



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

A diverse and vibrant parish that glorifies God and welcomes all people

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas** **December 20th, 2020, 4 pm**

A service of Lessons & Carols for Christmas was first developed in 1880 by Bishop Edward Benson of Truro (who eventually became the Archbishop of Canterbury). A later adaptation by King's College, Cambridge, became widely known. Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa has further adapted this iconic Christmas liturgy, using readings and carols to narrate the story of God's loving purpose in creation, from the Spirit of God, which moved over the waters at the beginning of time, and the covenant God made with humankind, to the abandonment of that covenant and the hope-filled promise of humankind's redemption by the Holy Child of Bethlehem. The lessons are read by individuals from the Cathedral's diverse community. The service is offered by Christ Church Cathedral as a gesture of peace and goodwill to the people of the Nation's Capital.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Hymn

Once in Royal David's City – Irby

The Bidding Prayer

Dear Friends, as we gather tonight on the ancestral territory of the Algonquin Anishinabe; let it be our delight to go, in our hearts and minds, to Bethlehem; and see the wondrous thing which came to pass, and the Messiah, lying in a manger.

Therefore, let us read from Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God, from the beginning of creation unto the hope and redemption brought to us by the Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all nations and all people; for unity and friendship within the Church of Christ; and for all who seek to follow the way of Jesus.

Let us pray for all those who are vulnerable, and for all who are destitute, exploited or oppressed. Let us pray for the sick, the lonely and the unloved, and for those who live with small hope or painful loss. Let us pray for all who cannot see or feel the love of Christ, and for those who have grieved his heart of love.

Let us pray that God's Holy Spirit will inspire each of us to use our lives to bring justice, reconciliation, healing and hope to wherever we are called to be.

Lastly, let us remember all who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light; that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was born in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Christ, we are forever one.

Let us humbly offer these prayers to the Creator of all in the words Jesus 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-25

Carol

A great and mighty wonder – trad. (harm. Michael Praetorius)

A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure! the Virgin bears the Infant with virgin-honour pure: (Refrain: Repeat the hymn again: 'To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men.') The Word becomes incarnate, and yet remains on high; and cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky: R. While thus they sing your Monarch, those bright angelic bands, rejoice, ye vales and mountains, ye oceans, clap your hands: R. Since all he comes to ransom, by all be he adored, the Infant born in Bethl'em, the Saviour and the Lord: R. And idol forms shall perish, and error shall decay, and Christ shall wield his sceptre, our Lord and God for ay. R.

Second Lesson

Genesis 1:26-2:1

Carol

The truth from above – trad. (arr. R. Vaughan Williams)

This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love, Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all both rich and poor. The first thing which I do relate Is that God did man create; The next thing which to you I'll tell Woman was made with man to dwell. Thus 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.

Third Lesson

Genesis 17:1-8; 22:18

Carol

Adam lay ybounden – Boris Ord

*Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkës finden written In their book.
Ne had one apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never Our Lady A-been
heaven's Queen. Blessèd be the time That apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen:
Deo gratias!*

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 1:2-4, 16-17

Carol

I wonder as I wander – trad. (arr. John Rutter)

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die For
poor ornery people like you and like I. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. When
Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and shepherds and
all, But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall; And the promise of the ages it then
did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heav'n to sing, He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the
King!*

Fifth Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6; 11:5-9

Carol

Love came down at Christmas – John Rutter

*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 others, love for plea and gift and sign.*

Sixth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

Carol

Gabriel's Message – trad. (arr. David Willcocks)

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame 'All
hail' said he 'thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady, Gloria! For known a
blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee, thy son shall be
Emmanuel by seers foretold, most highly favoured lady, Gloria! Then gentle Mary meekly
bowed her head 'To me, be as it pleaseth God' she said 'My soul shall laud and magnify
his holy name' most highly favoured lady, Gloria! Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk through-out the world will ever
say: most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Carol

Nativity Carol – John Rutter

*Born in a stable so bare, born so long ago; Born 'neath light of star He who loved us so.
Far away, silent he lay, born today, your homage pay, For Christ is born for aye, born on
Christmas Day. Cradled by mother so fair, tender her lullaby; Over her son so dear angel
hosts fill the sky. Far away, silent he lay, born today, your homage pay, For Christ is born
for aye, born on Christmas Day. Wise men from distant far land, shepherds from starry
hills Worship this babe so rare, hearts with his warmth he fills. Far away, silent he lay, born
today, your homage pay, For Christ is born for aye, born on Christmas Day. Love in that
stable was born into our hearts to flow; Innocent dreaming babe, make me thy love to
know. Far away, silent he lay, born today, your homage pay, For Christ is born for aye,
born on Christmas Day.*

Eighth Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Carol

A Gallery Carol – trad. (arr. Robin Wells)

*Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth! O praise our Redeemer; all mortals on earth!
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King, Who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!
A heavenly vision appeared in the sky; Vast numbers of angels The shepherds did spy,
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King, Who brought us salvation, His praises we'll
sing! Likewise a bright star In the sky did appear, Which led the wise men From the East
to draw near; They found the Messiah, Sweet Jesus our King, Who brought us salvation,
His praises we'll sing! And when they were come, they their treasures unfold, And unto
him offered Myrrh, incense and gold. So blessed for ever Be Jesus our King, Who brought
us salvation, His praises we'll sing!*

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Carol

Ding dong! merrily on high – trad. (arr. Mack Wilberg)

*Ding dong merrily on high, In heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky Is riv'n
with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, Let steeple
bells be swungen, And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen. 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*

Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God our Creator, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem,
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him
who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Postlude

Finale (Symphonie 1) – Louis Vierne

Following the service, you are welcome to remain in your pew and enjoy some quiet time in the sacred space. When ready to depart, please exit the church directly, as we are not permitted to gather and visit inside. Thank you!

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CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve

7.30 pm – Sung Eucharist

10 pm – Sung Eucharist with Bishop Shane Parker Preaching

Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist with Godly Play Story

Sunday, December 27th, Christmas I

10.30 am – Sung Eucharist

Friday, January 1st – New Year's Day

Noon – Sung Eucharist with Archbishop Linda Nicholls Preaching

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