

**GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK**  
**A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS**



**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2022**  
**EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M.**



## PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

### AT HALF AFTER SEVEN O'CLOCK

Nouveau Livre de Noël

*Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

Noël, sur les jeux d'Anches sans tremblant: «À la venue de Noël»

Noël, en dialogue, Duo, Trio, sur le cornet de récit, les tierces du positif et la pédale de

Flûte: «Or nous dites Marie»

Noël en Musette, en Dialogue, et en Duo: «Une bergère jolie»

Noël en Duo, sur les jeux d'Anches, sans tremblant: «Noël, cette journée»

Noël en Duo: «Ô jour glorieux»

Noël, sur les jeux d'Anches, sans tremblant, et en Duo: «Qu'Adam fut un pauvre homme»

Noël, en Trio et en Dialogue, le cornet de récit de la main droite, la Tierce du Positif de la main gauche: «Chrétiens qui suivez l'Église»

Noël Étranger, sur les jeux d'anches sans tremblant et en Duo

Noël, sur les Flûtes: «Noël pour l'amour de Marie»

Grand jeu et Duo: «Quand Dieu naquit à Noël»

Noël, en Récit en Taille, sur la Tierce du Positif, avec la Pédale de Flûte, et en Duo: «Une jeune Pucelle»

Noël Suisse, Grand jeu, et Duo: «Ô Dieu de clémence»

# The Order of Service

**HYMN** Once in royal David's city *(All stand for the hymn)*

IRBY

Descant by David V. Willcocks (1919-2015)

1. CHOIR

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.

5. 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 heaven above;  
And he leads his children on  
To the place where he is gone.

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 Saviour holy.

6. ALL

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.

Cecil Frances Alexander

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and 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 this Holy Child; and let us make this church glad with our carols 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, 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.**

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.

**CAROL**  
(Please be seated.)

16th cent. French tune arranged by David V. Willcocks

Ding! dong! merrily on high  
In heaven the bells are ringing;  
Ding! dong! verily the sky  
Is riven 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 sung.  
Refrain

Pray you, dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers!  
May you beautifully rime  
Your evetime song, ye singers!  
Refrain

G.R. Woodward

**THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-15** (Please be seated.)

Theo Cannon  
Optimus, the Choir of Men and Boys

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise, and that his seed shall bruise the serpent's head.*

And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

Adam lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond:  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.

Ne had the apple taken been.  
Ne had never our lady  
A been heavené queen.

And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took,  
As clerkès finden  
Written in their book.

Blessèd be the time  
That apple taken was.  
Therefore we moun singen  
Deo gracias!

*Anon. 15th century*

**THE SECOND LESSON      Genesis 22:15-18**

Abby Gomez  
Optima, the Girls' Choir

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.*

And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** Angels we have heard on high                      *(To be sung by all, standing)*                      **GLORIA**

1. ANGELS we have heard on high,  
Singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their brave delight.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

4. See him in a manger laid  
Whom the angels praise above;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While we raise our hearts in love.  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*French carol, alt. by Earl Marlatt, 1937*

**THE THIRD LESSON    Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**                      *(Please be seated.)*

Martha Hirschman  
Trustee, Grace Church School

*The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou has multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with the joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou has broken as on the day of Midian. 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, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL** Infant holy, Infant lowly

*Polish carol* arranged by *David V. Willcocks*

Infant holy, Infant lowly,  
For his bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
Vigil till the morning new;  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
Tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing, greet the morrow,  
Christ the Babe was born for you!  
*Tr. Edith M. G. Reed*

**THE FOURTH LESSON    Isaiah 11:1-9**

Douglas Evans  
Junior Warder, Grace Church

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

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 throughout the world will ever say:  
*Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!*

*Sabine Baring-Gould*

**THE FIFTH LESSON**    **Luke 1:26-35, 38**    *(Please be seated.)*

Lethe Black  
 Treasurer, Grace Church

*The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

CAROL In dulci jubilo

Old German tune, arranged by *R.L. Pearsall* (1795-1856)

*In dulci jubilo*

Let us our homage shew:

Our heart's joy reclineth

*In praesepio;*

And like a bright star shineth

*Matris in gremio,*

*Alpha es et O!*

*O Patris caritas!*

*O Nati lenitas!*

Deep were we stained.

*Per nostra crimina:*

But Thou for us hast gained

*Coelorum gaudia,*

O that we were there!

