



CHRISTMAS EVE
Trinity Church

Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2024

Prelude

The First Noel
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Welcome

Introit (Ensemble)

I Wonder as I Wander
John Jacob Niles. arr. by Samuel M. Hunter

***Call to Worship—Isaiah 9 (selected)**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

***Carol**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Trinity Hymnal #208

***Hymn**

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker. Arr. by Dan Kreider



1. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, in the
2. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, He the
3. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, Christ the
4. Come be - hold the won - drous my - stery, slain by



4
dawn - ing of the King. He the theme of hea - vens
per - fect Son of Man. In His li - ving in His
Lord u - pon the tree. In the stead of ru - ined
death the God of life. But no grave could e'er re -



7
prai - ses, robbed in frail hu - man i - ty. In our
suf - fering, Ne - ver trace nor stain of sin. See His
sin - ners, hangs the lamb in vic - tor - y. See the
strain Him. Praise the Lord; He is a - love! What a



10
long - ing, and in bet - our dark - ness, Now the
true - ing, and in bet - our dark - ness, Now the
price of taste of our re - dem - ption. come to
fore - taste of our re - dem - ption. see the
un - der - stand - ing of our re - dem - ption. How the un -



12
light of life has come. Look to Christ, who con - de -
save the hell - bound man. Christ the great and sure ful -
Fa - thers plan un - fold! Bring - ing ma - ny sons to
wa - ver - ing our hope! Christ in po - wer re - sur -



15
scen - ded took on flesh to ran - som us.
fill - ment of the un - law; in Him we stand.
glo - ry un - der the will; in sured, love un - told.
rec - ted as we will - be, when he comes.

***Prayer of Invocation**

Lesson One—Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:2

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Carol

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Trinity Hymnal #196

Lesson Two—Micah 5:2-5

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
 who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
 in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land
 and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
 and eight princes of men;

Carol

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Trinity Hymnal #194 (vv. 1, 4,5)

Lesson Three—Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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 father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered 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 called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

*Hymn

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood. Arr. by Dan Galbraith

D/F# G

1. In the dark - ness — we were wait - ing, with - out hope, —
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -

2 A D D/F# G

— with-out light, — till from Heav - en You — came run - ning. There was mer -
- con-cile the lost, — to re - deem — the whole — cre - a - tion You did not —

4 A D D/F# G

- cy in — Your eyes. — To ful - fil — the law — and pro - phets, to a vir -
- des - pise — the cross. — For — e - ven in — Your suf - fring, You saw to —

6 A D D/F# G

- gin came — the Word — from a throne — of end - less glo - ry to a cra -
- the oth - er side. — Know-ing this — was our — sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for —

8 A D D

- dle in — the dirt. — Praise the Fa - ther,
— our sake — You died. —

12 G Bm A^{sus} A D

praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D

maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings.



2. To re-veal

3. And the morn - ing that - You rose - all of heav



- en held - its breath - till that stone - was moved - for good, - for the Lamb .



- had con - quered death. - And the dead - rose from - their tombs, - and the an -



- gels stood - in awe, - for the souls - of all - who'd come - to the Fa -

VERSE 4



- ther are - re - stored. - 4. And the Church - of Christ - was born, - then the Spir



- it lit - the flame. - Now this Gos - pel truth - of old - shall - not kneel, .



- shall - not faint. - By His blood - and in - His Name, - in His free-



- dom I - am free, - for the love - of Je - sus Christ - who has res - ur - rect - ed me . .

Lesson Four—Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Special Music (Ensemble)

Prepare Him Room

Rebecca Elliott and Dave Fournier Arr. by Michael Turner

Lesson Five—Luke 2:8–16

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

***Carol**

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Traditional English Carol. Arr. by Keith Getty & Fionan de Barra

Dm Gm/D Am/D

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may; Re -
 2. In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el, this bless - ed Babe was born, and
 3. From God our Heav - 'nly Fath - er a bless - ed an - gel came and
 4. The shep - herds at those ti - dings re - joic - ed much in mind, and
 5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es all you with - in this place, and

Dm Gm/D Am/D

mem - ber Christ, our Sa - vior, was born on Christ - mas Day to
 laid with - in a man - ger up - on this bless - ed morn, the
 un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same, how
 left their flocks a - feed - ing in tem - pest, storm and wind and
 with true love and broth - er - hood each oth - er now em - brace; This

Gm Am B♭maj7 C Refrain: Gm7 Am7

save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray:
 which His moth - er Ma - ry did noth - ing take in scorn:
 that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name: } O — ti - dings of com - fort and
 went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find:
 ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face:

Dm Gm7 Am7 Dm C/D Dm C/D last time D5

joy, com - fort and joy, O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

- 2. In
- 3. From
- 4. The
- 5. Now

***Carol**

Joy to the World

Keith and Krystin Getty

A Dmaj7 E A D E

Piano

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re-ceive her
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav-ior reigns! Let men their songs em-
 3. No more let sins and truth sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions

F#m7 A/E Dmaj7

Pno.

King! Let ev-'ry heart pre- pare him- room, and
 ploy; White fields and floods rock hills and plains Re-
 ground; He comes to make, His bless-ings flow far-
 prove the the glo-ries of His right-eous-nes and

A/C# Bm E7 C#7

Pno.

heav-en and na-ture sing and heav-en and na-ture sing and
 peat the soun-ding joy, re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-
 as the curse is found, far-as the curse is found, far-
 won-ders of his love, and wond-ers of His love, and

Fm7 Bm A/G D A/E E A D/A G/A

Pno.

heav-en and heav-en and na-ture sing.
 peat re-peat as far as the curse is found.
 wond-ers won-ders of His love.

Lesson Six—2 Corinthians 1:15-22

Because I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a second experience of grace. I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on my way to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say “Yes, yes” and “No, no” at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, hour word to you has not been Yes and No. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Homily

"Silent Night"

Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

*Carol

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Trinity Hymnal #210

Candles will be lit by row at the beginning of Silent Night

Benediction

*Please return candles to the boxes by the sanctuary doors
(children may keep the candle glow sticks). Merry Christmas!*



Thank you for joining us for worship this Christmas Eve.
We would be delighted to see you again for one of our
regular Sunday services at 9:30am.