

Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas
Sunday December 12, 2021



Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Music Director: Robin Davis
Organist: David Smith

*Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.
Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the church.*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of Almighty God,
and in celebration of all the vaccines which have made it possible to join together
more safely in song and prayer and presence, by Vanessa Scott*



ORGAN PRELUDE

A Fancy HUGH BANCROFT

INTROIT

Matin Responsory "I Look from Afar" PALESTRINA

Officiant

Solo

I LOOK from afar:
And lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud
covering the whole earth.

Officiant

Choir

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,

Solo

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Choir

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep.

Solo

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Choir

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come

Sopranos

To reign over thy people Israel.

Officiant

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir

I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a
cloud covering the whole earth.

Officiant
Choir

**Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come
to reign over thy people Israel?**

HYMN

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth

TRADITIONAL MELODY

All

COME, thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised fruit to man displayed.

Forth from his chamber goeth he,
That royal home of purity,
A giant in twofold substance one,
Rejoicing now his course to run.

O equal to the Father, thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

All laud to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete.

Then, all standing, the Bidding Prayer is said by the Officiant.

In the name of God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and made a place for us in the kingdom of his beloved Son, we welcome you: grace to you and peace.

As we meet to celebrate anew the coming of God's Kingdom, we hear revealed the mystery of God's loving purpose for us – how that when we were far off, he met us in his Son and brought us home; how he humbled himself to take our nature that we might share his divine glory.

Let us then so celebrate this coming by hearing the story of our redemption, how he spoke through the prophets and came among us in our flesh; and let us pray and rejoice with our carols and hymns of praise, that our lives may be charged with his life; that we may bear witness to his glory and so bring light to those who sit in darkness. So first we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor and helpless, the aged and young children; the cold, the hungry, and the homeless; the victims of poverty injustice, and oppression, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and the unloved; those in despair or in the shadow of death.

Then, as we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

And that we may bear true witness to this hope in a broken and divided world, we pray for the peace and unity of Christ's body, the Church universal, that the whole earth may live to praise his name.

Finally, as we rejoice with the saints in heaven and on earth, we remember all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we offer up our prayers for the coming of his kingdom in the words Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**All 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 this is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

May the Lord when He comes find us watching and waiting, now and at all times. **Amen.**

Officiant Drop Down Ye heavens from above.

Choir And let the Skies pour down righteous.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE ADVENT COLLECT

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.
ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN

Creator of the Starry Height CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

All

CREATOR of the starry height,
Thy people's everlasting Light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,
Hear thou thy servants when they call.

Thou cam'st, the Bridegroom of the Bride,
As drew the world to eventide;
Proceeding from a virgin-shrine,
The spotless Victim all divine.

At thy great Name, exalted now,
All knees in lowly homage bow;
All things in heaven and earth adore,
And own Thee King for evermore.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honour, might and glory be
From age to age eternally.

FIRST READING *Read by Vanessa Scott*

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

THEY heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Genesis 3.8-15, 17-19

Reader The word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

People Look East! The Time Is Near BESANÇON

All

PEOPLE look east! The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

SECOND READING *Read by Paul Faulkner*

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

THE angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Genesis 22.15-18

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CAROL

The Flower of Jesse DEREK HOLMAN

Choir

THERE is a flow'r sprung of a tree,
The root there-of is called Jesse;
A flow'r of price, there is none such in Paradise!

This flow'r is fair and fresh of hue;
It fadeth never, but ever is new:
The blissful branch this flow'r on grew
Was Mary mild that bare Jesu.
A flow'r of grace, against all sorrow it is solace.

The seed hereof was God's command,
That God himself sowed with his hand
In Bethlehem, in that holy land;
Amidst her harbour there he her found.
This blissful flow'r sprang never but in Mary's bow'r.

When Gabriel this maiden met,
With 'Ave Maria' he her gret;
Between them two this flow'r was set.
And kept it was, no man shall wit,
But in Bethlehem it gan spread and spray.

I pray thee, flowers of this countree
Hold up flower of good Jesse,
As fairest of all,
And ever was and ever shall.

THIRD READING *Read by Isabelle Robinson*

The prophet has a vision in the Temple.

IN the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" *Isaiah 6.1-8*

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN' ROS

All **O, how a Rose e're blooming
From tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter
when half spent was the night.**

Choir Das Röslein das ich meine,
Davon I saias sagt:
Ist Maria die reine,
Die uns das Blümlein bracht:
Aus Gottes ewgem Rat
Hat sie ein Kind geboren
Und bleib ein reine Magd.

All **O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour
the darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us
and share our every load.**

FOURTH READING *Read by Ted Robinson*

The Prophet proclaims the Good News to a people in exile.

COMFORT, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40.1-11

Reader The word of the Lord. *All Thanks be to God.*

CAROL

Messiah G.F. HANDEL

Recitative: Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive – Alto Solo – Maria Milenic

Air & Chorus: O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

BEHOLD, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
And shall call his name Emmanuel, GOD WITH US.

