

# The Service of Lessons and Carols

19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 5:30 p.m



The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine,  
1611 Quadra St, Victoria BC

***St. John's acknowledges these ancestral territories  
of the Lekwungen people.***

In our worship we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.

**ASSISTING WITH THE LITURGY**

Clergy	The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum The Rev'd John Thatamanil, The Rev'd Stephanie Wood
Readers	Mark Hanson, David Buckman, Iris Elsdon, Christine Scott, Sarah Fryer, Bob MacDonald, Diana MacDonald
Musicians	The Choristers of St. John the Divine The MacRae Choral Scholars
Assisting Conductor	Char Hodgkins
Director of Music	David Stratkauskas

*¶In this time of pandemic, we ask you to remain masked for the duration of tonight's service, and particularly whilst singing. We also ask you to maintain a respectful distance from each other, unless you are in a bubble or the same household.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ *Welcome, from the Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum, Rector.*

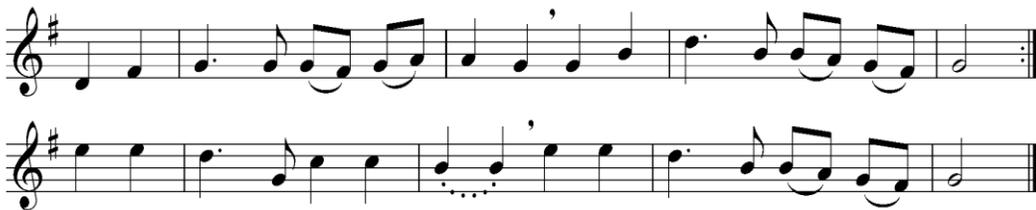
¶ *The sentence is said by the Rector:*

**W**ELCOME, all wonders in one sight!  
Eternity shut in a span.  
Summer in winter, Day in night,  
Heaven on earth, God in man.  
Great little one whose all-embracing birth  
Brings earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

*Richard Crashaw (1613-1649)*

¶ *Please stand for the opening hymn.*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN



**Choir:** **O**NCE 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.

**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 Saviour holy.**

¶ *The hymn continues overleaf.*

And through all his wondrous childhood  
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.  
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.  
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.

*Words: C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)*

*Music: IRBY H. J. Gauntlett (1805-1876);  
Descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

*¶ Please remain standing, as the Rector gives:*

#### THE BIDDING

*¶ At the conclusion of the Bidding, all join in the Lord's Prayer:*

**O**UR 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.

*¶ Please be seated.*

## CAROL

**T**HIS 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.

For 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 this season of the year  
Our blest Redeemer did appear,  
And 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

*Text: English traditional.*

*Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

## FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15

**T**HEY HEARD the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

## CAROL

**A**DAM 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 clerkes<sup>1</sup> finden,  
Written in their book<sup>2</sup>.

Ne had the apple taken been  
The apple taken been,  
Ne had never our lady,  
Abeen heavené queen.

Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun<sup>3</sup> singen.  
*Deo gracias!*<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Clergy <sup>2</sup>The Bible <sup>3</sup>Must <sup>4</sup>Thanks be to God.

*Words: 15<sup>th</sup>-century English carol*

*Music: Howard Skempton (b. 1947)*

## SECOND LESSON

### Isaiah 11:1-9

**A**SHOOT SHALL come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid. the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

## CAROL

**E**S IST EIN ROS' entsprungen  
au seiner Wurzel zart,  
wie uns die Alten sungen,  
von Jesse kam die Art  
und hat ein Blümlein bracht  
mitten im kalten Winter,  
wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Röslein das ich meine,  
davon Jesaia sagt,  
ist Maria die reine,  
die uns das Blümlein bracht.  
Aus Gottes ew'gem Rat  
hat sie ein Kind geboren  
und blieb ein reine Magd.

Das Blümelein so kleine,  
das duftet uns so süß,  
mit seinem hellen Scheine  
vertreibt's die Finsternis:  
Wahr' Mensch und wahrer Gott,  
hilft uns aus allem Leide,  
rettet von Sünd und Tod.

