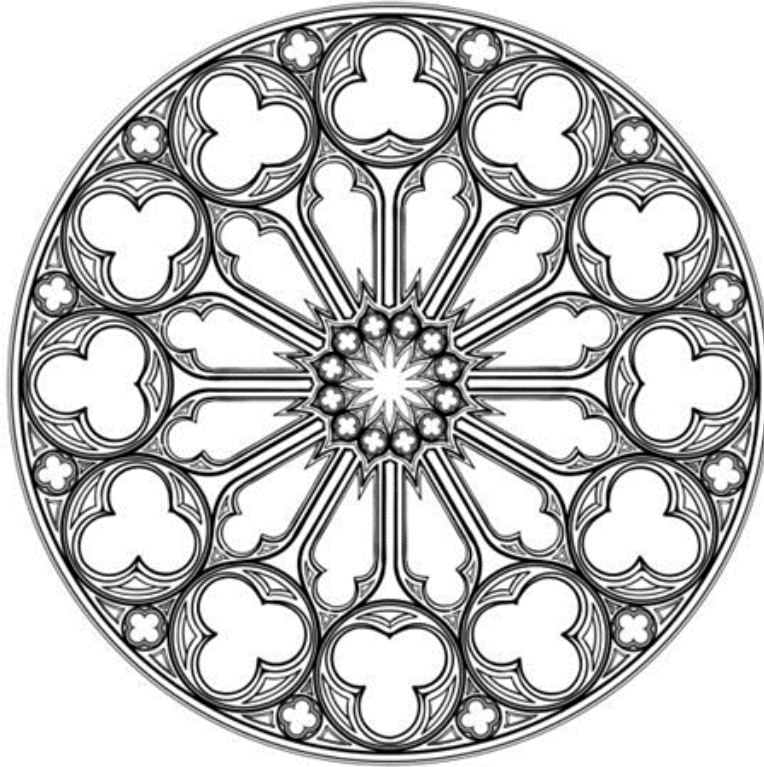


Christmas Lessons and Carols



Church of the Good Samaritan

December 11, 2022

Welcome to the Church of the Good Samaritan.

*Wherever you are on your journey through life and faith,
we want you to know that you are welcome in this place.*

*The carols sung by the congregation may be found in the blue hymnals in front of you,
at the numbers provided in the bulletin. Everyone is encouraged to sing along!*

Prelude

Noël IX: Sur les flûtes

Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

Processional Hymn

Once in Royal David's City Stz. 1, 2, 4, 6

(Choir & Congregation)

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide 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.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all God's people; for unity and understanding within the Church Christ came to build, and especially in this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in God's name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; 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 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 the Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

*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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

May the Almighty God bless us with 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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18 (KJV) Abraham's Faith Confirmed

Carol

Lo, in the time appointed (*Choir*)

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come,
the mountains and hills will break forth in singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands:
for the Lord shall come into his everlasting kingdom
and upon the throne of David
shall he reign forever. Alleluia.

- Text taken from a Sarum Antiphon

Carol

#73 The King shall come when morning dawns

(*Choir & Congregation*)

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 The Government of the Promised Son

Carol

#79 O little town of Bethlehem, Stz. 1-3, 5

(*Choir & Congregation*)

The Third Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9 The Reign of David's Heir

Carol

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (*Choir*)

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

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 floweret 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.

- Traditional German, trans.

Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38 Christ's Birth Announced to Mary

Choir Carol

Angelus ad virginem (*Choir*)

D. Willcocks

Angelus ad virginem,
Subintrans in conclave,
Virginis formidinem
Demulcens, inquit "Ave!
Ave, regina virginum:
Coeli terraeque dominum
Concipies et paries intacta
Salutem hominum;
Tu porta coeli facta,
Medela criminum."

The angel came to the Virgin,
entering secretly into her room;
the Virgin's fear
calming, he said, "Hail!
Hail, queen of virgins:
you will conceive the Lord of heaven and earth
and bear him, still a virgin,
to be the salvation of mankind;
you will be made the gate of heaven,
the cure of sins."

"Quomodo conciperem,
Quae virum non cognovi?
Qualiter infringerem,
Quae firma mente vovi?"
"Spiritus sancti gratia
Perficiet haec omnia.
Ne timeas, sed gaudeas
Secura, quod castimonia
Manebit in te pura
Dei potentia."

