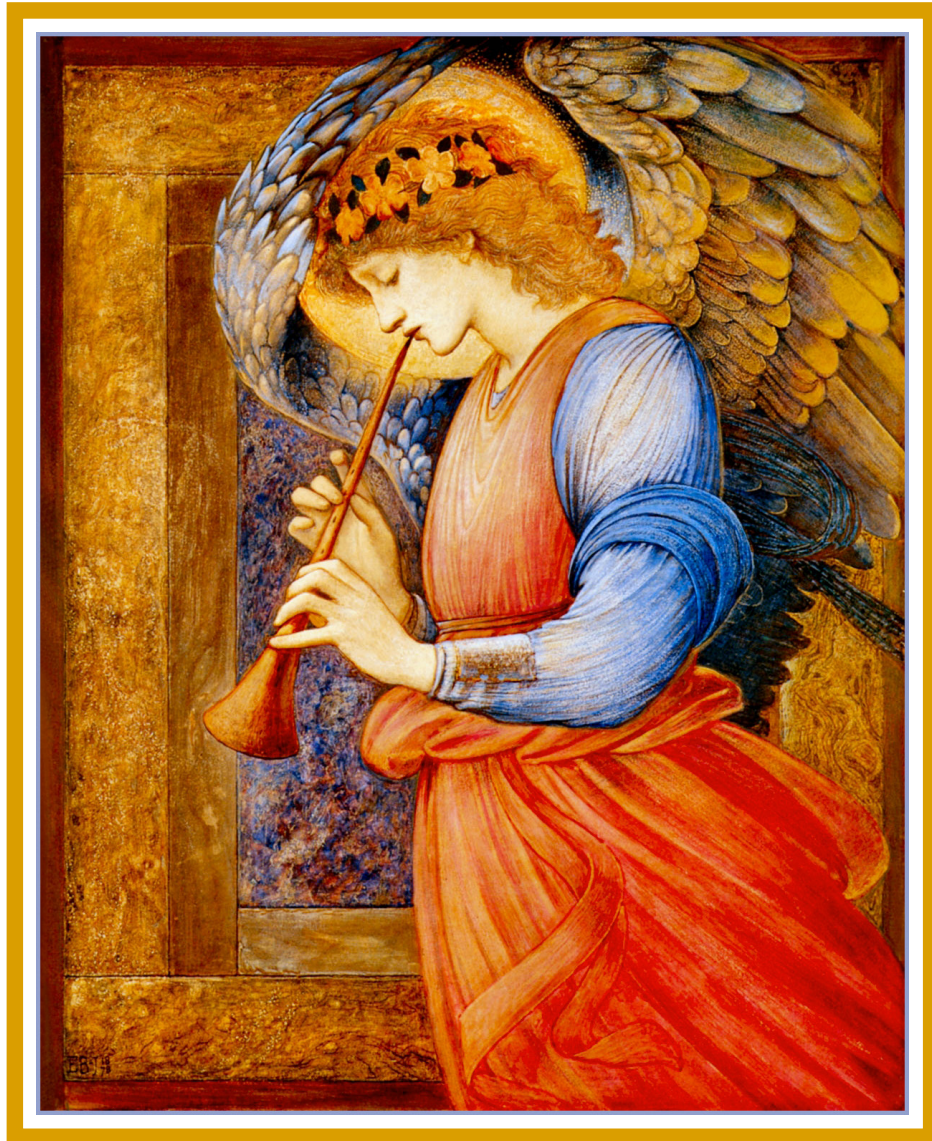


# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 12, 2021 • 10:30 AM**



# WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*  
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*  
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*  
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*  
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*  
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*  
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*  
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*  
*and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Welcome to Lessons and Carols at St. Philip's!

Following the choral introit this morning, after a brief hush, a solo treble voice will ring out from the balcony with the joyous tidings that “Once in Royal David’s City” Jesus Christ was born, the fulfillment of God’s plan of salvation from the dawn of time.

And so Lessons and Carols begins each year—the glorious unfolding of God’s plan of salvation told once again in the words of nine lessons from the Holy Scriptures, read by parishioners from across the spectrum of ministries at St. Philip’s, beginning in Genesis and carrying through to the Gospel of St. John with the unimaginably good news of the Incarnation: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.” Following each reading, from our choirs and instrumentalists will come marvelous musical offerings accompanied by a wide variety of instruments, carefully chosen to help us reflect on the wonder and glory and beauty of the Lord and His most gracious gift, Jesus Christ.

