



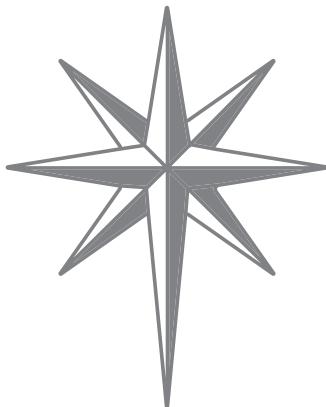
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In 1880 the Anglican bishop of Truro, E. W. Benson, crafted a festival service of nine lessons and carols for worship on Christmas Eve. Nearly forty years later, Eric Milner-White, the dean of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, adapted that worship 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. Carols, sung by the choir and the congregation, 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-sixth 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 the Ferguson family.*

*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

Noël: Ah jô deu de pubelle

Claude Balbastre
(1727–1799)

Interlude from *A Ceremony of Carols*

Benjamin Britten
(1913–1976)

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Ave Maria

J. S. Bach
arr. Charles-François Gounod
(1818–1893)

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Les Anges dans nos campagnes

French carol
(ca. 18th cent.)

Prelude on Greensleeves

Richard I. Purvis
(1913–1994)

Variations pastorales sur un vieux Noël

Marcel Samuel-Rousseau
(1882–1955)

Le Noël des Oiseaux

Jacques Berthier
(1923–1994)

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 herb 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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Lord at First Did Adam Make

June Nixon

The Lord at first did Adam make 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 a holy life to live,
And to rejoice and merry be, for this is Christmas Eve.*

And thus within the garden he was set therein to stay;
and in commandment unto him these words the Lord did say:
“The fruit which in the garden grows to thee shall be for meat,
except the tree in midst thereof, of which thou shall not eat.”

Now let good Christians all begin...

“For in the day thou shalt it touch or dost to it come nigh,
if so thou do but eat thereof then thou shalt surely die.”

But Adam he did take no heed unto that only thing,
but did transgress God’s holy law, and so was wrapt in sin:

Now let good Christians all begin...

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 Saviour of us all:

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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

CAROL



1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
3. And you, be -neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
4. For lo! the days are hast'n - ing on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King!"
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
Look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

*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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol | The congregation sings stanzas 2 and 4.

Mary Had a Baby

MARY HAD A BABY



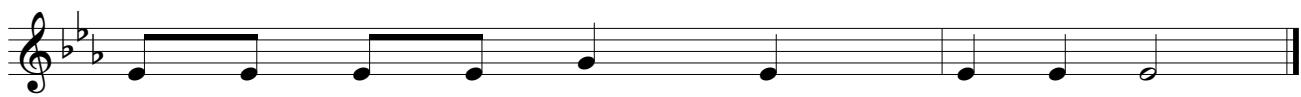
1. Mar - y had a ba - by, my Lord;
 2. What did she name him, my Lord?
 3. She named him King Je - sus, my Lord;
 4. Where did she lay him, my Lord?
 5. Laid him in a man - ger, my Lord;



Mar - y had a ba - by, my Lord.
 What did she name him, my Lord?
 she named him King Je - sus, my Lord.
 Where did she lay him, my Lord?
 laid him in a man - ger, my Lord.



Mar - y had a ba - by, Mar - y had a ba - by,
 What did she name him, what did she name him,
 She named him King Je - sus, she named him King Je - sus,
 Where did she lay him, where did she lay him,
 Laid him in a man - ger, laid him in a man - ger,



Mar - y had a ba - by, oh, my Lord.
 what did she name him, oh, my Lord?
 she named him King Je - sus, oh, my Lord.
 where did she lay him, oh, my Lord?
 laid him in a man - ger, oh, my Lord.

FOURTH LESSON

Micah 5:2–5a

*From humble Bethlehem comes a ruler
who will bring peace.*

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Little Road to Bethlehem

Michael Head
(1900–1976)

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
the lambs were coming homeward one by one.
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them,
along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door, as I drew nigh,
I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby.
She sang about the lambs at close of day
and rocked her tiny babe among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheep-bells rang;
“The lambs are coming home,” sweet Mary sang.
“Your star of gold is shining in the sky,
so sleep, my little babe, go lullaby.”

