

A Festival of Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 24
10:30pm



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The Solemn Eucharist

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The Service you are about to experience is based upon the famed Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols held each year at King's College in Cambridge, England. This very popular service has a long, rich history in England, and in more recent years has become a beloved tradition in this country as well. The following is a brief history of the service at King's College.

“Our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four had just been appointed Dean of Kings after experience as an army chaplain, which had convinced him that the Church of England needed more imaginative worship. (He devised our Advent Carol Service in 1934, and was a liturgical pioneer and authority during his twenty-two years as Dean of York.) The music was then directed by Arthur Henry Mann, Organist 1876–1929. The choir included sixteen trebles, as laid down in King Henry VI's statutes, but until 1927, the men's voices were provided partly by Choral Scholars and partly by older Lay Clerks, and not, as now, by fourteen undergraduates.

A revision of the Order of Service was made in 1919, involving rearrangement of the lessons, and from that date the service has always begun with the hymn ‘Once in royal David's city’. In almost every year, some carols have been changed and some new ones introduced by successive Organists: Arthur Henry Mann; Boris Ord, 1929–57; Harold Darke (his substitute during the war), 1940–45; Sir David Willcocks, 1957–73; Philip Ledger, 1974–82 and, from 1982, Stephen Cleobury. The backbone of the service, the lessons and the prayers, has remained virtually unchanged.

The original service was, in fact, adapted from an Order drawn up by E.W. Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for use in the wooden shed, which then served as his cathedral in Truro, at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve, 1880. A.C. Benson recalled: ‘My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve – nine carols and nine tiny lessons, which were read by various officers of the Church, beginning with a chorister, and ending, through the different grades, with the Bishop.’ The suggestion had come from G.H.S. Walpole, later Bishop of Edinburgh.

Almost immediately, other churches adapted the service for their own use. A wider fame began to grow when the service was first broadcast in 1928, and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass (and also all heat) had been removed from the Chapel and the name of kings could not be broadcast for security reasons. Sometime in the early 1930s, the BBC began broadcasting the service on overseas programs. It is estimated that there are millions of listeners worldwide, including those to Radio Four in the United Kingdom. In recent years, it has become the practice to broadcast a digital recording on Christmas Day on Radio Three, and since 1963, a shorter service has been filmed periodically for television. Recordings of carols by Decca and EMI have also served to spread its fame.

In these and other ways, the service has become public property. From time to time, the College receives copies of services held, for example, in the West Indies or the Far East, and these show how widely the tradition has spread. The broadcasts, too, have become part of Christmas for many far from Cambridge. One correspondent writes that he heard the service in a tent on the foothills of Everest; another, in the desert. Many listen at home, busy about their own preparations for Christmas. Visitors from all over the world are heard to identify the Chapel as ‘the place where the Carols are sung’.

Wherever the service is heard, and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Dean Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. ‘The main theme is the development of the loving purposes of God ...’ seen ‘through the windows and words of the Bible’. Local interests appear, as they do here, in the bidding prayer, and personal circumstances give point to different parts of the service. Many of those who took part in the first service must have recalled those killed in the Great War when it came to the famous passage ‘all those who rejoice with us but on another shore and in a greater light’. The centre of the service is still found by those who ‘go in heart and mind’ and who consent to follow where the story leads.”

— from the website of King's College, Cambridge, England

We are pleased you have joined us for this evening's service. Please silence all cell phones.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

THE VOLUNTARIES

Er ist ein Ros'

"Sinfonia à tre," Op. 1, No. 12

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Largo and Allegro

Sing, I Sing, This Blessed Morn

arr. Brian Henkelmann

Guisepppe Valentini

arr. Brian Henkelmann

Archangelo Corelli

arr. Robert J. Powell

Sue Bugg and Jessica Ogilvie, *flutes*

The Congregation remains seated until verse three.

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION

Once in Royal David's City

Text: C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: H. J. Gauntlett (1805-1876)

Trebles:

1. 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.

Choir:

2. 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 and mean and lowly / Lived on earth our Savior holy.

all stand and join in singing:

3. And through all his wondrous childhood / He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, / In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be / Mild, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern, / Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless, / Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness, / And he shareth in our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him, / Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle / Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on / To the place where he is gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable, / With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, / Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned / All in white shall wait around.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The Reverend David A. Luckenbach, *Rector*

Beloved in Christ, on this Christmas Eve let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and with the shepherds and the Magi adore the Child lying in his Mother's arms.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our

disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and in company with the whole Church in heaven and earth, let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this our congregation. And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind, and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who know not the Lord Christ, 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 a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we for evermore are one. And let us pray that we may be counted among that communion of saints, receiving grace to offer unto God reasonable service, living in unity and fellowship with all his people and giving reverence to all that he hath made.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven in the name of him who came to be our light and salvation, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O little town of Bethlehem

Text: Phillips Brooks (1835-93)

Music: Traditional English melody

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell: O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.



THE FIRST LESSON

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpents's head.

