A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany

January 7, 2018
Four o’clock in the afternoon

¬ Bridging Faith and Learning ¬

“Adoration of the Christ Child by the Three Kings,” by Jaime Huguet, 1464
**Organ Voluntary**
Prélude sur l’Introït de l’Épiphanie
Maurice Duruflé
(1902–1986)

**Choral Introit**
The Glory of the Father
Egil Hovland
(1924–2013)

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.
In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.
In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to his own, and his own received him not.

——adapt. John 1:1–14

**Opening Sentence**
The Prologue of St. John’s Gospel, chapter 1, vv. 1–14

**The Matin Responsory**
Surge illuminare
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525–1594)

Arise, shine O Jerusalem:
For thy light is come, and glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
We have seen his star in the East:
And are come with gifts to worship him.
The kings of Tarsis and of the isles shall give presents
The kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before him:
All nations shall do him service.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Arise, shine O Jerusalem:
For thy light is come, and glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

——adapt. Isaiah 60

**Processional Hymn 184 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)**
Of the Father’s Love Begotten
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**Bidding Prayer**

**Motet**
Phos Hilaron
arr. Robert Lehman
(b. 1960)

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed.
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.
I. THE WORD MADE FLESH

COLLECT
Minister: Almighty God, thou hast given us thine only begotten Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin. Grant that we, who have been born again and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON—Matthew 1:18–23 (NT page 1 in the Pew Bibles)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 245 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
The First Noel

SECOND LESSON—Luke 2:8–20 (NT pages 54–5)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL
Seek Him that Maketh the Seven Stars Jonathan Dove
(b. 1959)

Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
and turneth the shadow of death into the morning.
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day, and the night is light about me. Amen.

II. THE KING OF THE NATIONS

COLLECT
Minister: Almighty Father, by the leading of a star you revealed thine only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth. In thy mercy grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold thy glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRD LESSON—Matthew 2:1–12 (NT pages 1–2)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL
Here is the Little Door Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

Here is the little door,
lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more,
but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold.
Gold that was never bought or sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;  
Incense in clouds about His head;  
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,  
But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed,  
For each He has a gift;  
See how His eyes awake,  
Lift up your hands, O lift!

For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.  
(Defend with it thy little Lord!)  
For incense, smoke of battle red,  
Myrrh for the honored happy dead;  
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;  
Touched by such tiny hands,  
and Oh such tiny feet.

HYMN (please see the inside back cover of the bulletin)  
Unto Us a Boy Is Born  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

FOURTH LESSON—Matthew 2:13–18 (NT page 2)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

CAROL  
Coventry Carol  
16th Century Carol

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny Child,  
By by, lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do  
For to preserve this day,  
This poor Youngling for whom we do sing  
By by, lully, lullay.

Herod the King, in his raging,  
Charged he hath this day;  
His men of might, in his own sight,  
All young children to slay.

Then woe is me, poor Child for Thee!  
And ever morn and day;  
For Thy parting nor say nor sing,  
By by, lully, lullay.
III. THE LIGHT TO THE WORLD

COLLECT
Minister: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh, and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: Grant that in him we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, and in the world may reflect his glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FIFTH LESSON—Luke 2:21–32 (NT page 55)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE
Nunc Dimittis

Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
Secundum verbum tuum in pace.
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum.
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum.
Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
Et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat, nunc, et semper
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Lord, now lettest though thy servant Depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, And to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT AND Blessing
Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy Spirit.
Minister: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

*Processional Hymn (please see the back cover of the bulletin)
Brightest and Best Are the Stars of the Morning

Organ Voluntary
Fugue on “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star,”
Op. 40, No. 1/ii
Max Reger
(1873–1916)
Unto Us A Boy Is Born

1 Unto us a boy is born! The King of all creation, came he to a world forlorn, the
2 Cradled in a stall was he with sleepy cows and asses; but the very beasts could see that
3 He rod then with fear was filled; “A prince,” he said, “in Jews lives!” All the little boys he killed at
4 Now may Mary’s son, who came so long ago to love us, lead us all with hearts aflame un
5 Unto us a boy is born! The King of all creation, came he to a world forlorn, the

1 Lord of every nation.
2 He all men surpass.
3 Bethlehem in his fury.
4 To the joys above us.
5 Lord of every nation.

The accompaniment for stanza 1 may be used for all stanzas.

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Brightest and Best Are the Stars of the Morning

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
3 Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,
4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,

1 dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
4 vainly with gifts would his favor secure,
5 dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the horizon adornning,
2 angels adore him in slumber reclining,
3 gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
4 richer by far is the heart’s adoration,
5 star of the east, the horizon adornning,

1 guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
2 Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.
3 myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?
4 dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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