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In 1880 the Anglican bishop of Truro, E. W. Benson, crafted a festival service of nine lessons and carols for worship on Christmas Eve. Nearly forty years later Eric Milner-White, the dean of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, adapted that worship order for use at King's on Christmas Eve 1918. Radio broadcasts of the King's service began in the 1930s and were first transmitted to the United States in the 1970s.

However, the liturgy itself reached America earlier than that. Clergy, musicians, and worship leaders who had experienced the festival of lessons and carols at King's College brought the format back with them and began adapting it for use in their own churches, cathedrals, and chapels. Duke University Chapel's own version began in 1969, under the leadership of James T. Cleland, dean of Duke Chapel, and J. Benjamin Smith, director of Chapel music. The service has been held every Christmas Eve since, except in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Duke Chapel's service of nine lessons and carols is similar to the liturgies that inspired it. We begin and end in prayer. Nine scripture readings retell the Christmas story and locate it within the broader context of God's saving acts, beginning with Genesis and culminating with the prologue to John's gospel. The lessons are read by members of the Duke and Durham communities. Congregational carols and choral anthems respond to the readings and reflect upon the narrative.

We welcome you to worship on this holy night. We pray that this service, in the words of Eric Milner-White, blesses you with the knowledge of the "loving purposes of God" and enriches your observance of Christmastide.

*For this fifty-third service of nine lessons and carols,  
the music and the decorations for the Chapel are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Dr. James T. Cleland and Mr. J. Benjamin Smith, founders of this service,  
by Dr. and Mrs. James G. Ferguson, Jr.*

*The congregation is invited to speak text in bold and to sing the carols as indicated.  
At the sign of the asterisk (\*), please rise as you are able.*

## **Carillon**

### **Prelude Music**

Vom Himmel Hoch	Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Hyfrydol)	Anita Burroughs-Price
Noël: Tous les Bourgeois de Châtres	Claude Balbastre (1727–1799)
Prelude on “The Holly and the Ivy”	Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)
Interlude from <i>A Ceremony of Carols</i>	Benjamin Britten (1913–1976)
Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen	Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)
The Holy Boy (Carol of the Nativity)	John Ireland (1879–1962)
What Child Is This (Greensleeves)	traditional
Noël sur les Flûtes	Louis-Claude d’Aquin (1694–1772)

### **Greeting and Call to Worship**

### **Opening Prayer**

\*Processional Carol | Stanza 1 is sung by a soloist.

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY



1. *Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly*  
2. *He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and*  
3. *For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like*  
4. *And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -*  
5. *Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en*



*cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her ba - by*  
*Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,*  
*us he grew, he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,*  
*deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle*  
*stand - ing by, we shall see him; but in heav - en,*



*in a man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that*  
*and his cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and*  
*tears and smiles like us he knew: and he feel - eth*  
*is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; and he leads his*  
*set at God's right hand on high; there his chil - dren*



*moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.*  
*meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.*  
*for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.*  
*chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.*  
*gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crown'd.*

*God creates humankind to be in relationship  
with each other, with creation, and with God.*

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground—then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Christmas Eve

arr. Martin Shaw

The Lord at first did Adam made out of the dust and clay,  
and in his nostrils breathed life, e'en as the scriptures say.  
And then in Eden's paradise he placed him to dwell,  
That he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well:

*Now let good Christians all begin an holy life to live,  
And to rejoice and merry be, for this is Christmas Eve.*

Now mark the goodness of the Lord which he to mankind bore;  
his mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore:  
and then, for to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall,  
he said his own dear Son should be the Savior of us all:

*Now let good Christians all begin...*

Now for the blessings we enjoy, which are from heaven above,  
let us renounce all wickedness, and live in perfect love:  
Then shall we do Christ's own command; e'en his own written word;  
and when we die, in heaven shall enjoy our living Lord:

*Now let good Christians all begin...*

And now the tide is nigh at hand in which our Savior came;  
let us rejoice and merry be in keeping of the same:  
Let's feed the poor and hungry souls, and such as do it crave;  
then when we die, in heaven we our sure reward shall have:

*Now let good Christians all begin...*

*—English carol*

## SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22:15–18

*God promises to Abraham that because he was faithful,  
his offspring shall be the Lord's people, numerous as the stars in the sky.*

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."

