



Christmas
LESSONS & CAROLS

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Dear friends,

Welcome to Washington National Cathedral. Thank you for joining us for our Christmas celebrations. Whether you are here every Sunday or you are just visiting this one time, we are blessed to have you with us, and we hope you will find something of God's love, hope, and peace in this sacred space.

The great miracle of the Christian faith is that God becomes one of us. The infinite becomes finite, and the unknowable God, beyond space and time, becomes a helpless infant totally dependent on the love and care of a young unwed couple. Why? Why would God do such a thing? Why would the Creator of all things deign to be born in a stable? Because of love. God loves us so much that God becomes one of us in order to reach us, in order to lift us toward God. In the process, God hallows all human existence and provides us, in Jesus, with a living example of what it means to be fully human.

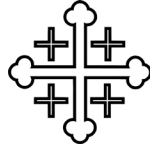
Two thousand years ago, Mary and Joseph wandered their way through the city of Bethlehem looking for a home, searching for a safe place where they could rest. Scripture tells us they were young and in trouble—Mary was not supposed to be pregnant and Joseph was not supposed to stay with her now that she was. But they were in love and they knew that somehow God was calling them to play a role in God's plans for the world. Sometime during the night, a child was born, a special child, a child whose destiny was to be Immanuel—God with us. God with us, not God above us and beyond us, not God transcendent and mysterious, not God out of our reach and free from our experience—but God here, present in this life, in a human person, needing human love. Jesus was born to satisfy our yearnings, to fill that hole in our souls, to bring God closer to us, and to bring all of us closer to our home in God.

A child once said: "I wish I had a picture of God." This is exactly what we are granted in the birth of Jesus. God has shown us God's face. And so, as you leave the Cathedral today, take the Christ child with you. Take his humility and make it your own. Learn to be more patient, more open, more understanding, and more forgiving of others in your life. Take his life of service and make it your life. Learn to take less from others; learn to give more of yourself without the thought of getting anything in return. And finally, take his love and let God's love for you become the source of your love for one another. May we all this Christmastide find the Christ Child again and again, and bring him afresh into our Jesus-starved world. Because he is needed now more than ever.

Merry Christmas and may God bless and keep you this day and always.



The Very Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith
Dean, Washington National Cathedral



CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2023 • 6:00 PM

The people's responses are in bold.

CARILLON PRELUDE

An English Christmas Suite

Edward M. Nassor (b. 1957)

I. Once in Royal David's City

II. In the Bleak Midwinter

III. What Child Is This?

IV. The First Nowell

Pastoral Symphony

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759); arr. E. M. Nassor

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

God Rest You Merry; arr. Milford Myhre (b. 1931)

Evening Prelude on "Gartan"

John Knox (1932–2021)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Forest Green; arr. Percival Price (1901–1985)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn; arr. Ester T. Dawson (1907–1989)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles; arr. Ronald Barnes (1927–1997)

Silent Night

Stille Nacht; arr. Frank P. Law (1918–1985)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Keith Chapman (1945–1989)

Kommet, ihr Hirten

Margaretha Christina de Jong (b. 1961)

Two Christmas Diversions on "Joy to the World"

Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941)

Mary Magnificat

Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)

Triptych on an English Noël

Franklin D. Ashdown (1942–2023)

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772)

Angelus ad Virginem

Karl Osterland (b. 1956)

Variations on the Huron Carol

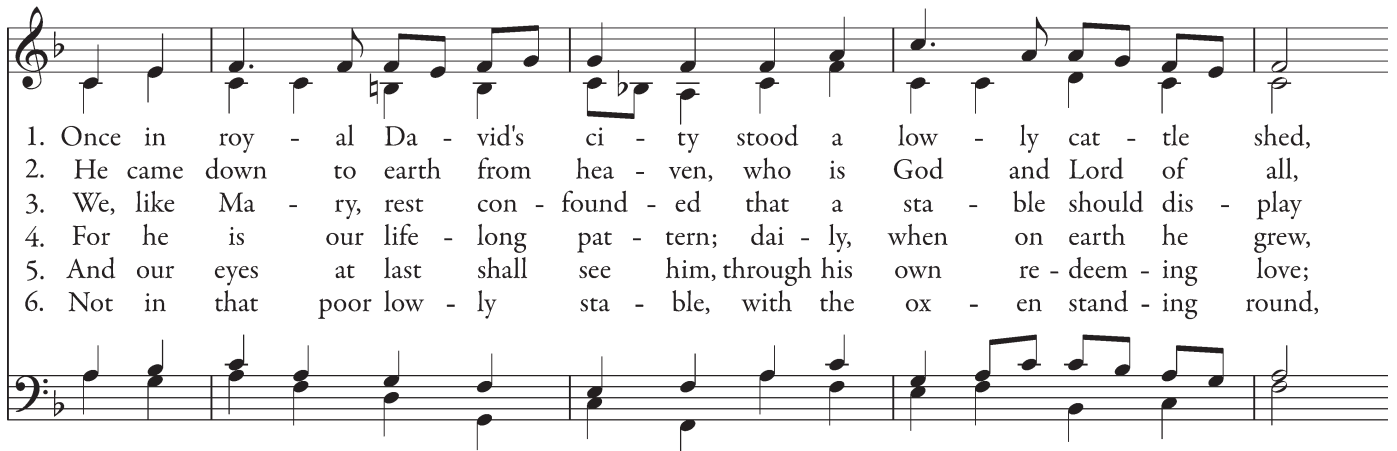
Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

The people remain seated as the choir sings the first two stanzas. The people stand at the sound of the organ and join in singing.

