

# **The Service of Lessons and Carols**

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 7:30 p.m**



**The Anglican Church of St John the Divine,  
1611 Quadra St, Victoria BC**

*¶As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray in silence, by refraining from unnecessary conversation.*

***St. John's acknowledges these ancestral territories  
of the Lekwungen people.***

### **ASSISTING WITH THE LITURGY**

Officiants	The Venerable Alastair McCollum The Rev'd Patrick Sibley
Readers	Lorraine Gates, Nolan Kehler, Barry Lucier Ruth MacIntosh, Kit Pearson, Soile Stratkauskas, Michael Zenger
Musicians	The Choristers of St. John the Divine The MacRae Choral Scholars David Stratkauskas, Director of Music Ethan Hill, Sutton Organ Scholar

### **MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich BWV 605	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Puer natus in Bethlehem BWV 603	

## ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ *Welcome, from the Venerable Alastair McCollum, Rector.*

¶ *The sentence is said by the Rector:*

**W**ELCOME, all wonders in one sight!  
Eternity shut in a span.  
Summer in winter, Day in night,  
Heaven on earth, God in man.  
Great little one whose all-embracing birth  
Brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

*Richard Crashaw (1613-1649)*

¶ *Please stand for:*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN



**Choir:** **C**OME THOU redeemer of the earth,  
and manifest thy virgin birth,  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall;  
Such birth befits the God of all.

**All:** **Begotten of no human will,  
But of the Spirit, thou art still  
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,  
The Saviour now to us displayed.  
Forth from his chamber goeth he,  
That royal home of purity,  
A giant in twofold substance one,  
Rejoicing now his course to run. .**

*...Continued overleaf*

From God the Father he proceeds,  
To God the Father back he speeds;  
His course he runs to death and hell,  
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

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

*Solo:* Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,  
And darkness breathe a newer light,  
Where endless faith shall shine serene,  
And twilight never intervene.

*All:* O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee  
Eternal praise and glory be,  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Words: *St Ambrose* (340-397)  
tr. *J. M. Neale and others*

Music: *PUER NOBIS NASCITUR*, trad.  
adapt. *M. Praetorius* (1571-1621)

*vv 1 & 6 arr. David Willcocks* (1919-2015); desc. *John Scott* (1956-2015)

¶ *Please remain standing, as the Rector gives:*

### THE BIDDING

¶ *At the conclusion of the Bidding, all join in the Lord's Prayer:*

**O**UR 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.

¶ *Please be seated.*

## CAROL

**T**HIS BABE to us that now is born,  
Wonderful works he hath ywrought<sup>1</sup>,  
He would not loss what was forlorn<sup>2</sup>,  
But boldly again it brought;  
*And thus it is Forsooth ywis<sup>3</sup>,*  
*He asketh nought but that is His.*  
*Now may we singen as it is.*  
Quod puer natus est nobis<sup>4</sup>.

This bargain loved He right well,  
The price was high and bought full dear.  
Who would suffer and for us feel  
As did that Prince withouten peer?

His ransom for us hath ypaid;  
Good reason have we to be His.  
Be mercy asked and He be prayed,  
Who may deserve the heavenly bliss.

To some purpose God made man;  
I trust well to salvation.  
What was his blood that from him ran  
But fence against damnation?

Almighty God in Trinity,  
Thy mercy we pray with whole heart,  
Thy mercy may all woe make fell  
And dangerous dread from us to start.

<sup>1</sup> ywrought made

<sup>2</sup> forlorn lost, forsaken

<sup>3</sup> forsooth ywis in truth indeed

<sup>4</sup> Unto us is born a child

Words: 16<sup>th</sup>-century English

Music: Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

## FIRST LESSON

### Genesis 3.8-15

**T**HEY 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

<b>R</b> EMEMBER O thou man,	Remember Adam's fall,
<i>O thou man, O thou man,</i>	<i>O thou man, O thou man,</i>
Remember, O thou man,	Remember Adam's fall
<i>thy time is spent,</i>	<i>From heaven to hell!</i>
Remember, O thou man,	Remember Adam's fall,
How thou art dead and gone,	How we were condemnèd all
And I did what I can:	In hell perpetual,
<i>Therefore repent.</i>	<i>There for to dwell.</i>

Remember God's goodnesse,  
*O thou man, O thou man,*  
Remember God's goodnesse,  
*And his promise made!*  
Remember God's goodnesse,  
How he sent his Sonne, doubtlesse,  
Our sinnes for to redresse:  
*Be not afraid!*

Words: 16<sup>th</sup>-centuryEnglish

Music: Thos. Ravenscroft (1582-1633)

## SECOND LESSON

### Isaiah 11:1-9

**A** SHOOT SHALL come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

### CAROL

**A** SPOTLESS ROSE is blowing  
Sprung from a tender root,  
Of ancient seers' foreshowing,  
Of Jesse promised fruit;  
Its fairest bud unfolds to light  
Amid the cold, cold winter  
And in the dark midnight.

The Rose which I am singing,  
Whereof Isaiah said,  
Is from its sweet root springing  
In Mary, purest Maid;  
For through our God's great love and might  
The blessed babe she bare us  
In a cold, cold winter's night.

*Text: Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen,  
paraphrased by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

*Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

¶ Please stand to sing:

## HYMN



**I**T 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, goodwill to all,  
From heav'n'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 heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring 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 angel-strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,  
By prophet-bards foretold,  
When, with the ever-circling years  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

¶ *Please be seated.*

### THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

**I**N 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, favoured 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 favour 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

**O** MY DEAR hert,  
Young Jesu sweet,  
Prepare thy creddil in my spreit.  
And I sall rock thee in my hert,  
And never mair from thee depert.  
But I sall praise thee evermore,  
With sangis sweet unto thy glor.  
The knees of my hert sall I bow,  
And sing that richt Balulalow.

*Words: James, John and Robert Wedderburn*

*Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)*

## FOURTH LESSON

### Luke 2:1-7

**I**N THOSE DAYS a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 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.

### CAROL

**S**TILL, STILL, STILL,  
weils Kindlein schlafen will!  
Maria tut es niedersingen,  
ihre keusche Brust darbringen.  
Still, still, still,  
weils Kindlein schlafen will!

Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf,  
mein liebes Kindlein schlaf!  
Die Engel tun schön musizieren,  
vor dem Kindlein jubilieren.  
Schlaf, schlaf, schlaf,  
mein liebes Kindlein schlaf!

Gross, gross, gross,  
die Lieb; ist über gross!  
Gott hat den Himmelsthron verlassen,  
und muss reisen auf der Straßen.  
Gross, gross, gross,  
die Lieb; ist über gross!

*Hush, hush, hush,  
for the little child wants to sleep!  
Mary sings to him,  
offers him her chaste breast.  
Hush, hush, hush,  
for the little child wants to sleep!*

*Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
my dear child, sleep!  
The angels make beautiful music,  
celebrating the little child.  
Sleep, sleep, sleep,  
my dear child, sleep!*

*Great, great, great,  
the love is enormous!  
God has left his heavenly throne,  
and must travel on the road.  
Great, great, great,  
the love is enormous!*

*Text: 18<sup>th</sup>-century Austrian*

*Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*

¶ *Please stand to sing:*

## HYMN



**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.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
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.

Words: *Bishop P. Brooks (1835-1893)*

Music: *FOREST GREEN, English trad.;*  
*descant: T. Armstrong (1898-1994)*

¶ *Please be seated.*

## FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

**I**N 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 Saviour, 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 favours!'

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.

### MOTET

<b>Q</b> UEM VIDISTIS, pastores, dicite, annuntiate nobis, in terres, quis apparuit? Natum vidimus et choros angelorum collaudantes Dominum, Alleluia.	<i>Whom did you see, shepherds, say, tell us on the earth who has appeared? The baby we have seen, and choirs of angels, praising the Lord, Alleluia!</i>
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Words: Third repsonsory for Matins on Christmas Day.

Music: Richard Dering 1580-1630

¶ *Please stand to sing:*

## HYMN



**W**HILE SHEPHERDS watched their flocks by night  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.  
'Fear not,' said he (for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind);  
'Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and humankind.  
'To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
And this shall be the sign:  
'The heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid.'  
Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels praising God, who thus  
Addressed their joyful song:  
'All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to earth  
Begin and never cease.'

*Words: Nahum Tate 1652-1715*

*Music: WINCHESTER OLD Este's Psalter 1592;  
Descant: Bob Chilcott b. 1955*

¶ *Please be seated.*

## SIXTH LESSON

**Matthew 2:1-11**

**I**N 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

**I**N THE BLEAK Midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter  
long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,  
Nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When he comes to reign;  
In the bleak midwinter  
A stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty,  
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim  
Worship night and day,  
A breast full of milk,  
And a manger full of hay.  
Enough for Him, whom angels  
Fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel,  
Which adore.

What can I give him,  
Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a wise man  
I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give him  
Give my heart.

*Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)*

*Music: Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

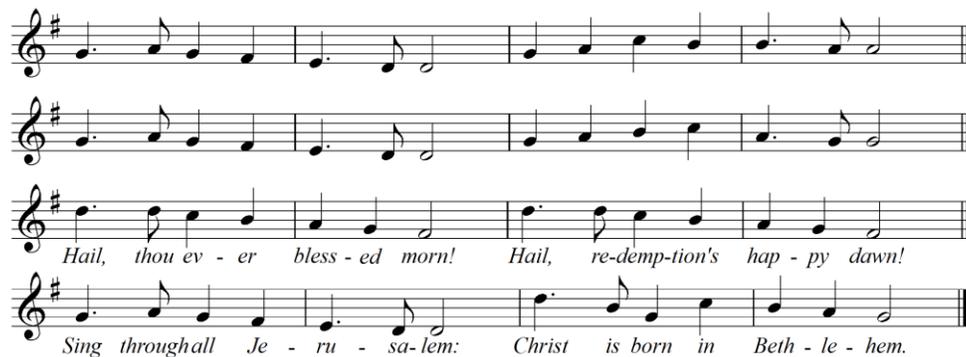
## SEVENTH LESSON

### Philippians 2:5-11

**L**ET THE SAME MIND be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¶ *Please stand to sing:*

### HYMN



Hail, thou ev - er bless - ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap - py dawn!  
Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

**S**EE, AMID the winter's snow,  
**B**orn for us on earth below,  
See, the tender Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years!  
*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!*  
*Hail, redemption's happy dawn!*  
*Sing through all Jerusalem:*  
*Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies,  
He who throned in height sublime  
Sits amid the cherubim.  
*Hail, thou ever...*

*Solo:* Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?

**All:** *Hail, thou ever...*

*Solo:* 'As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels, singing "Peace on earth"  
Told us of the Saviour's birth.'

**All:** *Hail, thou ever...*

**All:** Sacred infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this!  
*Hail, thou ever...*

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,  
By thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble thee,  
In thy sweet humility:  
*Hail, thou ever...*

Words: E. Caswall (1814-1878)

Music: HUMILITY John Goss (1800-1880);  
descant: D. Stratkauskas, 2018

¶ *Please be seated.*

## CAROL

**O**N CHRISTMAS NIGHT all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring.  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free  
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
'Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

*Text: Luke Wadding (17<sup>th</sup>-c.), adapt.*

*Music: English traditional  
arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)*

*¶ Please stand as the organ plays and the Gospel book is brought to the Nave Platform for the Eighth Lesson.*

## EIGHTH LESSON

**John 1:1-14**

**All:** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.  
**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**I**N 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.

**All:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*¶ Please be seated as the choir sings the anthem on the next page.*

## ANTHEM

**G**OD IS WITH US.

Hear ye people, even to the uttermost ends of the earth. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. The people that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them the light has shined. For unto us a child is born! For unto us a Son is given! And the government shall be upon his shoulders. And his name shall be called Wonderful! Counsellor! The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

God is with us.

Hear ye people, even to the uttermost ends of the earth. God is with us.

Christ is born.

*Words: From the Orthodox Liturgy  
based on Isaiah 9*

*Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)*

*¶ Please stand. A collection will be taken as we sing:*

## HYMN



**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:  
*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:  
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Lo! star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts' oblations:  
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, in the highest:  
*O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

*Text: Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> century  
tr. F. Oakeley (1802-1880) and others*

*Music: ADESTE FIDELES, J. F. Wade (1711-1786);  
descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

¶ *Please remain standing.*

## THE COLLECT AND BLESSING

**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.

**C**HRIST, WHO by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing . . . .

**All:** Amen.

¶ *Please remain standing to sing the final hymn, overleaf.*

## HYMN



**H**ARK, THE HERALD angels sing Glory to the new-born 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 host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heav'n 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 man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.

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*Text: Charles Wesley 1707-88*

*Music: MENDELSSOHN F. Mendelssohn 1809-47;  
descant: David Willcocks*

## VOLUNTARY

In dulci Jubilo, BWV 729

J.S. Bach

☞ *Please stay for refreshments after the service.*

*The Church of St. John the Divine wishes you a very Merry Christmas!*



# Christmas Services *at* St. John's

## Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24

**4:00 p.m. ❖ All-Age celebration of the Nativity Story**  
*Children, especially, are invited to participate in the telling  
of the Christmas story in word and song.*

**7:00 p.m. ❖ Holy Communion for Christmas Eve.**  
*With the St. John's Community Choir.  
Sermon by the Rev'd Bill Tarter.*

**11:00 p.m. ❖ Midnight Mass**  
*With, carols, candlelight, and the Choristers of St. John the Divine.  
Sermon by the Rev'd Bill Tarter.  
\*Incense will be used at this service.*

## Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

**10:00 a.m. ❖ Christmas Communion**  
*Sermon by the Ven. A. McCollum.*

### Regular pattern of Sunday Services:

**8:00 a.m. ❖ Holy Communion (said)**

**10:00 a.m. ❖ Parish Eucharist**  
(including Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>, morning, for Advent IV)

**7:30pm (First Sunday of the month) ❖ Choral Evensong**

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