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Get thee up into the high mountain
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Get thee up into the high mountain
Get thee up into the high mountain

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem
Lift up, thy voice, with strength
Lift it up, be not afraid
Say unto the cities of Judah
Say unto the cities of Judah
Behold your God, Behold your God
Say unto the cities of Judah
Behold your God, Behold your God, Behold your God


O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
Arise, shine, for thy light is come
Arise, arise
Arise, shine, for thy light is come
And the glory of the Lord
The glory of the Lord
Is risen, Is risen
Upon thee Is risen

Is risen upon thee
The glory, the glory,
The glory of the Lord
Is risen upon thee.

HYMN

On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry WINCHESTER NEW

All

 **ON** Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

FIFTH READING *Read by Nancy Nourse*

The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

IN the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

St. Luke 1.26-38

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

*Agní Parthéne Déspina, Áhrante Theotóke,
(O Virgin Pure, Immaculate Lady Theotokus)*

Greek Marian hymn composed by St. Nectarios of Aegina in the late 19th century

*Conducted by Sophia Grigoriatis,
Choir director and organist at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church*

Choir

Agní Parthéne Déspina, ahránte Theotóke,
O Virgin pure, immaculate, O Lady Theotokos,

Refrain: Hére Nímfi Anímfette.
O rejoice, Bride unwedded!

Parthéne Mítir Ánassa, Panéndrose te póke (Refrain)
O Virgin Queen and Mother, O dewy fleece most sacred

Ipsilotéra Oúranon, aktínon lambrotéra, (Refrain)
O height transcending heaven above, O beam of light most radiant

Hará parthenikón horón, angélon ipertéra, (Refrain)
O joy of chaste and virgin maids, surpassing all the angels

Eklambrotéra oúranon fotós katharotéra, (Refrain)
O brilliant light of heaven above, most clear and most radiant

Ton Ouranión stratión pasón agiotéra. (Refrain)
Commanding chief of heavenly hosts, O holiest of holies

SIXTH READING *Read by Larry Krotz*

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

IN those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. *St. Luke 2.1, 3-7*

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

A Child is Born in Bethlehem SAMUEL SCHEIDT

Choir **A** Child is born in Bethlehem,
Alleluia, alleluia,
And joy is in Jerusalem,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice, rejoice, sing high, sing low,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Benedicamus Domino,
Alleluia, alleluia.

To Thee, O Lord, be glory paid,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Thou Son of Mary, mother-maid,
Alleluia, alleluia.

To Holy Trinity give praise,
Alleluia, alleluia,
With Deo gracias always,
Alleluia, alleluia.

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City IRBY

All



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.

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.

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 in 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,
where like stars, his children crowned, all in white shall wait around.

SEVENTH READING *Read by Daphne Harris*

The Shepherds go to the manger.

IN that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. *St. Luke 2.8-16*

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

The Shepherd's Carol BOB CHILCOTT

Choir

WE stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Watching the frosted meadows
That winter had won.

The evening was calm, Lady,
The air so still,
Silence more lovely than music
Folded the hill.
There was a star, Lady,
Shone in the night,
Larger than Venus it was
And bright, so bright.

Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
It seemed to us then
Telling of God being born
In the world of men.

And so we have come, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves,
We give to your son.

EIGHTH READING *Read by David Carrington*

The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus.

IN the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

St. Matthew 2.1-11

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Star Carol JOHN RUTTER

Choir

SING this night for a boy is born in Bethlehem,
Christ our Lord in a lowly manger lies;
Bring your gifts come and worship at his cradle,
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!
*See his star shining bright, In the sky this Christmas night
Follow me joyfully, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

Angels bright come from heaven's highest glory,
Bear the news with its message of good cheer;
"Sing, rejoice, for a King is come to save us
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!"
*See his star shining bright, In the sky this Christmas night
Follow me joyfully, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

See, he lies in his mother's tender keeping;
Jesus Christ in her loving arms asleep.
Shepherds poor, come to worship and adore him,
Offer their humble gifts before the son of Mary.
*See his star shining bright, In the sky this Christmas night
Follow me joyfully, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

Let us all pay our homage at the manger,
Sing his praise on this joyful Christmas night,
Christ is come, bringing promise of salvation;
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!
*See his star shining bright, In the sky this Christmas night
Follow me joyfully, Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary,
Hurry to Bethlehem and see the son of Mary!*

NINTH READING *Read by The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine*

St. John unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

St. John 1.1-14

Reader The word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem FOREST GREEN

All



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.

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.

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.

Officiant We wait for thy loving kindness O God;

All **in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.**

Officiant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us;

All **and we beheld his glory.**

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Officiant O God who makest glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. **Amen.**


BLESSING

Officiant May he who by his Incarnation
gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with the joy of inward peace and goodwill;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELIS

All

 **come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the king of angels;
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.***

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

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

**See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain***

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain***

POSTLUDE

Fugue on the Magnificat J.S. BACH

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

- **5:00 p.m.** Family Eucharist with the blessing of the Christmas Crib and Carols, in-person only
- **10.00 pm** Choral Eucharist, in-person and on-line

Christmas Day

- **10.30** Sung Eucharist with Carols, in-person only

Sunday after Christmas/Feast of St Stephen the Martyr

- **10.30 am** Sung Eucharist, in-person and on-line

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Nativity Window in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit,
St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

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