*A rose has sprung up,  
from a tender root.  
as the old ones sang to us,*

*Words: unknown, pre-17<sup>th</sup> century.*

*its lineage was from Jesse.  
And it has brought forth a  
floweret  
in the middle of the cold winter  
well at half the night*

*The rosebud that I mean,  
of which Isaiah told  
is Mary, the pure,  
who brought us the  
floweret.*

*At God's immortal word,  
she has borne a child  
remaining a pure maid*

*The floweret, so small  
that smells so sweet to us  
with its clear light  
dispels the darkness.*

*True human and true  
God"*

*he helps us from all  
trouble,  
saves us from sin and  
death.*

*Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*

*¶ Please stand to sing the hymn, overleaf:*

## HYMN



**T** 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, goodwill to all, 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.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not the love-song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet-bards foretold,  
When, with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling,  
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

Words: E. H. Sears (1810-76)

Music: NOEL, trad. English, adapt. A. Sullivan (1842-1900)

**Please be seated.**

### THIRD LESSON

#### Luke 1:26-38

**I**N THE SIXTH month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

## CAROL

**T**HE 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 know 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 throughout the world will ever say  
"Most highly favoured lady," Gloria!

*Words: Translated from the Basque by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924); Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

## FOURTH LESSON

### Luke 2:1-7

**I**N THOSE DAYS a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## CAROL

O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!  
Deins Vaters Willn hast du  
erfüllt;  
Bist kommen aus dem Himmelreich,  
Uns armen Menschen worden gleich,  
O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!

O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!  
Mit Freuden hast du die Welt erfüllt,  
Du kommst herab vom Himmelssaal,  
Und tröst'st uns in dem Jammertal,  
O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!

O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!  
Du bist der Lieb ein Ebenbild,  
Zünd an in uns der Liebe Flamm,  
Dass wir dich lieben all zusamm',  
O Jesulein süß, o Jesulein mild!

*Text: Valentin Thilo der Jüngere (1607-1662)*

*O sweet little Jesus, O mild little Jesus,  
the Father's will you have fulfilled;  
have come from the heavenly  
kingdom,  
become like us poor mortals,  
O sweet little Jesus, O mild little Jesus.*

*O sweet little Jesus, O mild little Jesus,  
you are the image of love:  
ignite in us the flame of love,  
that we all of one accord love you,  
O sweet little Jesus, O mild little Jesus.*

*O sweet little Jesus, O mild little Jesus,  
you are the likeness of love;  
light the flame of love in us,  
that together we may love you back,  
O sweet little Jesus, O mild little Jesus.*

*Music: Anon., arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

¶Please stand to sing:

### HYMN



**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 to-night.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth;  
For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.

**Choir:** How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

**All:** 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.

Words: Bishop P. Brooks (1835-1893)

Music: FOREST GREEN, English trad.;  
verse 3: arr. D. Stratkauskas (2019)

¶Please be seated.

## FIFTH LESSON

### Luke 2:8-16

**I**N THAT REGION there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

## ANTHEM

**A**ND IT WAS in a simple Gloria that quiet morn,  
And it was in a simple Gloria the Child was born.

The angels sang a simple Gloria that echoed gently through the stars.

The shepherds heard the simple Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Salvator mundi natus est.

Ergo nos cum gaudio, cum gaudio,

Natus est Emmanuel.

Gloria.

*Glory in the highest.*

*The saviour of the world is born.*

*Now, with joy,*

*Emmanuel is born.*

*Words: M. K. Dean (b. 1950)*

*Music: Libby Larsen (b. 1950)*

## SIXTH LESSON

### Matthew 2:1-11

**I**N THE TIME of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¶ *Please stand to sing:*

## HYMN



**I**N THE BLEAK midwinter frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heav'n cannot hold him nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

*Solo:* Enough for him, whom Cherubim worship night and day,  
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay:  
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

*All:* Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and Seraphim thronged the air  
But only his mother in her maiden bliss  
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

Music: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)  
Desc. Matthew Larkin (b. 1963)

## SEVENTH LESSON

### Philippians 2:5-11

**L**ET THE SAME MIND be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¶*Please stand to sing:*

#### HYMN



**G**ood Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Listen now to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow  
and he is in the manger now!  
Christ is born today! (2x).

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Hear the news of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this;  
he has opened heaven's door  
and we are blessed for evermore!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christians all, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice!  
Now you need not fear the grave;  
Jesus Christ was born to save:  
come at his most gracious call  
to find salvation, one and all!  
Christ was born to save!