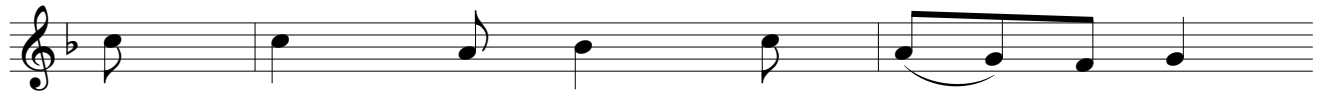
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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Carol

On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing

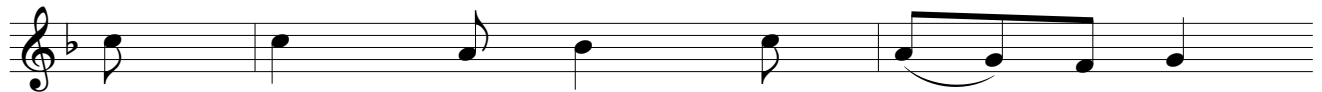
SUSSEX CAROL



1. On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing  
2. Then why should we on earth be sad,  
3. When sin de - parts be - fore his face,  
4. All out of dark - ness we have light,



to hear the news the an - gels bring.  
since our re - deem - er made us glad?  
then life and health come in its place.  
which made the an - gels sing this night.



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news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
when from our sin he set us free,  
An - gels re - joice with us and sing,  
"Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n;



news of our mer - ci - ful king's birth.  
all for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
all for to see the new - born king.  
peace on earth, and good - will. A - men."



*Christ's reign of justice and peace  
is prophesied centuries before his birth.*

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, 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 onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

We Shall Walk Through the Valley

arr. Undine Smith Moore

Ah, Lord, we shall walk, we shall walk in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there;  
there will be no trials there.

If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

—*Black spiritual*

*Jesus will sit upon the throne of David  
and usher in the Kingdom of God.*

A shoot shall come out from the stump 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.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

O Holy Child

Michael Cox

*Sing alleluia, sing alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, sing alleluia.*

O Holy Child, the blessed One,  
Child of our God, a little Son.  
The seed of hope 'til now unborn,  
as tiny blossom greets the morn.

*Sing alleluia...*

Who knows the fate of such a flower  
to be cut down in fullest hour?  
Rejoice today, this blessed morn,  
for fragrant bud of hope just born.

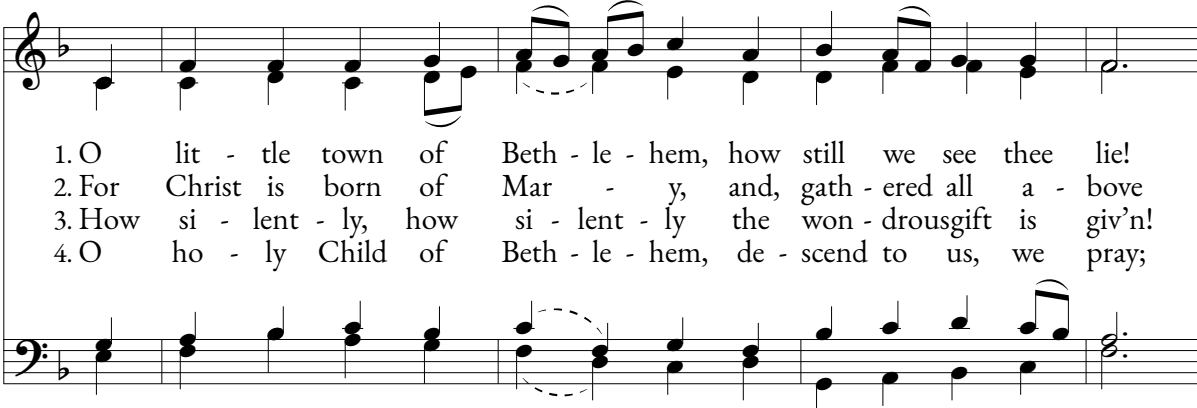
*Sing alleluia...*

—Paulann Canty

Carol | Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

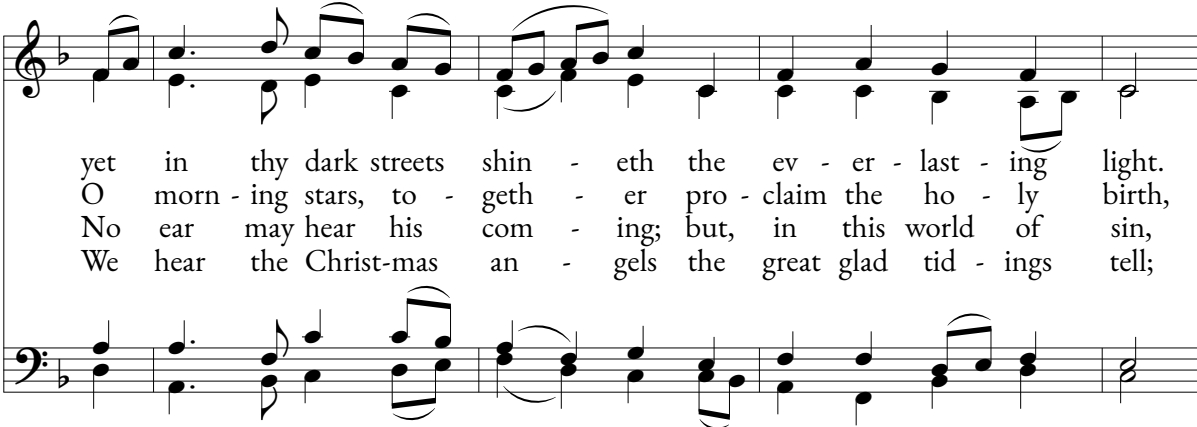
FOREST GREEN



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

*The angel Gabriel announces to Mary  
that she will conceive Jesus, the Son of God.*

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.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

This Little Babe

Benjamin Britten

This little Babe so few days old  
is come to rifle Satan's fold;  
All hell doth at his presence quake,  
though he himself for cold do shake;  
For in this weak unarmèd wise  
the gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,  
his naked breast stands for a shield;  
His battering shot are babish cries,  
his arrows look of weeping eyes.  
His martial ensigns Cold and Need  
and feeble Flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall,  
his bulwark but a broken wall;  
the crib his trench, haystalks his stakes,  
of shepherds he his muster makes;  
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,  
the angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight,  
stick to the tents that he hath pight.  
Within his crib is surest ward,  
this little Babe will be thy guard.  
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,  
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

—*Robert Southwell*

## SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1–7

*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. 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.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

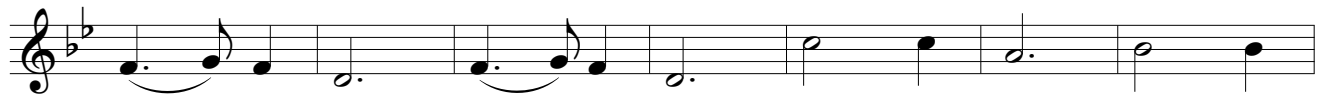
Carol | The German and Spanish stanzas are sung by the choir.

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
Nur das traute hochheilige Paar.  
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!  
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

*Silent night, holy night!  
Everything is sleeping, only awake  
is the faithful, holy couple.  
Gentle boy with curly hair,  
Sleep in heavenly peace!  
Sleep in heavenly peace!*



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure



bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild, sleep in  
heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus,



heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Noche de paz, noche de amor.  
Ved qué bello resplandor  
Luce en el rostro del niño Jesús,  
en el pesebre, del mundo la Luz;  
astro de eterno fulgor,  
astro de eterno fulgor.

*Night of peace, night of love.  
See what a beautiful glow  
shines on the face of the little Jesus,  
in the manger, the Light of the world;  
star of eternal brilliance,  
star of eternal brilliance.*

*The angels bring humble shepherds joyful news—  
the Savior of the world has been born.*

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. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

arr. Carolyn Jennings

Ding dong! Merrily on high,  
in heaven the bells are ringing;  
Ding dong! Verily the sky  
is riven with angel singing.  
*Gloria, hosanna in excelsis.*

E'en so here below, below,  
let steeple bells be swungen,  
and io, io, io,  
by priest and people sungen.  
*Gloria, hosanna in excelsis.*

Pray ye, dutifully prime  
your matin chime, ye ringers.  
May ye beautifully rhyme  
your evetime song, ye singers.  
*Gloria, hosanna in excelsis.*