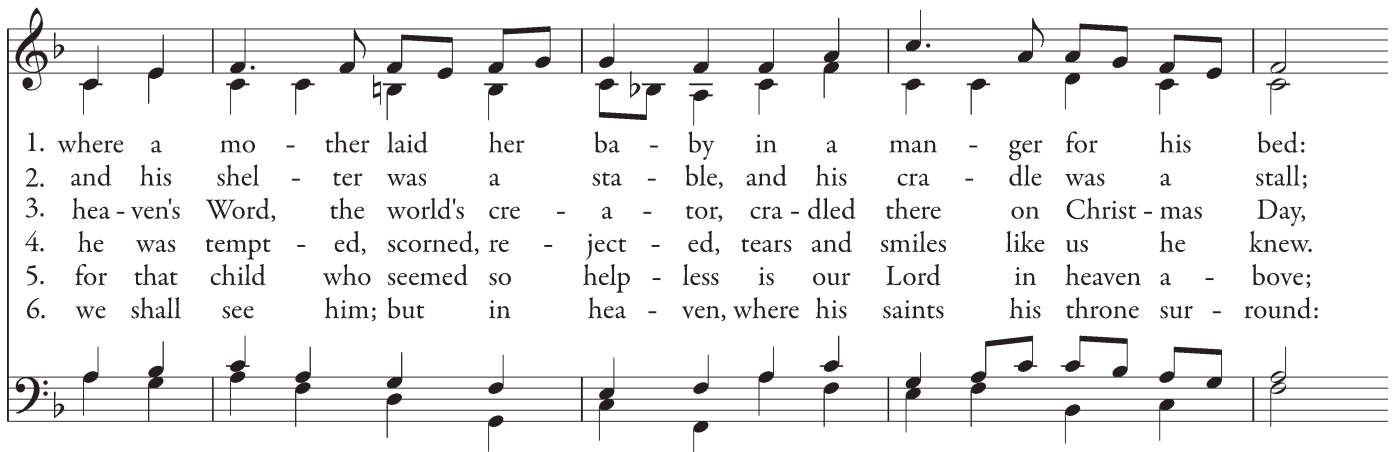
HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Once in Royal David's City

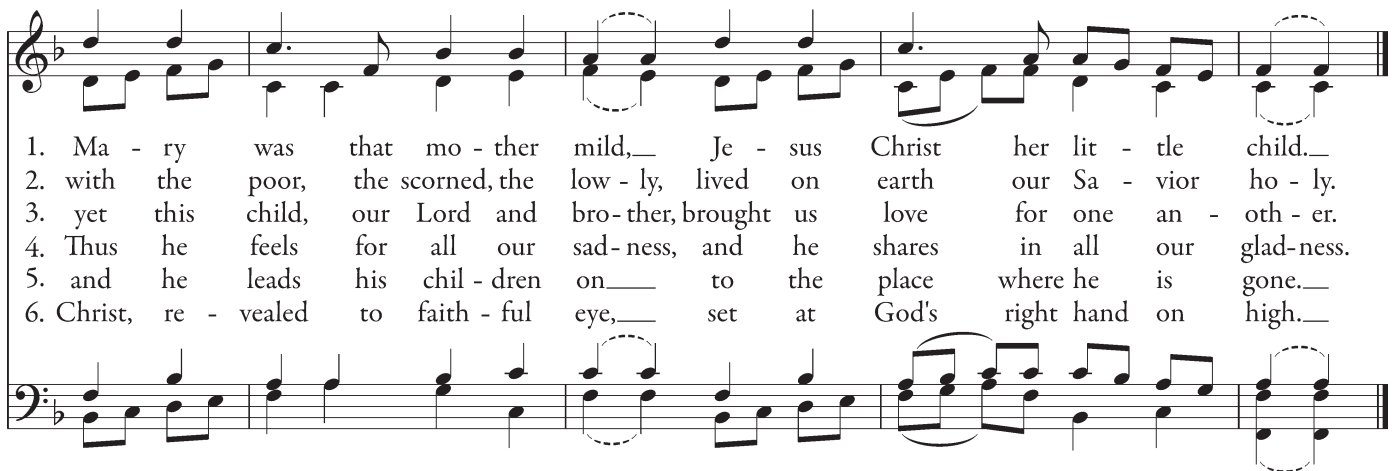
Irby



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of all,
3. We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a sta - ble should dis - play
4. For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly, when on earth he grew,
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
6. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing round,