2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the first Lessons and Carols service in the format we have come to know and love. In 1918, in the dark despair that gripped England after the Armistice that ended World War I, having left many of the best and brightest of that generation buried in the battlefields of France, a young British Army Chaplain, the Reverend Eric Milner-White, was appointed the Chaplain at King’s College, Cambridge. Having been in the trenches and having served as a stretcher bearer, he knew well the horrors of war and the loss of loved ones, and came to a university that was in mourning for the nearly fifteen hundred students that had died in the war. Milner-White prayed for guidance on how to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in that context, and came up with the idea of a Lessons and Carols service that would proclaim the good news of God’s glorious plan of salvation by starting at the Book of Genesis and carrying right through Scripture to the great Incarnation Gospel passage in the first chapter of St. John’s Gospel, with carols to illustrate and celebrate each passage. The service was an immediate success and has now become one of the best-loved traditions in the Anglican world. Milner-White wrote the heartfelt words of the Bidding Prayer which opens the service, words that are especially poignant as one considers the context in 1918 of those empty pews and silent voices: “... let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore.”

We at St. Philip’s do indeed rejoice that our hope is in the Word made flesh, and we are delighted to welcome all of you to ponder this wondrous gift as we worship together this morning!

—The Reverend Brian Kenneth McGreevy

# A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

10:30 a.m.

THE INTROIT

Mary Had a Baby  
*The Cherub and St. Nicholas Choirs*

Spiritual

Shepherd's Pipe Carol  
*The St. Cecilia and Canterbury Choirs*

J. Rutter (b. 1945)

For Unto Us a Child Is Born  
*The St. Cecilia Choir*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)  
arr. J. Stevens, W.D. Landes

Matin Responsory  
*The St. Philip's Choir*

G. Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,  
And a cloud covering the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?  
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,  
Tell us, art thou he that should come?  
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,  
And a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Words: translated from the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Matins (early Medieval Roman rite) Music: Adapted from a Magnificat by Palestrina (as sung at the Advent Carol Services in King's College Chapel, Cambridge) © 1970 Oxford University Press.

## THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand. The first stanza of the hymn is sung by a solo chorister. Please join in singing all other stanzas.*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 236

Once in Royal David's City

*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.

*Soloist:* Marisa Rivera, *The Canterbury Choir*

*All Sing:* 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, the scorned, the lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.  
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 all 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.

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929); Descant and organ part by David Willcocks © 1970 Oxford University Press



## THE BIDDING PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All kneel. The officiant says*

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see 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 his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs 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:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant and people pray*

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.*

*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. *Amen.*

*The people stand and sing the hymn.*

## HYMN 5

### Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

*Helmsley*

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers;  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own;  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1758 alt. Music: *Helmsley* from *Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed*, 1765. Descant from *The Christ Church Descant Book*, Lois Fyfe. Copyright © The Cumberland Press (Vester Music).

*The people are seated for the reading of God's word.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-19

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

Reader: Colton Karch, Young Adults Ministry

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? <sup>10</sup> And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. <sup>11</sup> 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? <sup>12</sup> And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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: <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup>Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. <sup>17</sup>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; <sup>18</sup>Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; <sup>19</sup>In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

CAROL

Salvation Is Created  
*The St. Philip's Choir*

Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

Salvation is created  
In midst of the earth.  
O God, O our God. Alleluia.

Words and music by Pavel G. Tschesnokoff (1877-1944).  
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THE SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15-18

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

Reader: Grace Fayette, The Canterbury Choir

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, <sup>16</sup>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: <sup>17</sup>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; <sup>18</sup>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

Advent Carol  
*The Canterbury Choir*

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

Desert, blossom as a Rose rising, radiant as it grows,  
All arrayed in crimson show; come to us, O God of Hope.  
Thirsty land, become a stream, flowing fountain, calm, serene.  
Clear cascade from heaven above; come to us, O God of Love.  
Weakened hands, be now made strong; silent tongues, break forth in song;  
Blinded eyes, your sight employ; come to us, O God of Joy.  
Soon a pathway shall be found, for the faithful, Holy Ground;  
Safe from angry, warring beast, come to us, O God of Peace.  
Sing God's praise, Jerusalem; hope, joy, love, and peace shall come;  
Sorrow, sighing now dispel; come to us, Emmanuel.  
King of Glory, Soul of Bliss, everlasting life is this:  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love! Alleluia.