—George Ratcliffe Woodward

Carol

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



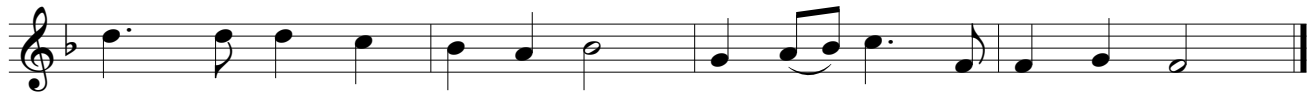
peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"  
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*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus  
and avoid the schemes of King Herod.*

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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

A Christmas Carol

Zebulon M. Highben

The Christ-child lay on Mary’s lap,  
His hair was like a light.  
(O weary, weary were the world,  
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary’s heart,  
His hair was like a fire.  
(O weary, weary is the world,  
But here the world’s desire.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary’s breast,  
His hair was like a star.  
(O stern and cunning are the kings,  
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary’s knee,  
His hair was like a crown.  
And all the flowers looked up at Him,  
And all the stars looked down.

—G. K. Chesterton

*As the following carol is sung, the gospel is processed. The ninth lesson is read in the midst of the assembly to remind us that Jesus, the Word made flesh, comes to dwell among us.*

\*Gradual Carol | The choir sings the Latin stanza.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



*Cor - de na - tus ex Pa - ren - tis an - te mun - di ex - or - di - um*  
1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
2. Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin, full of grace,



*A et O co - gno - mi - na - tus, ip - se fons et*  
he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the  
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior



*clau - su - la om - ni - um quae sunt, fu - er - unt,*  
end - ing he, of the things that are, that have been,  
of our race, and the babe, the world's re - deem - er,



*quae - que post fu - tu - ra sunt. Sae - cu - lo - rum sae - cu - lis.*  
and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

\*NINTH LESSON

John 1:1–14

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation—  
Jesus is the Word of God, who was, is, and is to come.*

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.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

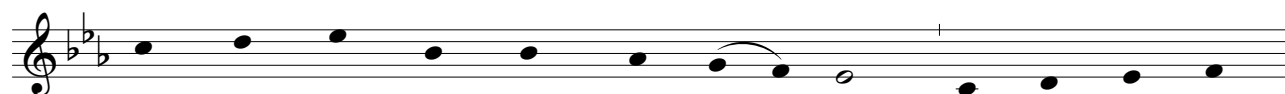
**\*Gradual Carol**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM



3. This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one ac-cord,  
4. Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his prais-es sing;  
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa-ther, and, O Ho-ly Ghost, to thee,



whom the voic-es of the proph-ets prom-ised in their  
pow'rs, do-min-ions, bow be-fore him and ex-tol our  
hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing and un-wea-ried



faith-ful word; now he shines the long-ex-pect-ed;  
God and King; let no tongue on earth be si-lent,  
prais-es be: hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min-ion,



let cre-a-tion praise its Lord ev-er-more and ev-er-more.  
ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring ev-er-more and ev-er-more.  
and e-ter-nal vic-to-ry ev-er-more and ev-er-more. A-men.

**\*Closing Prayer**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, you made this holy night shine  
with the brightness of the true Light.**

**Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence,  
and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory;**

**through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

## \*Closing Carol

### O Come, All Ye Faithful

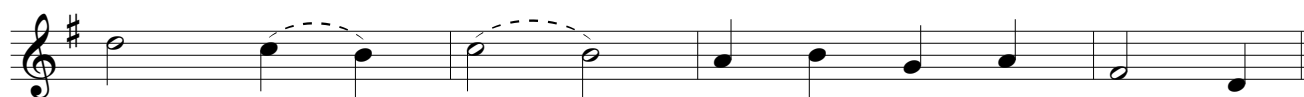
ADESTE FIDELES



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. God of God, Light of Light,  
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion;  
4. Child, for us sin - ners, poor and in the man - ger,  
5. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem.  
lo, he ab - hors not the vir - gin's womb;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
we would em - brace the with love and awe.  
Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n.



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels.  
ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed.  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est.  
Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing.



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,  
*Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,*



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.  
*ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.*

## Postlude

### Improvisation

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**Once in Royal David's City.** Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895. Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

**Christmas Eve.** Text: Anonymous English carol. Music: English traditional, arr. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958.

**On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing.** Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt. Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional.

**We Shall Walk Through the Valley.** Text: Anonymous Black spiritual. Music: Black spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore, 1904–1989, © 1977 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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