*Text: German-Latin carol (14<sup>th</sup> cent.);  
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt*

*Music: Geistliche Lieder, Wittenberg, 1533;  
harm. R. L. Pearsall (1795-1856); arr. J. Stainer (1840-1901)*

¶ *Please be seated.*

## CAROL

**W**HAT SWEETER MUSIC can we bring  
Than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?  
Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,  
And give the honor to this day,  
That sees December turned to May.  
That sees December turned to May.  
Why does the chilling winter's morn  
Smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,  
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see  
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth,  
To heaven, and the under-earth.  
We see him come, and know him ours,  
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.  
The darling of the world is come,  
And fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome him. To welcome him.  
The nobler part Of all the house here,  
is the heart.  
Which we will give him; and bequeath  
This holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do him honour, who's our King,  
And Lord of all this revelling.  
What sweeter music can we bring,  
Than a carol for to sing  
The birth of this our heavenly King?

Words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674)

Music: *John Rutter (b. 1949)*

*¶ Please stand for the Lesson from the Gospel of John:*

## **EIGHTH LESSON**

**John 1:1-14**

**All:** The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**All:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**I**N THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**All:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*¶ Please be seated as the choir sings the anthem on the next page.*

## CAROL

**N**OEL! NOEL!

This night there is a child yborn,  
that sprang out of Jesse's thorn,  
we must sing and say therefor:  
verbum caro factum est.

Jesus is the childes name,  
and Mary mild is his dame,  
all sorrow is turned to game:  
Verbum caro factum est.

It fell upon the high midnight,  
the stars they shone both fair and bright,  
the angels sang with all their might:  
Verbum caro factum est.

Now kneel we down upon our knee  
and pray we to the Trinity,  
our help our succour for to be:  
Verbum caro factum est.

*Text: 15<sup>th</sup>-century English (Trinity Carol Roll),  
taken from Edith Rickert: Ancient English Christmas  
Carols 1400 – 1700 (1910)*

*Music: Tamsin Jones (composed 2017)*

*¶Please stand.*

## HYMN



*O come let us a-dore him, O come let us a-dore him, O come let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.*

**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:  
*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:

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Lo! star-led chieftains, Magi, Christ adoring,  
Offer him incense, gold and myrrh;  
We to the Christ Child bring our hearts' oblations:

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?

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, in the highest:

*Text: Latin, 18<sup>th</sup> century  
tr. F. Oakeley (1802-1880) and others*

*Music: ADESTE FIDELES, J. F. Wade (1711-1786);  
descant: David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

*¶Please remain standing.*

## THE COLLECT AND BLESSING

**O** GOD, WHO makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**All: Amen.**

**C**HRIST, WHO by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing . . . .

**All: Amen.**

*¶Please remain standing to sing the final hymn, found on the next page.*

## HYMN

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first two staves are the main melody, and the third staff is the refrain. The lyrics are written below the refrain staff.

*Refrain:*  
Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing Glo - ry to the new-born King.

**H**ARK, THE HERALD angels sing Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heav'n born prince of peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
*Hark! the herald angels sing Glory to the new-born King.*

*Text: Charles Wesley 1707-88*

*Music: MENDELSSOHN F. Mendelssohn 1809-47;  
descant: David Willcocks*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach (1685-1750) *In dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729

***The Church of St. John the Divine wishes you a very Merry Christmas!***

# Christmas Services at St. John the Divine

## Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24

### **4:00<sup>PM</sup> All-Age celebration of the Nativity Story**

*Children, especially, are invited to participate in the telling of the Christmas story in word and song.*

### **10:30<sup>PM</sup> Midnight Mass**

*The festive first Eucharist of Christmas, with, carols, candlelight, and the Choristers of St. John the Divine.*

## Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25

### **10:00<sup>AM</sup> Christmas Communion**

*With carols, and the Community Choir of St. John the Divine.*

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# Sundays at St. John the Divine

### **10:00<sup>AM</sup> Parish Eucharist**

*The principal Sunday service, with Communion, Sermon, and choral and congregational music*

### **5.30<sup>PM</sup> Choral Evensong**

*A short evening service of music, prayer, and a brief sermon, with choral music from the Choristers of St John the Divine or a quartet of Choral Scholars.*

*NOTE: There is no Evensong Dec. 26 or Jan 2; services resume Jan 9.*