

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, January 3rd, 10am



Welcome & Announcements

Prelude Ding Dong Merrily on High

A Bidding Prayer

The First Lesson Genesis 3: 8–15; 17–19

Pat Thebaud

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Choir Anthem: Il est né le divin enfant

The Second Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

Ann Mellow

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Choir Anthem: What Child is this

The Third Lesson Luke 1:26-58

Ron Metzler

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

Choir Anthem: Angel Gabriel

sung by Hirona Amamiya

The Fourth Lesson Luke 2:1-20

Kallen Tsikalas

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshipped by angels and shepherds

Choir Anthem: Go tell it on the mountain

sung by Taiwan Norris

The Fifth Lesson Hebrews 1:1-12

Gwendolyn Daring

In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is for ever and ever.

Congregational Hymn: Venite Adoremus

The Sixth Lesson John 1:1-18

Glenn Jussen

The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory.

Congregational Hymn: Joy to the World

Prayers of the People

The Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

May Almighty God, Who sent His Son to take our nature upon Him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of His holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent His angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, Who in the Word made Flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you His peace and favor. **Amen.**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal