

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

sung upon

The Second Sunday of Advent

10 December 2017

4 o'clock in the afternoon



St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

500 South Country Road ✠ Bay Shore ✠ New York

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Introit—E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein.
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

The congregation stands at the conclusion of the Introit.

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. *Isaiah 60:19-20*

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. *Luke 12:35-37*

Hymn at the Procession

Tune: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

I. Darkness to Light

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Officiant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Anthem sung as the Candles are lit

Charles Wood

O Thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about Thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each,
Thy power to prove.
Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with Thee,
transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within. Amen.

— H. R. Bramley

The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, in this season, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

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 his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

Our Father . . .

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.*

All are seated for the reading of the First Lesson

The First Lesson

Genesis 3:1-15

Adam and Eve rebel Against God

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They 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."

A Carol

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 clerkès finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been;
Ne had never our Lady
A-been heav'nè queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen *Deo gracias!*

—Anonymous 15th Century Medieval Carol

II. The Prophets proclaim that God will come to save us

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Officiant

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The congregation stands to sing the hymn

The Hymn

Tune: *Psalm 42*; Claude Goudimel



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

 ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

 tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

 and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The congregation is seated following the hymn

The Third Lesson

Baruch 4:36-5:9

The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look East because salvation is at hand.

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Carol

Besançon Carol, arr. John Hooker

People, look East. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look East and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:

Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look East and sing today:
Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledgling time has chosen.

People, look East and sing today:
Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,

shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.

People, look East and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look East and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

— Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

III. The World Awaits the Coming of the Messiah

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Officiant

Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Fourth Lesson

Luke 1:5-25

An Angel announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth will bear a son

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

The Carol sung at the Offering

Tune: The Truth from Above
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The great forerunner of the morn, the herald of the Word, is born;
and faithful hearts shall never fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.

With heavenly message Gabriel came, that John should be that herald's name,
and with prophetic utterance told his actions great and manifold.

John, still unborn, yet gave aright his witness to the coming;
And Christ, the Sun of all the earth, fulfilled that witness at his birth.

His mighty deeds exalt his fame to greater than a prophet's name;
of woman born shall never be a greater prophet than was he.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, mighty, and glory be from age to age eternally.

— The Venerable Bede (673-735); tr. John Mason Neale

The Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High

In 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, favored 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 favor 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 forever, 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.

The Carol

15th century

Burden: Nova, nova. Ave fit ex Eva. (News, news! Ave has been made from Eve)

Gabriel of high degree, he was sent from the Trinity, to Nazareth in Galilee.

Nova, nova.

Burden

He met a maiden in that place; there he knelt down before her face
and said, "Hail, Mary, full of grace."

Nova, nova.

Burden

When the maiden heard his song, she was filled with confusion strong
and feared that she had done a wrong.

Nova, nova.

Burden

Said the angel, "Have no fear; by conception without compare
the Savior Jesus shall you bear."

Nova, nova.

Burden

"There are yet but six months gone since Elizabeth conceived John,
to be the herald of God's Son."

Nova, nova.

Burden

Said the maiden, "Verily, I am your servant right truly,
the handmaid of the Lord now see."

Nova, nova.

Burden

Gabriel's salutation (Ave) to Mary carries the news (nova) that she will be a second Eve (Eva), who will redeem the errors of the first.
This palindrome is found as early as the 9th century.

— 15th century text, adapted Carl Daw

The Sixth Lesson

Luke 1:39-47

The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord."

The Canticle: "Magnificat"

Mark Engelhardt

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand maiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek, he hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant, Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

IV. The Birth of Jesus

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Officiant

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:1, 3-7

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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.

The Carol *From Laud to the Nativity*

Ottorino Respighi

L'Angelo (ad Pastores)

Pastor, voie che vegghiate
sovra la greggia en quista regione;
i vostr'occhi levate,
ch'io son l'Agnol de l'eternal magione.
Ambasciaria ve fone
ed a voie vangelizzo gaudio fino
ch'é nato el Gesuino
figliuol de Dio, per voie salvar mandato.

Coro (Angeli)

E de ciò ve dò en segno
ch'en vile stalla è nato el poverello,
e non se fa desdegno
giacere en mezzo al buove e l'asenello.
La mamma en vil pancello
l'ha rinchinato sovra el mangiatoio.
De fieno è'l covertioio,
ed è descieso così humiliato.

The Angel (to the Shepherds)

Shepherds, you who watch
your flocks as they graze here,
lift up your eyes,
for I am the Angel of the eternal mansion.
I bring you a message,
the joyful news
that little Jesus has been born,
the son of God, sent for your salvation.

Chorus (Angels)

As a sign of this,
in a humble stable the poor baby was born,
and he does not mind
lying between the ox and the ass.
His mother, very poorly clad,
has laid him in the manger.
Of hay is all his coverlet,
so humbly came he down.

— Text attributed to Jacopone da Todi (13th century)

The Eighth Lesson

The Shepherds go to the Manger

Luke 2:8-16

In 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 Savior, 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 favors!" 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.

The Carol

Miguel Bernal Jimenéz

Jesus Christus, aeternus Deus aeternique Patris Filius, mundum volens adventu suo piisimo consecrare; de Spiritu Sancto conceptus, novemque post conceptionem decursis mensibus. In Bethlehem Judae nascitur ex Maria Virgine factus homo. Nativitas Domini Nostri Jesu Christe secundum carnem in Bethlehem.

Jesus Christ, eternal God, and Son of the eternal Father, desirous to sanctify the world by His most merciful coming, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost, and nine months having elapsed since His conception, is born in Bethlehem of Juda, having become Man of the Virgin Mary. The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh, in Bethlehem of Juda.

— Kalenda de Navidad (Fragmento)

The Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-11

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

In 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.

The congregation stands for the collect and to sing the final Carol.

The Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas Day

Officiant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who has poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Carol

Adeste fideles

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

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze; we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 we would em brace thee, with love and awe; who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;

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

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

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

Amen.

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Voluntary at the Procession—Carillon-Sortie

Henri Mulet

— For the Service —

Officiant

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

Lectors

Angela Becker, Zachary Schurman, Clyde Payne, Jean Gunn
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Sal Basile, William Logan

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Lee Flemming, Susan Peverley, Kristin Starkey
Jeff Flemming, Chris Reames, Matthew Kraus
Jim Fredholm, Paul Hedemark, Matthew Ilardi, Zachary Schurman

Zachary Schurman, *Organ Scholar*

Mark Engelhardt, *Organist and Director of Music*

A reception in the Lounge follows the service. Please join us!



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