

O come let us
adore Him

A Festival Of Lessons & Carols

December 24, 2022

10:30pm





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The Solemn Eucharist

Friday, December 24, 2022 at 10:30 p.m.

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

Largo and Allegro from Op. 6

Archangelo Corelli

Sue Bugg, *flute* & Jessica Ogilvie, *flute*

What Child Is This

Steven Bouren

Sue Bugg, *flute*; Jessica Ogilvie, *flute*; Samuel Hsieh, *clarinet*

Pastorale

Joseph Rheinberger

Samuel Hsieh, *clarinet*

O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright

Allan Mahnke

Sue Bugg, *flute*

Joy To The World

Steven Bouren

Sue Bugg, *flute*; Jessica Ogilvie, *flute*; Samuel Hsieh, *clarinet*

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 feelth 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

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Text: E. H. Sears (1810-1876)

Music: arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: 'Peace on the earth, good-will to men, from heav'n's all gracious King!' The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heav'nly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hov'ring wing; And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old, When, with the ever circling years, Shall come the time foretold; When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendours fling, And the whole world gives back the song Which now the angels sing.



THE FIRST LESSON

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

Reader: Jim Huggler, *Christ Church Member*



THE ANTHEM

The Apple Tree

Text: Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs

Music: David Ashley White (b. 1944)

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, 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 awhile: 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.



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 seeds 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

Angelus ad virginem (Gabriel to Mary came)

Text: W. A. C. Pickard-Cambridge (1873-1952)

Music: David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Translation: Gabriel to Mary came, and entered at her dwelling, with his salutation glad her maiden fears dispelling, "All hail thou queen of virgins bright! God, Lord of earth and heaven's height, Thy very Son, shall soon be born in pureness, the Saviour of mankind. Thou art the gate of heaven bright, the sinners' healer kind." "How could I a mother be that am to man a stranger? How should I my strong resolve, my solemn vows endanger?" "Pow'r from the Holy Ghost on high shall bring to pass this mystery. Then have no fear: Be of good cheer, believing that still thy chastity in God's almighty keeping shall all unsullied be." Hail! thou Mother of the Lord, Who bring'st of gifts the rarest, peace to angels and to men, when Christ

the Lord barest! Do thou, we pray, entreat thy Son for us our long'd redemption himself to win, and from our sin release us; His succor for to give, that, when we hence are taken, we too in heav'n may live.



THE FOURTH LESSON

Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Reader: Dave Jarvis, *Christ Church Member*



THE ANTHEM

Listen, Shepherds, Listen

Text: Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

Music: Giovanni Gastoldi (1554-1609)

Listen, shepherds, listen, go to yonder manger. On your way shall be no danger. Christ the Lord is born, O sing for Christ is born. Go to Beth'lem city, find the child so holy in a cattle stall so lowly. Christ the Lord is born, O sing for Christ is born, See how the star is shining, it lights the world around. It will lead you to the Child. Christ the Lord will soon be found. Sing for joy, Christ the Lord is born, sing for joy, the Lord is born. All the earth join the angels singing. Let joyful songs now soar. Glory sing to God on high. Peace goodwill for evermore. Sing for joy, Christ the Lord is born, sing for joy, the Lord is born.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Away in a manger

Music: 19th cent. American

Music: William 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 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. Stephen Stine, *Deacon*



THE ANTHEM

Coventry Carol

Text: Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors (15th cent.)

Music: Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay. O sisters too, How may we do For to preserve this day This poor youngling, For whom we do sing, By by, lully, lullay? Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay. Herod, the king, In his raging, Charged he hath this day His men of might, In his own sight, All young children to slay. Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay. That woe is me, Poor child for thee! And ever morn and day, For thy parting Neither say nor sing By by, lully lullay! Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, By by, lully, lullay.

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. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*
3. 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, Ted, Stephen, Tim 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 remem-

brance 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*

THE GREETING

THE SOLEMN EUCHARIST

The Rev. David A. Luckenbach, *Celebrant*

THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY:

Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

Text: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: Mack Wilberg

Ding! dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing! Ding! dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angels singing! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And "I-o, i-o, i-o!" by priest and people sungen! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers! May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

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

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' labels above the respective parts.

Staff 1: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with thy spi - rit.

Staff 2: Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Staff 3: Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

Staff 4: 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-T 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. You may intinct (dip) the host into the chalice of wine, or you may consume the host and then drink from the chalice, gently guiding it to your lips by the base. 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***Away In A Manger*

Michael Burkhardt

Angels We Have Heard On High

Michael Burkhardt

Jessica Ogilvic, *flute* & Samuel Hsieh, *clarinet**Pastorale*

Charles Wesley

Samuel Hsieh, *clarinet**Prelude on Besancon*

Robert Powell

Sue Bugg, *flute* & Jessica Ogilvic, *flute***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: *Nowell, Nowell!*

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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. Clawater, Sr., Dr. & Mrs. E.W. Clawater, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. R.O. Shaw, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. R.O. Shaw, Jr. and Ro Shaw by the Clawater family.

Lay Ministers Today

Verger/Lector/Intercessor/Lightboard Operator: Bryan Rossman

Acolytes: George Hernandez, Payton Hernandez

Altar Guild Team 2 & 4: Cindy Westbrook & Debbie Peveto

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, going to
www.christchurchtyler.org/visitor or filling out a card from the pew back.





Christmas Poinsettias

In memory of . . .

