



EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY JANUARY 14, 2024

5:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CHESTNUT HILL



Welcome to St. Paul's. This afternoon's service is based upon the Services of Advent or Christmas Lessons and Carols so familiar to many, but the lessons quickly move past those seasons into the events and symbols represented by Epiphany, particularly that of light, and Christ as the Light of the world.

The service begins with the church dimly lit, to provide a time for meditation. Following the prelude, the choir begins the service with the Introit, sung from the rear of the church, to the accompaniment of the tower bells. We ask that you stand immediately after the Introit and, following the Bidding Prayer, the choir begins the hymn. As the service proceeds, more light is brought about with the lighting of additional candles. We invite the congregation to stand and heartily join in singing all the hymns as listed, found in the blue *The Hymnal 1982* in your pew, and to carefully follow the texts of the anthems as they are sung by the choir for a better understanding of the message of the texts, made more powerful by the music to which they are sung.

VOLUNTARY

Les Bergers (*"The Shepherds"*)
from *La Nativité du Seigneur*

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

Andy Brown, organist

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

INTROIT (*sung by the Choir*)

Jesu dulcis memoria

O light of Light, Love given birth; Jesus, Redeemer of the earth.
More bright than day your face did show, your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company;
The heavens above your glory named, your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.

May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow. (*10th century*)

HYMN 124

(*sung by all*)

"What star is this with beams so bright"

Puer nobis
(descant: David Willcocks)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

BELOVED in Christ, let us now hear in Scripture and song the message of how the Light of the World came to us for our salvation. Let us hear the story of the loving purposes of God from the words of the prophet Isaiah to the story of the Transfiguration of our Lord.

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, and for unity within the church he came to build. And, as this would rejoice his heart and remind us of our need to care for others, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely, the aged and the young, and all who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name;

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

All are seated.

ARISE shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes 'round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord. Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

MOTET

Omnes de Saba

Joseph Rheinberger

(sung by the Choir)

(1839-1901)

Omnes de Saba venient aurum et thus deferentes
et laudem Domini anuntiantes.

*All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense: and
showing forth praise to the Lord.*

Surge et illuminare Jerusalem
Quia Gloria Domini super te orta est. Alleluja.

*Arise and shine, Jerusalem
Because the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Alleluia.*

Vidimus stellam ejus in oriente, alleluja,
et venimus cum muneribus adorare Dominum. Alleluja.

*We have seen his star in the east, Alleluia,
And we came with gifts to worship the Lord Alleluia.*

THE SECOND LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23

reader: Anna Marley

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, 'God with us'."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL

Lord, When You Came to Earth

Finnish melody, arr. Barry Rose

(sung by the Choir)

(b. 1934)

Lord, when you came to earth, humbled by virgin birth,
born of a maiden mild, Mary the undefiled;
told by the prophets long, God's own beloved Son,
now is salvation won, you come to save us;
hear as we sing the true story of Christmas!

See, in the cattle stall Jesus, the child for all,
lying in helpless state, he whom the nations wait
long since the world began, this is God's timeless plan,
sending his Son, a man dying to save us;
we kneel to worship the glory of Christmas!

Come to that stable bare, watch o'er his mother's care,
join with the kings to see meekness in majesty.
Follow his star today, hear what the gospels say:
this is the only way; Christ comes to save us;
born in a manger, the true light of Christmas!

All stand and sing

HYMN 117

“Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”

Morning Star

All are seated.

THE THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7

reader: Colin Diver

The Holy One, who is to be a light to the Gentiles, is prophesied.

LISTEN, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; the Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; and said unto me, “Thou art my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” Then I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain; yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.” And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, “Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, and my God shall be my strength.” And he said, “It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.” Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

MOTET

Videntes stellam

Francis Poulenc

(sung by the Choir)

(1899-1963)

Videntes stellam Magi gavisi sunt gaudio magno:
et intrantes domum obtulerunt Domino
aurum, thus et myrrham.

*Seeing the star, the Magi rejoiced with great joy;
and entering the house, they offered the Lord
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

(Words from the antiphon for the Feast of the Epiphany)

All stand and sing

HYMN 119

“As with gladness men of old”

Dix

(omit verse 4)

All are seated.

THE FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-9

reader: Chesley Lightsey

The coming of the Magi.

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least of the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.” Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.” When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM
(sung by the Choir)

Lo! Star-led Chiefs
(from Palestine)

William Crotch
(1775-1847)

Lo! Star-led chiefs Assyrian odours bring,
and bending Magi seek their infant king!
Mark'd ye, where, hov'ring o'er His radiant head,
the dove's white wings celestial glory shed.

(Reginald Heber, 1783-1826)

THE FIFTH LESSON: Matthew 2:10-12

reader: Stewart Graham

The adoration of the Magi.

WHEN they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing

HYMN

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness”

Was lebet
(descant: Paul Halley)

1. Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;
2. Low at his feet lay the bur - den of care - ful - ness;
3. Fear not to en - ter his courts in the slen - der - ness;
4. Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness;

bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim; with
high on his heart he will bear it for thee;
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reck - on as thine: with
bow down be - fore him, his glo - ry pro - claim; with

gold of o - be - dience, and in - cense of low - li - ness,
com - fort thy sor - rows, and an - swer thy prayer - ful - ness,
truth in its beau - ty, and love in its ten - der - ness,
gold of o - be - dience, and in - cense of low - li - ness,

kneel and a - dore him: the Lord is his name.
 guid - ing thy steps as may best for thee be.
 these are the of - frings to lay on his shrine.
 kneel and a - dore him: the Lord is his name.

All are seated.

