

**A Service of Lessons & Carols**  
**Sunday, January 1, 2023 – 10:00am**

**The Lessons & Carols**

**Instrumental Prelude**

**Processional Hymn H -102: Once in Royal David City** *Irby*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
May was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

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.

We, like Mary, rest confounded that a stable should display  
Heaven's Word, the world's creator, cradled there on Christmas Day,  
Yet this child, our Lord and brother, brought us love for one another.

**Opening Prayer**

**The First Lesson**

Genesis 3: 8–15; 17–19

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

**Carol H-89: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear** *Carol*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King"  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing  
And ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;  
Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;  
And warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;  
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing.

For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old  
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold.  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,

And all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

**The Second Lesson**

Isaiah 9: 2; 6–7

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

**Carol H-99 Go Tell it on the Mountain** *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

[refrain] Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherd kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the hubble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

**The Third Lesson**

Isaiah 11: 1–3a; 4a; 6–9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

**Carol H-79 O Little Town of Bethlehem** *St. Louis*

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

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 men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his 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.

**The Fourth Lesson**

Luke 1:26-35:38

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

**Carol H-115 What Child is This** *Greensleeves*

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

### **The Fifth Lesson**

Luke 2: 1; 3–7

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

### **Carol H-111 Silent Night**     *Stille Nacht*

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

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

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

### **The Sixth Lesson**

Luke 2: 8–16

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

### **Carol H-101 Away in a manger**     *Cradle Song*

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

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes  
I love thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask thee to stay

Close by me forever and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there

### **The Seventh Lesson**

Matthew 2: 1–12

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

### **Carol H-105 God rest you merry gentlemen    *God Rest You Merry***

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;  
remember Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas Day  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

**Refrain:** O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
how that in Bethlehem was born the son of God by name. [Refrain]

"Fear not," then said the angel, "let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior, the true and radiant light,  
to free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might." [Refrain]

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
and in true love and fellowship each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Christmas is filled with heav'nly grace. [Refrain]

### **The Peace**

*Presider*        The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All*                **And also with you!**

## **The Holy Communion**

*This is God's Table: all are welcome*

### **Offertory Hymn    The First Noel (Verses 1,2,6)**

**The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

**They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave  
great light, and so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

**Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven  
and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath brought.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

*Please stand*

**Doxology**

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider*       The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*Presider*       Lift up your hearts.

*People*         **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*       Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*         **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Presider and People sing together,*

**The Sanctus LEVAS II 255** (*Mass for a Soulful People*)

Grayson Warren Brown

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna in the highest**

*The Presider continues,*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People,*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues,*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer LEVAS II 264**

A.H. Malotte

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Please remain standing and sing together*

**Fraction Anthem**

S. Shull

**We who are many, are one body,**

**For we all share in the one bread,**

**we all share in the one bread.**

*Please remain standing*

**Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts for God for all of us, the people of God. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn:**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

*Let us break bread*

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees,**
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees....**
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees....**

**When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,**

**O Lord have mercy on me**

*All stand, and say together*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn: Joy To the World**

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

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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 of his love.**

### **The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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