Martell Shuttlesworth & Marsha Birdwell
by Katie & Brian Birdwell

Tommy Paul by Laura Boyd

Ashley Bracken by Susan Bracken

Harold W. Francis by Debbie Finley

*Bob and Carolyn Fry, Dewey and Virginia Newton,
Roger Fry, Wayne Curtis and Breck Watson*
by Dorinda & Crews Fry

Michael Seago by Lisa & Wesley Hamm

*Our parents, Floyd & Margie Jondahl and
Glenn & Carolyn Hicks and our sisters,
Sandy Thompson and Marjelyn Hicks* by Julie & Paul Hicks

*F.C. & Lorraine Seago, the Rev. John R. and Betty Bentley
and Michael Seago* by Libby & Tim Seago

*Rev. John R. & Betty Bentley, Martel Shuttlesworth
& Michael Seago* by Trudy & Mark Shuttlesworth

Elsie Upshaw and Lola Cox by Rita & Bobby Upshaw

In thanksgiving for . . .

*Our children & their children -
Eleanor, Graham, Quinn, Morrison and Owen*
by Louise & Jeff Arnold

The devotion of our clergy and staff by Louise & Jeff Arnold

Our delightful grandchildren by Carole & Bob Bergfeld

Our children by Katie & Brian Birdwell

*Bates, Pierce, Wright, Hank
and our new baby girl arriving in May
from Laura & Wayne Brown*

The blessings of family and friends by DeeDee & John Bufe

Our children & grandchildren by Nancy & Bill Clawater

Dave & Rebecca Francis by Debbie Finley

Our children & grandchildren by Dorinda & Crews Fry

Our children Jack and Matthew and our families
by Lisa & Wesley Hamm

Our clergy and staff by Julie & Paul Hicks

Our children by Krystal & Burkitt Jensen

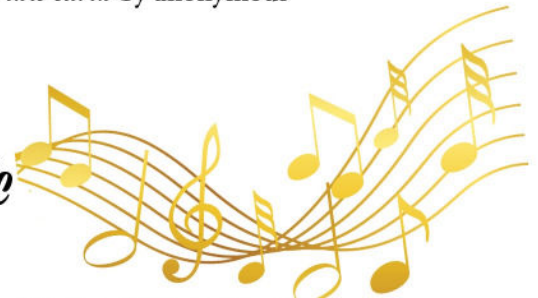
Our children & grandchildren by Marilyn & Peyton Luckett

Our children & grandchildren by Trudy & Mark Shuttlesworth

God's beauties of this earth by anonymous



Christmas Music



In memory of . . .

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

Anne Roberts by Paul & Julie Hicks

Norma, Marion, Bessie, Sarah, Marie by Marilyn & Bill Mohl

Kendall Spinks by Kimber & Kevin Short

Lola Cox and Elsie Upshaw by Rita & Bobby Upshaw

Bob Edge by Carol & Jack Langston and Barbara Gabriel

In thanksgiving for . . .

The Jeffrey Ford Family by Louise & Jeff Arnold

My Godmother, Rosemary Cobb by Will Arnold

Clergy and staff by Carole & Bob Bergfeld

*Bates, Pierce, Wright, Hank
and our new baby girl arriving in May
from Laura & Wayne Brown*

Jeffrey, A.J., and the choir by Debbie Finley

*Karen, Sarah, Andrew, Thomas,
Matthew, Conner, Olivia & Adelaide* by Jeffrey Ford

Our music ministry at Christ Church by Julie & Paul Hicks

Norma Edge Halfpenny
by Carol & Jack Langston and Barbara Gabriel

Our clergy & staff
by Marilyn & Peyton Luckett

Our parents, Louise & Jeff Arnold
with love from your children & grandchildren

Cameron Spinks, Hampton Short, Emma Short
by Kimber & Kevin Short

The Christ Church clergy, staff & choir
by Sharon & James Wynne

Music and nature to enlighten our hearts.
by anonymous

WELCOME
reception
for the
Hartin Family!

January 8th 10:00am in the Parish Hall CCD
12:15pm Christ Church South



Genesis

Bible Study with the Rector
in beginning

Resumes the week of January 10 & 12, 2023

Men Tuesdays
8:00 a.m.

Women Thursdays
10:30 a.m.

Christ Church Downtown

Women's
Depth Group

1ST & 3RD WED | 6PM- 8
CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH
RESUMES JANUARY 4TH

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2022

11:05AM **CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH ONLY**

15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy.

NEW YEARS DAY

January 1, 2023

CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

7:30am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**

10:00am **Holy Eucharist Rite I~**

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH

11:05am **Holy Eucharist Rite II~**

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Resumes January 8, 2023

CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

7:30am **Holy Eucharist Rite I**

9:00am **Holy Eucharist Rite II*~**

10:00am **Christian Formation***

11:00am **Holy Eucharist Rite I*~**

CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH

10:00am **Christian Formation***

11:05am **Holy Eucharist Rite II*~**

*Nursery is available at both campuses.

*Children's Chapel

~livestreamed at christchurchtyler.org

January 8, 2023

**WELCOME RECEPTION FOR
THE REV. DR. COLE HARTIN & HIS FAMILY.**

10:00am Downtown

12:15pm Christ Church South

New Sunday School Class

Beginning January 15
Join Fr. David & Fr. Cole at 10:00am for

The Heart of the Faith: Essentials of Anglican Christianity.

*Gathering Sunday mornings each week in the
Ascension Room downtown and the
Great Hall at Christ Church South,
this semester-long adult class will explore
the essential teachings of our faith.*

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