Text: from Isaiah 35. Music: *Orientis partibus*, Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 285

The God of Abraham Praise

*Leoni*

The God of Abra'm praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
To him uplift your voice, at whose supreme command  
From earth we rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.

He by himself hath sworn; I on his oath depend;  
I shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.  
I shall behold his face, I shall his power adore,  
And sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
And, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, Holy, Holy," cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
Eternal Father, great I AM, we worship Thee."

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high,  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry;  
Hail, Abra'm's God and mine! I join the heav'ly lays;  
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

Words: *Jewish Doxology*; Para. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.

Music: *Leoni* Traditional Melody, arr. Meyer Lyon, c. 1770. Descant by Susan Messersmith, copyright ©2010.

*The people are seated for the reading of God's word.*

### THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

Reader: Mara Brockbank, Flower Guild

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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

The People Who in Darkness Walked

N. Herman (1485-1561)

*The St. Philip's Choir*

The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light;  
The heavenly dawn broke forth on those who dwelt in death and night,  
Who dwelt in death and night.

To greet you, Sun of Righteousness, the gathering nations come,  
Rejoicing as when reapers bring their harvest treasures home,  
Their harvest treasures home.

To us the promised child is born, to us a son is given;  
And on his shoulders ever rests all power in earth and heaven,  
All power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace forevermore adored,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the Mighty God and Lord,  
The Mighty God and Lord.

His peace and righteous government shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based, his reign shall never end,  
His reign shall never end.

Words: Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7. Vers. John Morrison (a750-1798)

Music: Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012) Based on *Lobt Gott, Iroh Christen* by Nicholaus Herman (1485-1561)

### THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

Pam Dickson, Praise Music Team

<sup>1</sup>And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: <sup>2</sup>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; <sup>3</sup>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: <sup>4</sup>But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. <sup>9</sup>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

A Tender Shoot  
*The St. Philip's Choir*

Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace  
As ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race  
It blooms without a blight; It blooms without a blight  
Blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light  
This shoot Isaiah taught us from Jesse's root should spring  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing  
Our God of endless might; Our God of endless might  
Gave her this child to save us thus turning darkness into light.

Words: William Bartholomew (1793-1867). Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

HYMN 9

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

*Merton*

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
May he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt.  
Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1933)

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary.*

Reader: Elizabeth Bowles, Altar Guild

<sup>26</sup> And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> 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: <sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. <sup>34</sup> Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. <sup>38</sup> And the angel departed from her.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Ave Maria

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

*The St. Philip's Choir*

*Ave Maria, gratia plena;  
Dominus tecum,  
benedicta tu in mulieribus  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora nostrae. Ave Maria. Amen.*

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Words: Liturgical Latin Text  
Music: Philip Stopford (b. 1977) Copyright © 2011 by Hal Leonard Corporation Henry Leck Series



*St. Matthew tells the birth of Jesus.*

Reader: Hamlin O'Kelley, Usher Ministry

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. <sup>20</sup> But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. <sup>21</sup> And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. <sup>22</sup> Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, <sup>23</sup> Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

CAROL

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

*The St. Philip's Choir*

*O magnum mysterium  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
jacentem in praesepe.  
Beata Virgo,  
cujus viscera meruerunt  
portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!*

O great mystery  
and wondrous sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord  
lying in their manger.  
Blessed is the Virgin  
whose womb was worthy  
to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Text: the Responary following the 4th Lesson of the II. Nocturn of Matins for Christmas Day. English translation from *Translations and Annotations of Choral Repertoire, Vol. 1: Sacred Latin Texts*. Compiled and annotated by Ron Jeffers. ©1988 earthsongs.ARR. Music: Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943). ©1995 Southern Music Pub. Co, Inc.ARR.IC5.

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 27

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

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 the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the Newborn King!

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 the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

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.  
Ris'n with healing in his wings,  
light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt. Music: Adapted from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

*The people are seated for the reading of God's word.*

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

Reader: Susan Keller, World Missions Committee

<sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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.**

CAROL

Gloria in Excelsis Deo *from* Gloria, RV 589

A. Vivaldi (1678-1741)

*The St. Philip's Choir*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Glory to God in the highest!

Text: From the Latin mass

Music: Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741) Copyright © 1967 by Edwin F. Kalmus

THE EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

*The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Reader: Todd Brown, Senior Warden

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. <sup>5</sup> And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

We Have Seen His Star

H.E. Titcomb (1884-1968)

*The St. Philip's Choir*

We have seen his star in the East

And are come with offerings to worship the Lord.

Words: Matthew 2:2

Music: H. Everett Titcomb (1884-1968) Copyright © 1935 by Carl Fischer, Inc.

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 20

Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Divinum Mysterium*

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,  
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bare the Savior of our race;  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing:  
Powers, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

Thee let old men, thee let young men, thee let boys in chorus sing;  
Matrons, virgins, little maidens, with glad voices answering:  
Let their guileless songs reecho, and the heart its music bring; evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; Tr. J. M. Neale, 1854, Henry W. Baker, 1859.

Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, 13th cent. Plainsong, Made V

*The people remain standing.*

*Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

Reader: The Rector

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The same was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life; and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came unto his own, and his own received him not. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: <sup>13</sup>Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>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.**

*The people are seated for the singing of the Carol.*

CAROL

See Amid the Winter's Snow  
*The St. Philip's Choir*

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Alleluia ... See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below ...  
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

*Refrain:* Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn;  
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,  
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim. *Refrain*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this. *Refrain*

Words: Edward Caswal (1814-1878)

Music: John Goss (1800-1880); this arr. by Dan Forrest (born 1978), ©2016 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. ARR

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Christmas Blessing  
*The St. Philip's Choir*

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

May the joy of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds,  
The worship of the wisemen and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.  
May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly,  
All things heavenly, and fill you with joy and peace.  
And the blessing of God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you  
And remain with you always. Amen.

Text: *Church of Ireland Book of Common Prayer.*

Music: Philip W. J. Stopford (b. 1977)

*The people stand and sing the Doxology.*

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Stuttgart*

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley.

Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

*Continuing with ...*

HYMN 141 (S. 4)

*America*

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Music: *America*, in *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1740. Words: Samuel Francis Smith, 1832.

THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Priest*           The Lord be with you.

*People*           ***And with thy spirit.***

*Priest*           Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

*After the blessing, all stand and sing the recessional hymn.*

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 2

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them  
That trust thy mighty power to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

Words: Hymnal Version, based on Latin, c. 9th cent.; St. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, pub. Cologne, 1710

Music: *Veni Emmanuel*, Melody adapted from plainsong, Mode I, by Thomas Helmore, 1854. Descant by David Willcocks.

THE DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:*

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

CLOSING VOLUNTARY


Patapan

Bernard de la Monnoye (1641-1728)

*Charles Towne Brass Quintet*

arr. Craig Levesque (b. 1975)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Wassail Bowl Reception** is in the Parish Hall immediately following this service. Please enjoy some savory bites, sweet treats, and hot mulled cider—otherwise known as wassail—as you mingle!
- **Poinsettia Delivery:** Every year at Christmas time, the St. Philip's Compassion Committee provides poinsettias and cards to parishioners who are especially in our hearts this season. We need your help to get them delivered! As you're leaving the Wassail Bowl, please go by the downstairs entryway of the Parish House and pick up a plant (or a few plants!) to deliver to someone who lives near you or on your route home. The poinsettias will be sorted by ZIP code and the cards will have complete addresses.
- **Christmas flower memorial/thanksgiving** dedications are due by this Wednesday, December 15, for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Scan the QR code at right or visit our website to submit your loved ones' information. Forms are also available in the narthex and in the church office. 
- **The Angel Trees** are leaving today! Thank you to all who have already donated gift cards. If you haven't yet participated and would like to, please pick an ornament from the tree and drop it off at the church office by tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Your donation will offer parents in need the dignity of choosing and purchasing Christmas gifts for their children, bless the teachers of Simmons-Pinckney Middle School, and more.

### Wrapping up 2021:

- **Now in recess:** Sunday School, Rector's Forum (resume Jan. 9)
- **Now in recess:** Rector's Bible Study (resumes Jan. 13)
- **December 15:** Final Wednesdays Alive! service/supper/class (resumes Jan. 12)
- **December 15:** Final inSPIRE/eSPIRE mailing (resumes Jan. 12)
- **December 17 and 19:** Final Youth Group meetings (resume Jan. 7 and 9)
- **December 24-January 2:** Church office closed

### Save the Date:

- **January 15** ~ Art auction, St. Philip's Choir fundraiser (please contact Pat Gould if you have art to donate: (843) 364-9552 or [pgould@stphilipschurchsc.org](mailto:pgould@stphilipschurchsc.org))
- **May 2-6** ~ Tea Room (please contact Amanda Ayers if you are interested in helping plan: (843) 696-1852 or [amandabear79@yahoo.com](mailto:amandabear79@yahoo.com))

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