

The Lord is With Thee



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 11, 2011
6:00 PM

CHOIRS OF ST. GEORGE, ST. GREGORY, ST. CECILIA, ST. ALBAN & ST. DUNSTAN
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 In Excelsis 2011-2012
Musical Events at St. George's

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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The Opening Voluntaries

Prelude

Gerry Senechal

Infant Holy
Interlude on the Coventry Carol
Prelude on "Greensleaves"
Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep
Suite of Dances
 Almande Poussinghe
 Schiarazule Marazula
 Ballo Anglese and Saltarello
 Ungaresca and Saltarello
 Bano Milanese
 Premiere Branle de Gay
 Branle 2
 Branle 3
The Holy Boy

Andrew Fletcher
W.S. Lloyd Weber
Richard Purvis
Philip Moore
Pierre Phalese

John Ireland

The congregation stands at the procession and joins in singing hymns as noted.

An Advent Processional

Once in Royal David's City

Sir David Willcocks

St. George's Choir

The congregation joins the choir on verses 3-6.

*Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child*

*He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.*

**We like Mary, rest confounded
That a stable should display
Heaven's Word, the world's creator
Cradled there on Christmas Day,
Yet this child, our Lord and brother,
Brought us love for one another.**

**For he is our lifelong pattern;
Daily when on earth he grew,
He was tempted, scorned, rejected,
Tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels all our sadness,
And he shares in all our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child who seemed so helpless
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing round,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Where his saints his throne surround:
Christ, revealed to faithful eye,
Set at God's right hand on high.**



The Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Beloved in Christ, at this season of Advent let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go to Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience to the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world: for peace on earth and goodwill among all God's people; for unity and friendship within the church he came to build, and especially for our city. And because this would especially rejoice his heart, 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 the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or 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 greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in this 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 has 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of angels bring us all. **AMEN.**

The congregation sits for the lessons and carols, then stands for the singing of hymns.

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15

The First Sin and Its Punishment

Read by Davis Camp, St. Gregory's Choir

Carol

Deo Gracias, from Ceremony of Carols

Benjamin Britten

Women of St. George's Choir

Deo gracias! Deo gracias!

Adam lay ibounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an appil, an appil that he tok, as clerkès finden written in their book.

Ne had the appil takè been, ne haddè never our lady a ben hevenè queen.

Blessed be the time that appil takè was, therefore we moun singen: Deo gracias!

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God's promise to faithful Abraham

Read by John Fitzgerald, St. George's Choir

Carol

O Morgenstern

Arvo Pärt

St. George's Choir

O morning star, incandescence of pure light, radiant sun of righteousness;
O come and enlighten those who sit there in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Carol

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Mark Schweizer

St. George's & St. Gregory's Choirs

The congregation stands and joins the choir on the refrain.

Musical notation for the refrain of 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel'. The notation is in treble clef, G major, and 8/8 time. It begins with a forte (f) dynamic marking. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates, be- hold, the King of Glo- ry waits, the King of Kings is draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here!

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty power to save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Refrain

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Please be seated.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2b, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

Read by Joanna Williams, Christian Discipleship

Carol

Love Came Down at Christmas

Christina Rossetti
St. Dunstan's Choir

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One

Read by Eb LeMaster, Vestry

Carol

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es ist ein Ros'

The congregation stands and sings the following verses.

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.
It came a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us
and share our every load.

Please be seated.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The birth of Jesus foretold

Read by Gerry Senechal, Assoc. Director of Music Ministries

Carol

Ave Maria

Franz Biebl

Men of St. George's Choir

The angel of the Lord announced to Mary
and she conceived by the holy spirit.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

And Mary said: Behold the hand maiden of the Lord
Do to me according to your word.

And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Carol

The Blessed Virgin's Cradle Song

Edward Bairstow

St. Alban's & St. Cecilia's Choirs

Emma Messer, soloist

Slumber in Thy manger Jesu, Child Divine,
Lying, Lord of Heaven, with the lowly kine.
Love shall be Thy cradle, love shall hush Thy cry,
Love, the love of mother, love Thy lullaby.

Slumber in Thy manger, born without a pang.
While the angel's anthem, thro' the heavens rang.
Poor the welcome bid Thee, yet the best is nigh,
Love, the love of mother, love Thy lullaby.

Slumber in Thy manger, though the cross await
And the darkness hide Thee, hanging desolate;
Though thy God for sake Thee, yet there cannot die,
Love, the love of mother, love Thy lullaby.

Sixth Lesson

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7

Read by Brooks Loomis, Alpha and Apostles of Sound

Carol

Lux Aurumque

Eric Whitacre
St. George's Choir

Light,
warm and heavy as pure gold
and the angels sing softly
to the new-born baby.

Carol

See Amid the Winter's Snow

John Goss
St. Alban's, St. Cecilia's
& St. Gregory's Choirs

See amidst the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below;
See the tender lamb appears,
Promis'd from eternal years.
Refrain

Say, ye holy shepherds, say
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have you left your sheep,
On the lonely mountain steep?
Refrain

Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.
Refrain

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
by thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee,
in thy sweet humility:
Refrain

Hail, thou ever blessed morn;
Hail, redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger

Luke 2:8-16

Read by Lisa Faehl, Daughters of the King

Carol

O Magnum Mysterium

César Alejandro Carillo
St. George's Choir

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in their manger.

Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ.

Carol

Myn Lyking

Sir R. R. Terry
St. Gregory's Choir

I saw a fair mayden sytten and sing.
She lulled a lyttel childe, a sweete Lording.

Refrain: Lullay myn lyking, my dere sonne, my sweeting.
Lullay my dere herte, myn own dere derling.

That same Lord is he that made alle thing;
Of alle lord is he is Lord, of alle kynges Kyng.

Refrain

There was mickle melody at that chylde's birth.
All that were in heav'nly bliss, they made mickle mirth.

Refrain

Angels bright sang their song to that chylde;
Blyssid be thou, and so be she, so meek and so mild.

Refrain

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

Read by John Lewis, Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Carol

The Three Kings

Healey Willan
St. George's Choir

"Who knocks tonight so late, so late?" The weary porter said.
Three Kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head.
The serving man bowed down, the inn was full, he knew.
Said he, "In all this town is no fit place for you!"

A light the manger lit: there lay the Mother meek.
Said they, "This place is fit: Here is the rest we seek!"
They loosed their latchet strings so stood they all unshod.
Come in, come in, ye Kings, ye Kings, ye Kings!
And kiss the Feet of God.

Carol

Torches

John Joubert
St. Gregory's Choir

Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping; Come and sing your song to him!

Ah, Roro, my baby, ah, Roro, my love,
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling, while we sing you our Roro.

Sing, my friends, and make you merry, joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, he lives, the King of heaven, now and evermore. Amen.

The congregation shall please stand for the Ninth Lesson.

Ninth Lesson

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-14

Read by the Rev. Marcia King, Clergy

Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Sir David Willcocks

The congregation sings the following verses and the refrain.

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of Angels: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:

Refrain
O come let us adore him, o come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:

Refrain

Refrain
Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n: word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

Please remain standing.

The Vesper Responsory

Priest: Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;

People: Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you.

Priest: Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

People: Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord will be with you.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Collect

Priest: We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

People: In the midst of thy temple.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son, Jesus Christ:
grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer,
we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge;
who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **AMEN.**

St. George's Choir

Soprano:
Janet Allison
Carol Armes
Dorothy Campbell
Laurel Fisher
Susan Keilholz
Diana Neely
Amanda O'Connor
Jennifer Orth
Beth Pirtle
Terri Richter
Laura Ann Ross
Amelia Whitehead

Alto:
Tibby Christenberry
Eva Frazier
Rachel Hansbury
Betty Henley
Claudia Padfield
Mareike Sattler
Sonya Sardon
Deborah Torgersen
Amy Weeks

Tenor:
Jerry Arnold
David Boone
Derek Meler
Jared Morrison
Benjamin Petty
Bob Pitz

Bass:
Charlie Brown
Sykes Cargile
Kevin Carson
Don Cowan
Billy Dodson
John Fitzgerald
James Harrington
Joshua Lindsay

St. Gregory's Choir

Caitrin Anderson
Ryne Anderson
Davis Camp
Sarah Gerenday
Jackson Hastings
Alden Neely
Rachel Overby
Leah Rose
Mackenzie Wagamon
Rachel Williams
Emory Williams

St. Cecilia's Choir

Maggie Adkins
Kelsey Amberson
Rose Civitts
Rebecca Fischer
Grace Gerenday
Anne Gilliam
Isabel Long
Kate Mabry
Emma Messer
Arianna Murphy
Annelisa Williams

St. Alban's Choir

Frank Adkins
Joseph Elbon
Jackson Long
Conrad Murphy
Jacob Sowell
Joseph Sowell
William Spruill
Harrison Taylor
Brahm Williams

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Eric Lutz
John Morrow
Vivian Morrow
Charlotte Mosley
Hannah Mosley
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