

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND  
CAROLS



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SERVICE TODAY IS IN THE ANGLICAN TRADITION OF THE “FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS” WHICH WAS FIRST HEARD AT KING’S COLLEGE IN OXFORD, ENGLAND IN 1918.

It was devised by E. W. Benson, the first Bishop of Truro and later Archbishop of Canterbury. In part, the service was a way of celebrating the end of the First World War. The new college Dean, Eric Milner-White, who had been an Army Chaplain in WWI, wanted a different and more positive way of celebrating Christmas for the choir and people in the college.

Today, the service is performed in different ways around the world. Today, we will celebrate with five lessons and six carols.

The service will last about one hour.

Please join us after for coffee, snacks, and conversation.

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# Prelude

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## Opening Hymn - #83 - O Come All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -



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

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

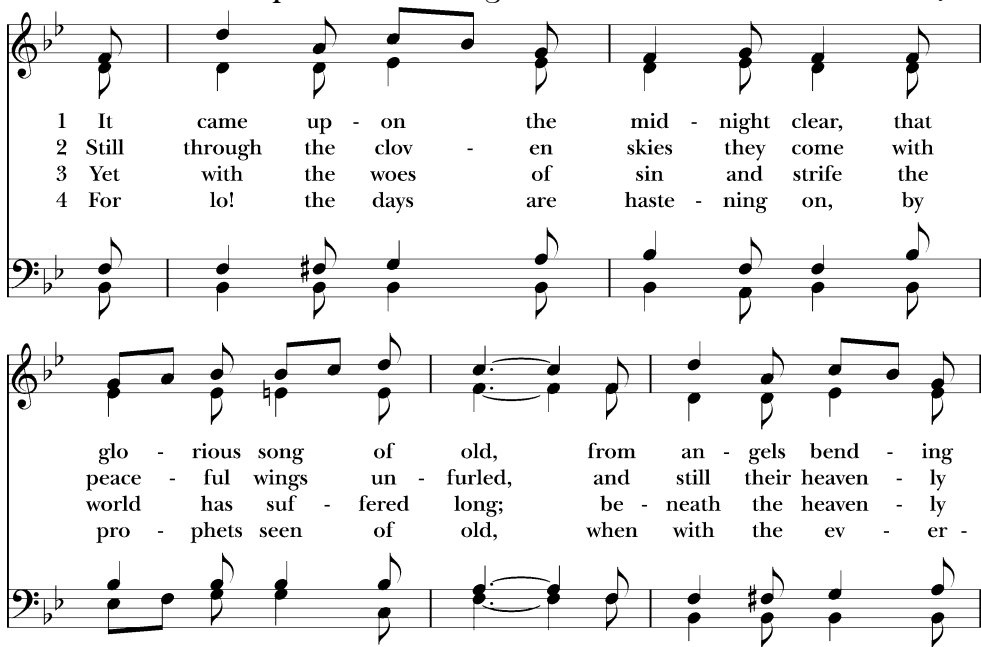
Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The *English Hymnal*, 1906.

**The First Lesson - *God Creates Heaven and Earth***

*Genesis 1:1-7, 26-31*

**Hymn - #89 - It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

*red Hymnal 1982*



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King.” The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

# The Second Lesson - God promises that all peoples will be blessed

Genesis 22:15-18

## Hymn - #87 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

red Hymnal 1982

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!  
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty.  
Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel-ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!  
hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

# The Third Lesson - *The Messiah will come to restore the peace of creation*

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

## Hymn - #81 - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

red Hymnal 1982

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
\* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.  
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.  
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the  
To show God's love a - right, she bore to  
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.  
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*. St. 3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

**The Fourth Lesson** - *Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.*

*Luke 2:1-18*

**Hymn - #87 - Away in a Manger**

*LEVAS II*

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low-ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close by me for

1. Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky — looked  
2. Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes, I love thee, Lord Je - sus, Look  
3. ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

1. down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
2. down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
3. thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav-en to live with thee there.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Away in a Manger'. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are provided for each system, with three verses for each line of music. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

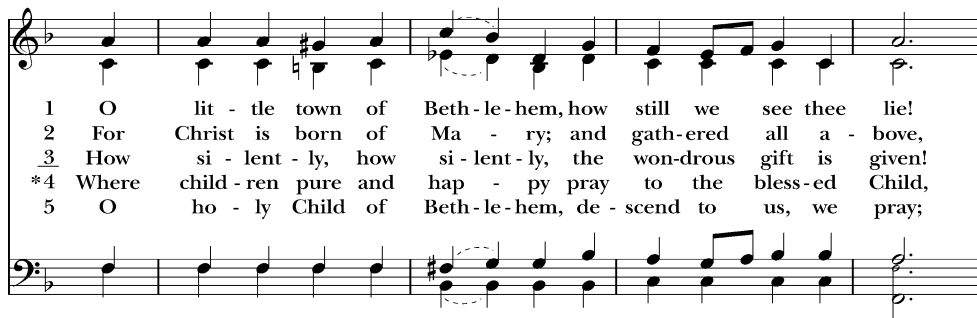
**The Fifth Lesson** - *The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us*

*John 1:1-14*

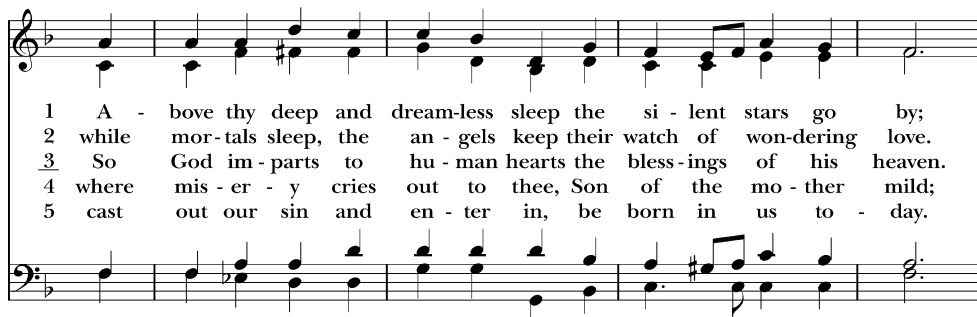


# Hymn - #79 - O Little Town of Bethlehem

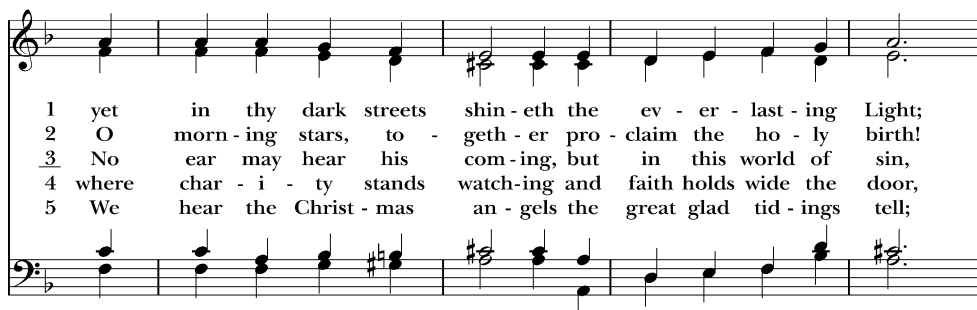
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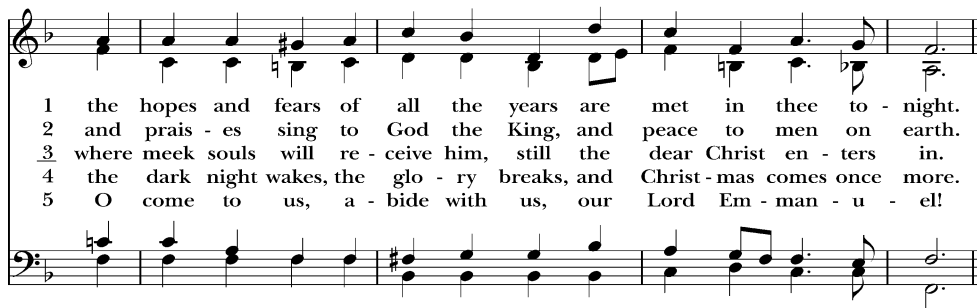
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 \*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
 5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

# The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

## Announcements —

*Please note the announcements are already in the back of the bulletin.*

*Those having both birthdays and anniversaries this week are invited to come forward at this time.*

**Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries** – *(together)* O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen*

## Closing Hymn - #100 - Joy to the World

*red Hymnal 1982*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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## Dismissal

Go into your own neighborhoods.  
 Go to unknown lands and places.  
 Go where God's name is well known and where it has yet to be known.  
 Go to those who welcome you and to those who reject you.  
 Go forth into the world and share the Good News of God's love.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE, TEA, AND REFRESHMENTS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE PARISH HALL**

## Announcements

### *Coming Up at Trinity Episcopal Church*

**Monday, Dec 30, Jan 6, 13-** 8am - Men's Breakfast  
**Thursday, Jan 2** – 9:30am – Women of TEC coffee  
**Thursday, Jan 2** – 2pm - Help fill backpacks at North School  
**Sunday, Jan 5** – 9:30am – Epiphany Sunday - Holy Eucharist  
**Wednesday, Jan 8** – 12:30pm – Community Blood Drive  
**Sunday, Jan 12** – 9:30am – First Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Tuesday, Jan 14** - 8am - Morning Prayer (No morning prayer Dec 24, 31, Jan 7)  
**Thursday, Jan 16** – 6pm – Women of TEC Ladies Night  
**Friday, Jan 17** – 3:30pm – Trinity helps with Lander Community Meal  
**Sunday, Jan 19** – 9:30am – Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
**Monday, Jan 20** – 7pm – Contemplative Prayer

### *Prayer Requests*

Joanne, Hilda, Anthony, Whitney, Cal, Baby Vasquez, Barbara, Larry, and Diane  
(Please email [trinitylndr@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylndr@gmail.com) to add to the prayer list.)

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