CAROL (*sung by the Choir*)

The Three Kings

Jonathan Dove
(b. 1959)

The first king was very young,
 O balow, balow la lay.
 With doleful ballads on his tongue.
 O balow, balow la lay.
 He came bearing a branch of myrrh
 Than which no gall is bitterer,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 Gifts for a baby King, O.

The second king was a man in prime,
 O balow, balow la lay.
 The solemn priest of a solemn time,
 O balow, balow la lay.
 With eyes downcast and rev'rent feet
 He brought his incense sad and sweet,
 O balow, balow la lay,
 Gifts for a baby King, O.

The third king was very old,
 O balow, balow la lay.
 Both his hands were full of gold.
 O balow, balow la lay.
 Many a gaud and a glittering toy
 Baubles brave for a baby boy.
 O balow, balow la lay,
 Gifts for a baby King, O.

(Dorothy L. Sayers, 1893-1957)

THE SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

reader: Louise Thompson

Herod seeks the life of young child Jesus.

AND when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life." And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL*(sung by the Choir)***I Wonder as I Wander**

Carl Rütli

(b. 1949)

A I wonder as I wander out under the sky
 How Jesus the Savior did come for to die.
 For poor on'ry people like you and like I.
 I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall,
 With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
 But high from the heavens a star's light did fall,
 And promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
 A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
 Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
 He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

*(John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980)***THE SEVENTH LESSON: Mark 1:7-11***reader: Libba Affel**Jesus is baptized in the river Jordan and his divine Sonship is manifested.*

JOHN the Baptist did preach, saying, "There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: and there came a voice from heaven, saying: "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.***All stand and sing****HYMN 121** *(sung by all)*

"Christ, when for us you were baptized"

*Caithness***All are seated.****THE EIGHTH LESSON: John 2:1-11***reader: Gavin Ferriby**Jesus is manifested in the first of his signs at Cana in Galilee.*

THE third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, "They have no wine." Jesus saith unto her, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come." His mother saith unto the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, "Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast." And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now." This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. Response: Thanks be to God.***All stand and sing****HYMN 138**

"All praise to you, O Lord"

Carlisle

All are seated.

THE NINTH LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9

reader: The Rev. Eric P. Hungerford

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

AND after six days, Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him. Then answered Peter and said unto Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and be not afraid." And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, "Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

During the following anthem, a collection will be taken to support the ministries of St. Paul's Church.

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or by check mailed to St. Paul's Church, 22 E. Chestnut Hill Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118.*

ANTHEM

(sung by the Choir)

Come Le Lofty, Come Ye Lowly

Breton Carol, arr. Gerre Hancock

(1934-2012)

Come, ye lofty, come ye lowly, let your songs of gladness ring.
In a stable lies the Holy, in a manger rests the King.
See in Mary's arms reposing, Christ, by highest heav'n adored;
Come, your circle round him closing, pious hearts that love the Lord.
Come, ye poor, no pomp of station robes the Child your hearts adore:
He, the Lord of all salvation, shares your want, is weak and poor.
Oxen, round about behold them; rafters naked, cold and bare,
See the shepherds, God has told them that the Prince of Life lies there.
Come, ye children blithe and merry, this one Child your model make;
Christmas holly, leaf and berry, all be prized for His dear sake.
Come, ye gentle hearts and tender, come, ye spirits keen and bold;
All in all your homage render, weak and mighty, young and old.
High above a star is shining, and the Wise men haste from far.
Come, glad hearts and spirits pining; for you all has ris'n the star.
Let us bring our poor oblations, thanks and love and faith and praise;
Come, ye people, come ye nations, all in all your homage raise.

(Archer T. Gurney, 1820-1887, alt.)

All stand.

COLLECT

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant 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.**

BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 497

“How bright appears the Morning Star”

Wie schön leuchtet

(sung by all)

*When the retiring procession has assembled on the labyrinth,
the people may depart or be seated for the organ postlude.*

VOLUNTARY

Fiat Lux

Théodore Dubois
(1837-1924)

Andrew Kotylo, organist



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The Reverend Eric P. Hungerford, *Officiant*

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Sunday, January 28, 5:00pm

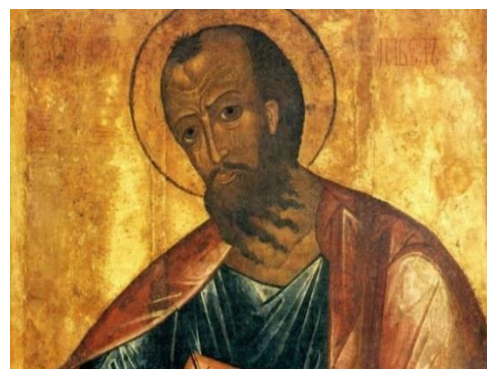
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Sung by St. Paul's Adult Choir

Preces & Responses – *Craig Phillips*

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Friday, February 2, 7:30pm

Five Fridays III: Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome, piano

A concert artist and professor at Holy Cross College, Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome makes her debut appearance at Five Fridays with a recital of music by Saint-Saëns, Ravel, and Stravinsky. All Five Fridays concerts benefit Face to Face Germantown and Family Promise of Philadelphia. Tickets \$30 and \$5 online or at the door. Further details and ticket links at <https://stpaulschestnuthill.org/five-fridays-iii-piano/>

Saturday, February 10, 7:00pm

A Festival of Sacred Song With Theodicy Jazz Collective

Theodicy Jazz Collective is perhaps the nation's foremost liturgically-based jazz ensemble, having led services and workshops at venues such as Washington National Cathedral and Canterbury Cathedral. Incorporating sounds from the traditions of jazz and gospel music and rhythms from Latin America and Africa, their music is a constant prayer, sometimes a shout of joy, sometimes a call to action, sometimes a cry for hope. This program at St. Paul's is free and open to all.



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