

THE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

The Prelude – “He Is Born!” Behnke
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Mendelssohn/Lamb
Handbell Choir

The Welcome

The Bidding Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Rev. Dr. Terry Johnson

* **The Opening Carol** – “Once in Royal David’s City” Irby

The congregation rises with organ introduction

Stanzas 1 – All

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.

Stanzas 2 – All

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.

Stanza 3 – Seraph, Cherub and Chapel Choirs

And through all His wondrous childhood He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as He.

Stanzas 4 – All

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav’n above,
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

Interlude

Stanzas 5 – All, in unison

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 congregation is seated.

The First Lesson – Genesis 3:8–15 Mr. Dennis Boatright
*God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman
shall bruise the serpent’s head.*

“Do You Hear What I Hear?” Regney/Shane

The Cherub and Seraph Choirs

Piano: Mrs. John Garnett

“Do you hear what I hear?...What I hear?”
Said the night wind to the little lamb,
“Do you see what I see?...What I see?”
Way up in the sky little lamb,
Do you see what I see? What I see?
A star, a star dancing in the night,
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite.”

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
“Do you hear what I hear?...What I hear?”
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
Do you hear what I hear?...What I hear?
A song, a song, high up in the tree,
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea.”

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
“Do you know what I know?... What I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king;
Do you know what I know?... What I know?
A child, a child shivers in the cold,
Let us bring Him silver and gold,
Let us bring Him silver and gold.”

Said the king to the people everywhere,
“Listen to what I say!... What I say!
Pray for peace, people ev'rywhere.
Listen to what I say!... What I say!
The child, the child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light.”

The Second Lesson – Isaiah 7:13–14; 9:2, 6–7

Rev. Timothy Shaw

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by the prophet Isaiah

“Lord of the Stars”

Ruth Elaine Schram

*The Chapel Choir
Piano: Mrs. John Garnett*

Lord of the stars, the sun, the moon, the midnight sky,
Lord of the earth, the lands, the seas, the air.
We have heard the prophecies of Your miraculous birth,
When will You come to us? When will You come to us?

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
O come to us, O come to us.

Lord of the stars, the sun, the moon, the midnight sky,
Lord of the earth, the lands, the seas, the air.
We have heard the prophecies of Your miraculous birth.
When will You come to us? When will You come to us?

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us,
Shall come to us, shall come to us.

The Third Lesson – Isaiah 11:1–10

Mr. Evan Gear

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown

“How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

Johann Krieger, arr. Grotenhuis

The Women's Chorus

How bright appears the Morning Star,
With mercy beaming from afar.
The host of heav'n rejoices.
O Righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod,
The Son of Man and Son of God!
We too will lift our voices:
O Jesus holy and yet most lowly.
O come, O come draw near us;
Immanuel, Immanuel, come and hear us.

The congregation rises with organ introduction

Introduction – David Cherwein

* **The Psalm** – Psalm 72:1–4, 7–8, 11–14, 19

Puer Nobis

All:

- 1 O God, Thy judgments give the King,
His reigning Son Thy righteousness;
- 2 He to Thy people right shall bring,
With justice shall Thy poor redress.
- 3 The heights shall bring prosperity,
The hills bring peace by righteousness;
- 4 He'll judge the poor, the wronged set free,
And crush the men who them oppress.

Women and Girls:

- 7 The just shall flourish in His day;
While lasts the moon shall peace extend;
- 8 From sea to sea shall be His sway,
And from the River to earth's end.

Men and Boys:

- 11 All kings shall down before Him fall,
All nations His commands obey.
- 12 He'll save the needy when they call,
The poor, and those that have no stay.

All:

- 13 He'll show the poor His sympathy,
And save the needy by His might;
- 14 From fraud and force He'll set them free;
Their blood is precious in His sight.

Interlude

All, in unison

- 19 And blessed be His glorious name,
Long as the ages shall endure.
O'er all the earth extend His fame;
Amen, amen, for evermore.

The congregation is seated

The Fourth Lesson – Isaiah 40:9–11

Mr. Rick Mullinix

The prophet Isaiah announces, "Behold your Lord comes!"

"Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain" (Isaiah 40)

Carolyn Jennings

The Chapel and Sanctuary Choir

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,
Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice, shout the good news:
Behold, your Lord comes to you.
He will feed His flock like a shepherd,
He will carry the lambs in His arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm.
Behold, your Lord comes to you.
He who made the stars in the heaven,
He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal He was God, the Alpha, and Omega, He.
Behold, your Lord!

He will come in power and glory,
He will rule with mercy and truth.
Hope of all the nations,
Light of all the world.

He will love the little children,
He will hold them in His arms.
Love Him and trust Him as a little child,
Behold your Lord comes to you.
Trust Him as a child.

The Fifth Lesson – Isaiah 60:1–3, 19–20

Mr. Paul Rodgers

The prophet Isaiah foresees the coming of the glory of the Lord.

“Lost in the Night”

arr. Kyle S. Haugen

Finnish Folk tune

The Youth Choir

Accompanist: Mrs. John Garnett

Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.
Will not day come soon?
Will not day come soon?

Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon?
Will you help us soon?

Sorrowing wand'ers, in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon,
Christ is coming soon!

Will not day come soon?
Come and save us soon!
Christ is coming soon!

The Sixth Lesson – Luke 1:57–60, 67–80

Mr. Frankie Daniell

Zacharias' Prophecy.

“Gaelic Alleluia”

arr. Craig Courtney

Tune: *Puer Nobis*

The Men's Chorus

Accompanists: Mrs. Doug Winks and Mrs. John Garnett

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry, announces that the Lord is nigh:
Awake and harken, for He brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
Alleluia.
Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.
Alleluia.
We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
Without Your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
Alleluia.
All praise to You, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.
Alleluia.

The Seventh Lesson – Luke 2:1–20

Rev. Dr. Timothy Foster

The angels join the shepherds at the manger.

“For Unto Us a Child is Born”

G. F. Handel
from *The Messiah*

The Sanctuary Choir

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given,
And the government shall be upon His shoulder;
And His name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

The Eighth Lesson – Matthew 2:1–12

Mr. Mike Hazeltine

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?”

Howard Helvey

*The Youth Choir
Accompanist: Mrs. John Garnett*

What star is this, with beams so bright,
More lively than the noonday light?
‘Tis sent to announce a newborn king,
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

‘Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,
“From Jacob shall a star proceed;”
And lo! the Eastern sages stand
To read in heaven the Lord’s command.

While outward signs the star displays,
An inward light the Lord conveys
And urges them, with tender might,
To seek the given of the light.

O Jesus, fount of boundless grace,
Your star calls us to seek your face;
Prepare our hearts to fully shine
And share your light and love divine.

The Ninth Lesson – John 1:1–14

Mr. Kenneth Crowe

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

“See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

arr. Dan Forrest

Tune: *Humility*

*The Sanctuary and Youth Choirs
Accompanist: Mrs. Doug Winks*

Alleluia. Alleluia.

See, amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.
Hail thou ever-blessed morn, hail, redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing throughout Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.
Hail thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing throughout Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Alleluia.

The Meditation

Rev. Dr. Terry Johnson

* **The Hymnal – #230 “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”**

Quelle Est Cette Odeur Agreeable

The Blessing and Benediction

The Postlude - “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

Johnson