As I walked down the road at set of sun,
the lambs were coming homeward one by one.
I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them,
along the little road to Bethlehem.

—Margaret Rose (1888–1958)

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

*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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sky Song

Russell Shulz-Widmar

The sky can still remember the earliest Christmas morn,
when in the cold December the Savior Christ was born.
And still in darkness clouded, and still in noonday light,
it feels its far depths crowded with angels fair and bright.

No star unfolds its glory, no trumpet call is blown,
but tells the Christmas story in music of its own.

No eager strife of mortals in busy field or town,
but sees the open portals through which the Christ comes down.

O never failing splendor! O never silent song!
Still keep the green earth tender, still keep the grey earth strong,
still keep the brave earth dreaming of deeds that shall be done,
while newborn hopes come streaming like sunbeams from the sun.

O angels sweet and splendid, throng in our hearts and sing,
the wonders which attended the coming of the King,
till we, too, boldly pressing where once the shepherds trod,
climb Bethlehem's hill of blessing and find the Son of God.

—*Phillips Brooks (1835–1893), alt.*

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure 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.

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8–17

*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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Als ich bei meinen Schafen wacht

Hugo Jüngst
(1853–1923)

Als ich bei meinen Schafen wacht,
ein Engel mir die Botschaft bracht.
Des bin ich froh! Froh, froh, froh!
Benedicamus Domino!

While by my sheep I watched at night,
glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great my joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

There shall be born, so he did say,
in Bethlehem a child today.
Des bin ich froh...

There shall He lie in manger mean,
who shall redeem the world from sin:
How great my joy...

Lord, evermore to me be nigh,
then shall my heart be filled with joy!
Des bin ich froh...

—Friedrich Spee (1591–1635)

*Carol

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO



1. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Je-sus Christ is born to-day;
now ye hear of end-less bliss: Je-sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je-sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be-fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
He has o-pen'd heav-en's door, and we are blest for-ev-er-more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev-er-last-ing hall.

Christ is born to-day!
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!

Christ is born to-day!
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

*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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels,
called by love and angels:
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars,
searching for love in heaven:
No place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me,
his love will cherish me,
love will cradle me.

Lead me, lead me to see him,
sages and shepherds and angels;
No place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.

—Will Todd

*Gradual Carol | All turn to face the Gospel procession.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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,
3. This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one ac - cord,
he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior
whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom - ised in their
end - ing he, of the things that are, that have been,
of our race, and the babe, the world's re - deem - er,
faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex - pect - ed;
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.
let cre - a - tion praise its Lord ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

*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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Carol

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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,
 pow'r, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our
 hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un - wea - ried
 God and King; let no tongue on earth be si - - - - lent,
 prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,
 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's 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 | See carol on the next page.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Postlude

Toccata sur "Il est né, le divin Enfant" (He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child)

Denis Bédard

Carillon

1. O come, all ye faithful, 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 thee 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 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.

Refrain

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.

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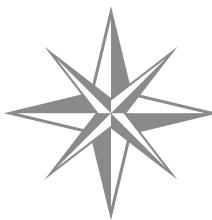
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Once in Royal David's City. Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895). Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett (1805–1876).

The Lord at First Did Adam Make. Text and Tune: English carol, *Some Ancient Christmas Carols*, 1822, ed. Davies Gilbert. Setting: June Nixon, © 2017 Paraclete Press.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear. Text: Edmund H. Sears (1810–1876). Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis (1819–1900).

Mary Had a Baby. Text and Tune: African American spiritual. Setting: Zebulon M. Highben, © 2025 MorningStar Music / Birnamwood Publications.

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Als ich bei meinen Schafen wacht (While by my Sheep I Watched at Night). Text and Tune: German carol, 17th cent.; trans. Theodore Baker (1851–1934). Setting: Hugo Jüngst (1853–1923).

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice. Text: Medieval Latin carol, tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866). Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

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O Come, All Ye Faithful. Text: attr. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802–1880). Music: ADESTES FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade. Descant, st. 3, and harmonization, st. 5: David Willcocks (1919–2015), © Oxford University Press.

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