Reader: Jim Huggler, *Christ Church Member*



THE ANTHEM

The Truth from Above

Text: Anonymous

Music: Michael McCabe (b.1956)

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love. Therefore don't turn me from your door, but harken all both rich and poor. And we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose; And so a promise soon did run that he would redeem us by his Son. And at that season of the year our blest Redeemer did appear; He here did live and here did preach, and many thousands he did teach. Thus he in love to us behaved, to show us how we must be saved; And if you want to know the way, be pleased to hear what he did say.

**THE SECOND LESSON**

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Reader: Uriah Johnson, *College Missioner*

**THE ANTHEM**

A Tender Shoot

Text: William Bartholomew (1793-1876)

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race: it blooms without a blight, it blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light. This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring: the virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing: our God of endless might, our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

**THE THIRD LESSON**

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Reader: Allison Jarvis, *Christ Church Member*

**THE ANTHEM**

Christmas-Tide

Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

Lullee, lullay, I could not love thee more if thou wast Christ the King. Now tell me, how did Mary know that in her womb should sleep and grow the Lord of everything? Lullee, lullay, an angel stood with her who said, 'That which doth stir like summer in thy side shall save the world from sin. Then stable, hall and inn shall cherish Christmastide.' Lullee, lullay, and so it was that Day. And did she love Him more because an angel came to prophesy His name? Ah no, not so, she could not love Him more, but loved Him just the same. Lullee, lullee, lullee, lullay.

**THE FOURTH LESSON**

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Reader: The Rev. Stephen Stine, *Deacon*

**THE ANTHEM**

Away in a manger

Text: Anonymous 19th. Century American

Music: June Nixon (b. 1942)

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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 baby awakes 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 fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.



THE FIFTH LESSON

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Reader: The Rev. Dr. Matt Boulter, *Associate Rector*



THE ANTHEM

The Wise Men and the Star

Text: Lucia Quinault (b. 1969)

Music: Oliver Tarney (b. 1984)

Sovereign scholars, weary of waiting, startled by starlight that kindles the sky. Eager for answers, destiny drives them, watching with wonder, watching with wonder, watching with wonder, they follow the star. Passing by palaces, greedy and golden, threading the byways of winter and cold, come to a doorway, low built and lamp lit, eagerly enter, eagerly enter, eagerly enter under the star. Source of all starlight, simple they see him, laid in a manger and haloed with hay. Bright in his beauty, shrouded with shadows. Steady the star shines, steady the star shines, steady the star shines. Follow the star.

The Congregation stands and remains standing through the carol.



THE SIXTH LESSON

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Reader: The Rev. David Luckenbach, *Rector*



THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

O come, all ye faithful

Text & Music: John Francis Wade (c. 1711-1786)

1. 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;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
2. Child, for us sinners, Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee, Loving us so dearly? Refrain
3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest: Refrain
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing. Refrain

The Congregation is seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. David A. Luckenbach, *Rector*

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*Book of Common Prayer, p. 328*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; our parish clergy: David, Matt, Ted, Stephen, and Kevin, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe, our President; Greg, our Governor; and Don, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

Following the Absolution, the People respond: Amen.

THE PEACE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And with thy spirit.</i>

THE GREETING

THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST

The Rev. David A. Luckenbach, *Celebrant*

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY:

The Holly and the Ivy

Text: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Music: Traditional English melody

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown. The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing of the choir. The holly bears a blossom as white as the lily flower, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior. The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do us sinners good. The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas

Day in the morn. The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Tune: Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues, the People kneeling

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

THE SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS, S-114

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, all kneeling.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

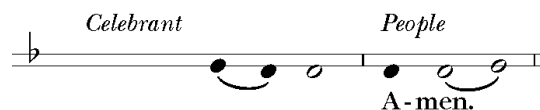
Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.



And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant & People

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei, S-158

Healey Willan



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Communion Welcome

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion. To receive the host, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. If you prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

THE MUSIC AT COMMUNION

THE VOLUNTARIES AT COMMUNION

Marche from "Song of the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ"
Sussex Carol
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

Marc-Antoine Charpentier
 arr. Brian Henkelmann
 arr. Robert J. Powell

THE CANDLE LIGHTING

The congregation will now light their individual candles from those of the acolytes. Please receive the light from your neighbor's candle by tilting your unlit candle towards the lighted candle so as not to spill wax.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Remaining kneeling, the Congregation joins in singing.

A HYMN OF ADORATION

Tune: Stille Nacht

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

THE BLESSING

Following the Blessing, the People respond: Amen.

The Congregation extinguishes their candles.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Angels we have heard on high

Text: James Chadwick (1813-1882)

Music: Edward Barnes (1887-1958)

1. Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds why this Jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *refrain*
3. Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *refrain*
4. See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve our Newborn King. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE VOLUNTARY: *Sing We Now of Christmas*

Anna Laura Page

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on this Eve of the Nativity are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bracken and Mrs. W.M. Roberts by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. E.W. Clawwater, Sr., Dr. & Mrs. E.W. Clawwater, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. R.O. Shaw, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. R.O. Shaw, Jr. and Ro Shaw by the Clawwater family.