"How can I conceive,
When I have never known a man?
How can I transgress
resolutions that I have vowed with a firm mind?"
"The grace of the Holy Spirit
shall do all this.
Do not be afraid, but rejoice
without a care, since your chastity
will remain in you unspoilt
through the power of God."

Ad haec, virgo nobilis
Respondens inquit ei,
"Ancilla sum humilis
Omnipotentis Dei.
Tibi coelesti nuntio,
Tanti secreti conscio,
Consentiens et cupiens videre
Factum quod audio,
Parata sum parere
Dei consilio."

To this, the noble Virgin,
replying, said to him,
"I am the humble maidservant
of almighty God.
To you, heavenly messenger,
and bearer of such a great secret,
I give my consent, and wishing to see
done what I hear,
I am ready to obey
the will of God."

Eia Mater Domini,
Quae pacem reddidisti
Angelis et homini
Cum Christum genuisti!
Tuum exora filium
Ut se nobis propitium

Hail, Mother of our Lord,
who brought peace back
to angels and men
when you bore Christ!
Pray your son
that he may show favor to us

Exhibeat, et deleat peccata, and blot out our sins,
Praestans auxilium giving us help
Vita frui beata to enjoy a blessed life
Post hoc exsilium. after this exile.
- c. 13th Century, likely French origins

The Fifth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-24 The Faith of Joseph

Carol

All this time (*Choir*)

William Walton (1902-1983)

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

This night there is a child yborn
That sprang out of Jesse's thorn;
We must sing and say therefor, *Refrain*

Jesus is the childes name,
And Mary mild is his dame;
All our sorrow shall turn to game: *Refrain*

It fell upon high midnight:
The starres shone both fair and bright;
The angels sang with all their might, *Refrain*

Now kneel we down on our knee,
And pray we to the Trinity
Our help, our succour for to be; *Refrain*
- Anon., 16th Century

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 Birth of the Savior

Carol

In the Bleak Midwinter (*Choir*)

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

In the bleak midwinter frosty winds 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, Heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain;
Heav'n 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 only his mother 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.

- Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Carol

#98 Unto us a boy is born! Stz 1, 2, 4, 5

(Choir & Congregation)

The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-20 Visit of the Shepherds

Carol

#93 Angels, from the realms of glory

(Choir & Congregation)

Carol

He whom joyous shepherds praised (*Choir*)

arr. Gerald Near (b. 1942)

He whom joyous shepherds praised,
When the angel's song was raised
Bidding them be not amazed,
Heaven's all-glorious King is born.

He whom sages, westward faring,
Myrrh and gold and incense bearing,
Worshipped bowing low before him,
Reigns as King this happy morn.

Now rejoice with Jesus' mother;
Praise her new-born Son, our brother;
Angels vie with one another,
Praising him beyond the sky.

Sing to Christ, the King who reigneth,
Yet of Mary manhood gaineth,
Born our God; let us adore him:
Glory be to God on high.

- Latin, 15th Century; trans. Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 Coming of the Magi

Carol

#128 We Three Kings (all stanzas)

(Choir & Congregation)

The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14 KJV The Word Made Flesh

Carol

#83 O Come All Ye Faithful Stz. 1-3, 6

arr. D. Willcocks

(Choir & Congregation)

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Season

O God, who hast caused this holy season to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

#87 Hark! the herald angels sing

arr. D. Willcocks

(Choir & Congregation)

The Dismissal

Postlude

In dulci jubilo, BWV 759

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Officiating

The Rev. Dr. Simon Justice, Rector

Readers

Lesson I: Genesis 22: 1-18	Rex Cole
Lesson II: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7	Dr. Terri Homer
Lesson III: Isaiah 11: 1-4, 6-9	Ruth Krueger
Lesson IV: Luke 1: 26-38	Désirée Senechal
Lesson V: Matthew 1: 18-24	Beatrice Germain
Lesson VI: Luke 2: 1-7	Bill Trudeau
Lesson VII: Luke 2: 8-20	Gail Wells
Lesson VIII: Matthew 2:1-12	Désirée Senechal
Lesson IX: John 1:1-14	Father Simon

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Choir

Sanctuary Choir