



Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 27, 2020

**St. Paul's Anglican Church, Sydenham,
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kingston &
St. James Anglican Church, Kingston**

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Prelude: Sinfonia (Christmas Oratorio); J.S. Bach, arr. Michael Capon Michael Capon, Organ

Carol: O Come, All Ye Faithful (V.1,2,3)
CP118 / ELW283

Congregations Mashup

1
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of
angels;

Refrain:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2
God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created: [Refrain]

3
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest: [Refrain]

The Bidding Prayer

The Rev. Canon Andy Chisholm

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmas tide 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 with the shepherds and the wise men adore the Child lying in his Mother's arms.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of creation, our disobedience and to the glorious Redemption and promise of a new creation brought us by this Holy Child; and in company with the whole Church let us make this place of worship glad with our carols of praise:

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

And let us at this time remember in Jesus' name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the loving kindness of the Lord.

Let us also remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which none can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh: and let us pray that we may be counted among that communion of saints, receiving grace to offer unto God reasonable service, living in unity and fellowship with all his people and giving reverence to all that he hath made, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

AMEN.

FIRST LESSON: *The Story of Creation Unfolds.*

Genesis 1:24-31

Vicky Huehn, St. Mark's

Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Quartet (Meghan Corbett, (Soprano), Beth Pogmore (Alto), Bob Burkholder (Tenor),
Jonathan Corbett (Bass)
CP120 / ELW279

1

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.

3

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous Gift is given
as love imparts to human hearts
the blessings of God's heaven!
No ear may hear his coming
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

4

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in;
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

SECOND LESSON: *God Promises to Faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the Nations of the Earth be Blessed*

Genesis 22:15-18

Neil Hobbs, St. Paul's

Carol: Joy to the World
COP154 / ELW267

Quartet

1
Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

3
No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as our sin is found,
far as our sin is found,
far as, far as our sin is found.

2
Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

4
He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

THIRD LESSON: *The Prophet Isaiah Foretells the Coming of the Saviour.*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Brian Black, St. James

Carol: Once in royal David's city
CP123 / ELW 269

Quartet, solo Meghan Corbett)

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.

3
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 gather round.

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 Saviour holy.

FOURTH LESSON: *The Peace that Christ will Bring is Foreshown.*

Isaiah 11: 1-3a; 4a; 6-9

Bob Heinz, St. Mark's

Carol: Go tell it on the mountain
ELW290

Praise Band at Home, Dave Barton

FIFTH LESSON: The Angel Gabriel Greet the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Luke 1:26-38

Margi McKay, St. Paul's

Carol: Good Christians all rejoice

CP153 / ELW288

Quartet

1

Good Christian all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
Listen now to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

3

Good Christians all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Come at his most gracious call
to find salvation, one and all.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

2

Good Christian all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
Hear the news of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

SIXTH LESSON: St. Luke tells of the Birth of Jesus.

Luke 2:1-7

Meghrig Milkon, St. James

Carol: Away in a manger

CP126 / ELW278

Praise Band at Home, Dave Barton

1

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet
head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down
where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender
care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

2

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus! Look down from on
high
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

SEVENTH LESSON: *The Shepherds go the Manger.*

Luke 2:8-20

Elsie Smith, St. Mark's

Instrumental: Onda Lunga (Long Wave); IlioVolante

Carina Canonico & David Gazaille, Clarinets

EIGHTH LESSON: *The Wise Men are Led by the Star to Jesus*

Matthew 2:1-12

The Rev. Georgiana Stewart, St. Paul's

Anthem: *Were you there on that Christmas Night?*; Natalie Sleeth (Choirs)

1
Were you there, were you there
on that Christmas night when
the world was filled with a holy light?
Were you there to behold,
when the wonder foretold came to Earth?

2
Did you see, did you see how they
hailed him king with their gifts
so rare that they chose to bring?
Did you see how they bowed
as they praised him aloud at his birth?

3
Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang
at the glory of the sight?
Did you hear how the bells of heaven
rang all through the night?

4
Did you know, did you know
it was God's own son,
the salvation of the world begun?
Did you know it was love,
that was sent from above to the Earth?

NINTH LESSON: *St. John Unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation.*

John 1:1-14

The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Anglican Bishop of Ontario

Carol: *Silent night*

CP119 / ELW281

Praise Band at Home, Dave Barton

1
Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing "alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!"

3
Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Collect of the Day

The Rev. Georgiana Stewart

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light,
that we being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John,
may walk in the light of your truth,
and come at last to the fullness of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Georgiana Stewart

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen**

Prayers of the Day

The Rev. Seth Perry

The Blessing

The Rev. Georgiana Stewart

Carol: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
CP138 / ELW270

Congregations Mashup

Refrain:

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"**

1

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 th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

2

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,

pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Refrain

3

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

Postlude: In Sweet Joy; Laurence Rowbotham

Michael Capon, Organ

Please Join us at 11:30 for a Christmas Cheer Coffee Hour via Zoom hosted by Pastor Seth and Canon Andy. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater :)

Topic: Christmas Cheer Coffee Hour
Time: Dec 27, 2020 11:30 AM Eastern Time

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