Lay Ministers Today

Verger/Lector/Intercessor: Steve Hardy

Acolytes: Elizabeth Huggler

Altar Guild Team 2 & 3: Julie Hicks & Leigh McClendon



Sunday, December 26th & January 2 | Service Schedule

Downtown

7:30am Rite I Holy Eucharist

No Formation Classes

Christmas Social Time *between morning services 12/26*

10:00am Rite I Holy Eucharist

South Campus

No Formation Classes

10:00am Christmas Social Time 12/26

11:05am Rite II Holy Eucharist



Welcome

We are happy you have joined us today.

Are you NEW to Christ Church? If yes, so that we may get to know and serve you best, please complete our newcomer card by scanning the QR code or filling out a card from the pew back.



Christmas Poinsettias



In memory of . . .

Barbara Bain and Poosie Swann
by Karen Barrett

Our sisters: Sandy Thompson and Marjelyn Hicks
by Julie & Paul Hicks

Upton Beall
by Trixie Beall

JW Birdwell, O'Dessa Birdwell, Bill King & Gladys King
by Milton & Judy King

Papa
from Maryn Davis

Frank O. McClendon, III
by Leigh McClendon

Tommy Paul, my godfather
by Laura Boyd

Dr. Kenwyn Nelson
by Sharon Nelson

Ashley Bracken, Carolyn & Bob Fry and Roger Fry
by Susan Bracken

*Our son Michael and our parents F.C. & Lorraine Seago and
the Rev. John R. & Betty Bentley*
by Tim & Libby Seago

*Twin grandsons: Luke Ridley Smith &
Lawrence Edward Smith*
by Betsy Ellis

*My parents John R. & Betty Bentley and
our nephew Michael Seago*
by Mark & Trudy Shuttlesworth

Betty Marsh and Jean Caton
by Betsy Ellis

Lola Cox, Elsie Webb, Georgia Russell
by Bobbie & Rita Upshaw

Harold Francis
by Debbie Finley

*Our parents, Dr. Charles & Irma Vadasdi,
Julius & Elizabeth Bartal*
by Gregory & Elizabeth Vadasdi

Virginia and Dewey Newton; Carolyn and Bob Fry; Roger Fry
by Dorinda & Crews Fry

Chesley Walters
by Andrea & Jack Walker

In thanksgiving for . . .

Family and friends
by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bergfeld

Our clergy & staff
by Sharon Nelson

The blessings of family and friends
by DeeDee & John Bufe

Alan & Laura
by Jerry & Ginger Sanders

Our children and grandchildren
by Dorinda & Crews Fry

Our children & grandchildren
by Mark & Trudy Shuttlesworth

Our children: Mark, Joshua, Cody and McKensie
by Julie & Paul Hicks

Christ Church Clergy
by Shelly Smyth

My Jones family
from Honey

*Our children and their family and
our grandchildren: Jack, Sophie, Elizabeth, Katherine*
by Gregory & Elizabeth Vadasdi

Our children & grandchildren
by Marilyn & Peyton Lockett

Our children & grandchildren
by Carrie & Sam Wolf

In general thanksgiving from...

Rebecca & Bill Ferrell





Christmas Music

In memory of . . .

Upton Beall
by Trixie Beall

Leo
by Lou Ann Berman

*Virginia Day & Fred R. Bufo, Marti Cason Oge, Patricia
Payne Oge, George W. Oge, Sr. and George W. Oge, Jr.*
by DeeDee & John Bufo

Upton Beall
by Trixie & David Carlock

Betty Danielson
by Betsy Ellis

Elmer Ellis
by Betsy Ellis

*Our parents: Floyd & Margie Jondahl and
Glenn & Carolyn Hicks*
by Julie & Paul Hicks

Jim Deakins
by Lucinda & Scott Kittrell

Bob Edge
by Carol & Jack Langston and Barbara Gabriel

Roy Leighton McKinney, III
by Leigh McClendon

Betty Meyer and Joe Yelas
by Kim & Hal Meyer

Lola Cox, Elsie Webb, Georgia Russell
by Bobbie & Rita Upshaw

In thanksgiving for . . .

Christ Church Music Ministry
by Karen Barrett

My family
by Stephen Bentley

Christ Church clergy & staff
by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Bergfeld

Maryn
by Lou Ann Berman

Our grans: Liliana, Ellowyn, and Angus
by Sam & Rosemary Cobb

Jeffrey Ford
by Rebecca & Bill Ferrell

Dave & Rebecca Francis
by Debbie Finley

Norma Edge Halfpenny
by Carol & Jack Langston and Barbara Gabriel

Our clergy & staff
by Marilyn & Peyton Luckett

Our children, grandchildren, and our church family
by Kim & Hal Meyer

Healing
by Anne Myers

Our music staff & choir
by Sharon Nelson

*The life & ministry of my beloved wife,
Laurie Margaret Dowell*
by The Rev. Stephen Stine, Deacon

Our children & grandchildren
by Linda & Dan Toney

In general thanksgiving from...

Gregory & Elizabeth Vadasdi



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