

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

IN THE TRADITION OF KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE



Sunday, December 10, 2023 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel

The Rev. W. Frank Allen, officiant Organist/Director of Music–Dr. Clair Rozier Associate Organist/Choir Director – Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock Primary, Children's, Youth, and Adult Choirs Handbell Choirs Elivi Varga, flute Meghan Woodward, oboe William Wozniak, percussion



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Ding Dong! Merrily on High Handbell Choir

Fred Gramann

* The Congregation stands as the procession begins.

<u>The Processional Hymn 102</u> Once in Royal David's City Verse 1: Scout Given, Aileen Lutz, Ella Wagner Verse 2: Choir Verses 3 - 6: All

Irby

SOLO: 1 Once Da vid's ci stood in al ty roy CHOIR 2 He came down to earth from hea ven, who is that ALL: '3 We, like Ma ry, rest con found ed a long dai life pat tern; ly, 4 For he is our shall see him, through his *5 And our eyes at last sta ble, with the 6 Not in that poor low ly SOLO: 1 low where ther laid her ly tle shed, mo cat a CHOIR 2 God of all, and his shel ter was a and Lord the world's cre ALL: 3 sta ble should dis play hea - ven's Word, ed, scorned, re tempt -4 when on earth he grew, he was child who seemed so re - deem - ing love; for that 5 own him; but round, stand - ing shall see in 6 ox en we SOLO: 1 for bed: ba by in his Ma ry a man ger CHOIR 2 sta ble, and dle stall; with the his cra was а this ALL: <u>3</u> a tor, cra - dled there on Christ mas Day, yet knew. Thus he 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he bove; and he 5 help - less is in heaven our Lord a 6 hea - ven, where his Christ, throne round: re saints his sur SOLO: 1 was that mo - ther mild, ____ Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child._ CHOIR 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on ho ly. earth our Sa - vior ALL: 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us oth - er. love for one an -4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he glad - ness. shares in all our 5 leads his chil-dren on_ to the place where he is gone._ 6 vealed to faith-ful God's right hand on high._ eye, set at

87. 87. 77

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; st. 3, James Waring McCrady (b. 1938) Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929)

The Bidding Prayer

* The congregation remains standing.

The Officiant

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmas-tide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child and let us make this church glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this our Diocese of Pennsylvania.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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 thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Officiant

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

* The congregation is seated

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. Kevin McChesney

Handbell Choir

FIRST LESSON

"God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head." Genesis 3:8-15

Alison Hastings, lector

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.'

Carol

Adam Lay Ybounden

Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady abeen heavene queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

Youth and Adult Choirs

SECOND LESSON

"God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Genesis 22:15-18

Susan Barber, lector

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.'

D O Thou that Tellest G. F. Handel arr. Jeremy Bankson O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, lift up thy voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light has come;

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Children's and Youth Choirs

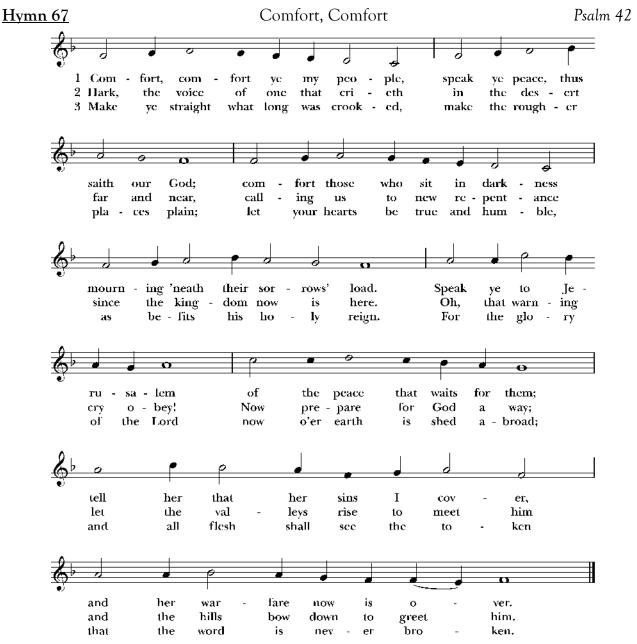
Carol

THIRD LESSON

"The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior." Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7

David Martin, lector

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.



Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

FOURTH LESSON

"The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown." Micah 5:2-4

Nereida Gordon, lector

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

Carol

Keep Your Lamps arr. André Thomas Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian, journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

Primary, Children's, Youth, and Adult Choirs

FIFTH LESSON

"The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary." Luke 1:26-38

Ali Stahlwood, lector

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 for ever, 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.

Carol

A Maiden Most Gentle

Andrew Carter

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing: of Mary the mother of Jesus our King. Ave, ave, ave Maria. How blessed is the birth of her heavenly child who came to redeem us in Mary so mild. The archangel Gabriel foretold by his call the Lord of creation and Savior of all. Three kings came to worship with gifts rich and rare, and marveled in awe at the babe in her care. Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray; sing praise to the Savior, sing endless "Ave".

Primary, Children's, Youth and Adult Choir

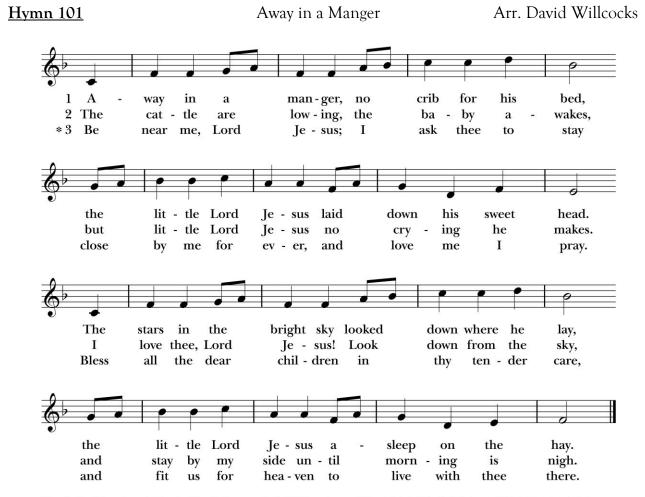
SIXTH LESSON "St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus." Luke 2:1-7

Ian Wilcox, lector

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.

OFFERTORY

Today's offering, in honor of The Rev. Frank Allen's ministry, will go to St. David's general endowment, where it will be designated to support developmental opportunities for St. David's associate clergy.



Words: Traditional carol. Music: Cradle Song, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Gott hat den Himmelsthron verlassen und muss reisen auf der Strassen.

(Still, still, still, the babe wants to sleep! Mary sings him a lullaby, and holds him to her breast. Sleep, sleep, sleep, my beloved babe sleep! The angels make beautiful music, for the babe they rejoice. Great, great, great, the love is more than great! God has left his heavenly throne and must walk through the street.)

Youth and Adult Chamber Choirs

SEVENTH LESSON

"The shepherds go to the manger." Luke 2:8-16

Domenica Rafferty, lector

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.

Carol Tomorrow Shall be My Dancing Day John Gardner Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, Refrain: To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love. Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, Refrain

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, Refrain

Then afterward baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above, Refrain

Youth and Adult Choirs

EIGHTH LESSON

"The wise men are led by the star to Jesus." Matthew 2:1-11

James Dolan, lector

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.

Carol

Jesus Child Have you heard the story that they're telling 'bout Bethlehem, Have you heard the story of the Jesus child? How he came from heaven and was born in a manger bed? Mary was his virgin mother pure and mild. John Rutter

REFRAIN: Sing alleluia, brothers, sing alleluia, sisters, Worship the Jesus child and praise his mother mild. 'Glory to God on high' the angel hosts above are singing: Listen to the story of the Jesus child.

Have you heard the story of the poor humble shepherd men, Sitting on the hillside with their flocks at night? Suddenly the angel tells them: 'Hurry to Bethlehem; Go and find the Jesus child, the world's new light.' Refrain

Jesus child, lying at Bethlehem, sleeping safe at Mary's knee, Save my soul and bring me to paradise, let me join the angels singing glory to thee. Refrain

> Have you heard the story of the kings from the orient, Following the star that's shining over his head? Offering their precious gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense, Kneeling with the ox and ass before his bed? Refrain

Brothers let us celebrate the birth of the Jesus child, Sisters, come and welcome him, the newborn King; Praise the Lord who sent him down from heaven at Christmas time; Young and old and rich and poor, his praises sing. Refrain Primary, Children's, Youth, and Adult Choirs

* The Congregation stands for the Ninth Lesson

NINTH LESSON

"St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation." John 1:1-14

The Rev. W. Frank Allen, lector

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.



Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

Collect and Blessing

Officiant:	The Lord be with you.
All:	And also with you.
Officiant:	Let us pray: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth
	of your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world
	without end.
All:	Amen.

Officiant: May He, who by His Incarnation, gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness 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.

All: Amen.

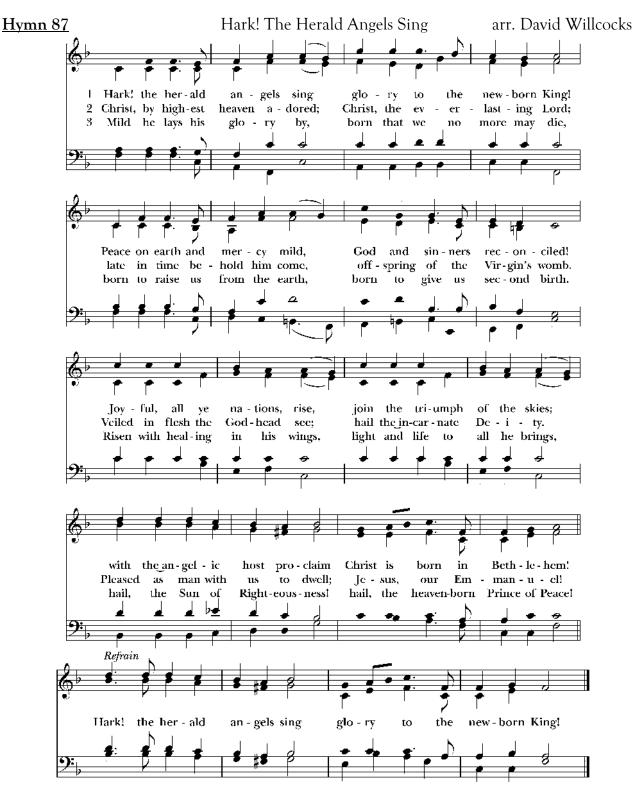
* The congregation may be seated.

Choral Benediction	The Lord Bless You and Keep You	John Rutter
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The Lord bless you and keep you: The Lord make his face to shine upon you, to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Youth and Adult Choirs

* Please stand for the closing hymn. Please remain standing during the procession and then be seated until the conclusion of the Voluntary:



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

Voluntary

In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

J. S. Bach

(Please remain seated for a short program honoring Frank and Amy Allen.)

ST. DAVID'S PRIMARY CHOIR

Daniel Guercio Mila Barber Vivienne Schock Mason Stahlwood

ST. DAVID'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Emerson Addy	Wren Barber	Rebecca Ford
David Guercio	Emma Herrell	Nolan Kuhn
Vanessa Kuhn	Serena Kuhn	Sawyer Payne
Henry Rauch	Lilly Rauch	Greta Swager
Grace Westcott		

ST. DAVID'S YOUTH CHOIR

Ella Barber	Jace Barber	Scout Given
Michaela Kuhn	Aileen Lutz	David Martin
Brynn Myers	Sam Pancoast	Ella Wagner
Avery Witcher	Cora Witcher	Edward Wozniak

ST. DAVID'S ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR

Betsy Aikens	Amy Allen	Barbara Cassidy
Ruth Christner	Stephen Christner	Kim Close
Jane Fischer	Katherine Frantz	Patty Hewson
Whitney Kellett	Julie Lord	Kathy Marscher
Susan Nagy	Janet Pollan	Jean Purinton
John Reid	Leslie Roy	Rachael Stube

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Caroline Walsleben



Christmas Pageant

SUNDAY, 12/17/23 11:30AM | CHAPEL

Christmas Eve

SUNDAY, 12/24/23

CHAPEL & LIVESTREAM

3:00PM*—HOLY EUCHARIST Music led by the Primary, Children's, and Youth Choirs along with Fairmount Brass and timpani

6:00PM*-HOLY EUCHARIST Music led by the Adult Choir along with Fairmount Brass and timpani

11:00PM—HOLY EUCHARIST Music led by the Adult Choir and harp

OLD CHURCH

3:00PM*, 6:00PM*, & 8:00PM HOLY EUCHARIST Music led by Organ and Soloist

*nursery care for 6mo. to 5 years offered in the Chapel Undercroft MONDAY, 12/18/23 7PM | CHAPEL

Christmas Day

MONDAY, 12/25/23 8AM & 10AM | CHURCH Music led by Organ and Soloist

Christmas I

SUNDAY, 12/31/23 8AM |OLD CHURCH 9:15 AM | CHAPEL 9:30 AM | ST. DAVID'S HALL

Epiphany

SUNDAY, 1/7/2024 Door chalking, second grade bibles, and more! 8 AM | CHURCH 9:15 AM* | CHAPEL 9:30 AM* | FAMILY WORSHIP 11:30 AM* & 5 PM | CHURCH

> 6 PM TREE BURN | FAIRGROUNDS

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