1. where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
2. and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
3. hea - ven's Word, the world's cre - a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day,
4. he was tempt - ed, scorned, re - ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew.
5. for that child who seemed so help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove;
6. we shall see him; but in hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round:



1. Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
2. with the poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
3. yet this child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
4. Thus he feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
5. and he leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
6. Christ, re - vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

THE ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

Officiant The people who walked in darkness
People **have seen a great light.**

Officiant For to us a child is born,
People **to us a Son is given.**

Officiant His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
People **the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

Officiant Glory to God in the highest,
People **and peace to God's people on earth.**

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this Cathedral Church, dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul, glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city of Washington.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,

**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.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON • GENESIS 3:8-14

Adam and Eve rebel against God.

They 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."

CAROL

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit and always green.
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought.
I missed of all, but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil;
Here I will sit and rest a while:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive;
It keeps my dying faith alive,
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

(18th century anonymous English)

THE SECOND LESSON • ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior.

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.
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 onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL

Morning Star

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Christ is the morning star
Who, when the night of this world is past,
Brings to his saints the promise of the light of life
And opens everlasting day.

(Bede the Venerable, ca. 672–735)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Sung by all.

God Rest You Merry



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2. From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought glad tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

The people are seated.

THE THIRD LESSON • MICAH 5:2-5a

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

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.

CAROL

The Sparrows' Carol

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Refrain We are sparrows, sparrows in the snow,
Frost on our feathers and ice in our bones,
So let us have a crumb, a crumb or two,
We'll sing the sparrows' carol for you.

A sparrow flew up to heaven on high,
He sang for the Maker of the sky,
So let us have a sip, a sip or three,
And a sparrow will sing from your Christmas tree!

Refrain

The sparrow who flew from Bethlehem afar
Sang Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
So let us have a coin, a coin or four,
And sparrows no longer shall be poor!

Refrain

A sparrow sang loud when the Christ was born,
He sang from the holly and from the hawthorn,
So let us have a bite to be of good cheer,
And you shall have a Christmas to last all year!

Refrain

(Charles Bennett, b. 1954)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Sung by all.

Gloria

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - - - o.

The people are seated.

THE FOURTH LESSON • MATTHEW 1:18-23

The birth of Jesus.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”

CAROL

My Lord Has Come

Will Todd (b. 1970)

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.

THE FIFTH LESSON • LUKE 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

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.

CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Negro spiritual; arr. Stacey V. Gibbs (b. 1962)

Refrain Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

When I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day.
I asked the Lord to help me,
And he showed me the way.

Refrain
They found a lowly manger,
Where humble Christ was born,
And God sent our salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

Joy to the World

Sung by all.

Antioch

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far and
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far
 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 as the curse is found,
 won - ders of his love,

THE SIXTH LESSON • JOHN 1:1-14

The Great Mystery of the Incarnation.

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 people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.

HOMILY

The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope (December 23)
The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde (December 24)

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Balulalow

Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

Sung in Middle Scots.

O my dear heart, young Jesus sweet,
Prepare thy cradle in my sp'rit
And I shall rock thee in my heart
And never more from thee depart.

But I shall praise thee evermore
With songs sweet unto thy glory:
The knees of my heart shall I bow,
And sing that right Balulalow. *(Lullaby.)*

(John Wedderburn, ca. 1505–1553, and Robert Wedderburn, ca. 1510–ca. 1560, from “Ane Sang of the Birth of Christ”; after Martin Luther, 1483–1546, “Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her”)

THE OFFERTORY

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CAROL AT THE OFFERTORY

O Oriens

Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)

Sung in Latin.

O Morning Star,
Splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

(Advent Antiphon at Vespers, ca. sixth-century Italian)

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Officiant Christ has brought us out of darkness:

People **to live in his marvelous light.**

Officiant Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

People **a light no darkness can quench.**

Officiant The shepherds kept watch by night,

People **and your glory shone round about them.**

Officiant The darkness is not dark to you,

People **the night is as bright as the day.**

Officiant Let your light scatter the darkness,

People **and fill your Church with your glory.**

The people remain seated as their tapers are lighted from the Advent wreath. To pass the light, please hold lighted tapers upright and allow others to light their wicks from the flame.

CAROL AT THE CANDLE LIGHTING

Away in a Manger

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978), after William J. Kirkpatrick (1838–1921)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with thee there.

(Anonymous carol)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN

Silent Night

Sung by all.

Stille Nacht

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia;
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - vior is born! Christ, the Sa - vior is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE BLESSING

The bishop blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Sung by all.

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - 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 the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings;

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

with the an - gel - ic host 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 us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Please gently extinguish your candles and upon exiting place used tapers in the baskets provided.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Postlude sur un Noël

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)



A gift in celebration of Christ's birth is made to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the
William Carter Dulin and Maurine Stuart Dulin families.

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