*O Jesu parvule,*

I yearn for thee alway!

Hear me, I beseech Thee,

*O Puer optime;*

My prayer let it reach Thee,

*O princeps gloriae.*

*Trahe me post te.*

*Ubi sunt gaudia,*

If that they be not there?

There are Angels singing

*Nova cantica;*

There the bells are ringing

*In Regis curia.*

O that we were there!

Edited and adapted by *Reginald Jacques*

THE SIXTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

Dana Foote  
Grace Church

*Saint Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining, Sing lullaby!  
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.  
Angels are watching, stars are shining  
Over the place where he is laying; Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now asleeping, Sing lullaby!  
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.  
Soon will come sorrow with the morning,  
Soon will come bitter grief and weeping; Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now adozing, Sing lullaby!  
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.  
Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing,  
Then in the grave at last reposing: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby! Is the babe awaking? Sing lullaby!  
Hush, do not stir the Infant King.  
Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning,  
Conquering Death, its bondage breaking: Sing lullaby! *S. Baring-Gould*

**THE SEVENTH LESSON    Luke 2:8-20**

Ellen McElduff  
Chair of the Flower Guild, Grace Church

*The Shepherds go unto the manger.*

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, 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, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

And there were shepherds in the same country, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said to them, Be not afraid, Behold, for I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people. For unto you this day a Saviour is born, which is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.

*Luke 2: 8-11*

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;

Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.

This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be.

The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making. *Johann von Rist, trans. John Troutbeck*

**THE EIGHTH LESSON    Matthew 2:1-11**

The Rev. James H.B. Morton III  
Assistant Rector

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL All Bells in Paradise**

*John Rutter (b.1945)*

1. Deep in the cold of winter,  
Darkness and silence were everywhere;  
Softly and clearly, there came through the  
stillness a wonderful sound to hear:  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a  
heavenly King.

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring:  
'Glory to God on high' the angel voices sing.*

2. Lost in awe and wonder,  
Doubting I asked what this sign might be:  
Christ our Messiah revealed in a stable,  
A marvellous sight to see.  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a  
heavenly King.

3. He comes down in peace, a child in humility,  
The keys to his kingdom belong to the poor;  
Before him shall kneel the kings with their treasures,  
gold incense and myrrh.  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Sounding in majesty the news that they bring;  
All bells in paradise I heard them ring,  
Welcoming our Saviour, born on earth a heavenly King.

*All bells in paradise I heard them ring:*

**THE NINTH LESSON John 1:1-14**

The Rev. Julia Macy Offinger  
Associate Rector

*Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.  
(The congregation stands for the Ninth Lesson.)*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of all people. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all might believe through him. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every one that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** O come, all ye faithful (vs.1-3,6) *(To be sung by all, standing)*

ADESTE FIDELES  
Descant by David V. Willcocks

1. 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.*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest; *Refrain*

2. God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created; *Refrain*

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

*Latin, 18th cent.; Tr. Frederick Oakley and others*

**THE SERMON**

The Reverend J. Donald Waring

**THE PEACE**

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**AT THE OFFERTORY, CAROL**

*John Goss (1800-1880), arranged by David V. Willcocks*

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.*

Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who, throned in height sub-lime,  
Sits amid the cherubim:  
*Refrain*

Say, ye holy shepherds, say  
What your joyful news today;  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?  
*Refrain*

“As we watched at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;  
Angels singing “Peace on earth”  
Told us of the Saviour's birth.”  
*Refrain*

Sacred infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this:  
*Refrain*

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,  
By thy face so meek and mild,  
Teach us to resemble thee,  
In thy sweet humility.  
*Refrain*

*Edward Caswall*

**PRESENTATION HYMN** *(Please stand to sing the hymn.)*

GREENSLEEVES

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
 While shepherds watch are keeping?  
*This, this is Christ the King,*  
*Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:*  
*Haste, haste to bring him laud,*  
*The babe, the son of Mary.*

2. Why lies he in such mean estate  
 Where ox and ass are feeding?  
 Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
 The silent Word is pleading.  
*Refrain*

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
 Come, peasant, king, to own him,  
 The King of kings salvation brings,  
 Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
*Refrain*

*W.C. Dix*

**THE COLLECT**

*Officiant*            *The Lord be with you.*  
 All                    **And with thy spirit.**  
*Officiant*            *Let us pray.*

*(Please kneel)*

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.  
**Amen.**        *(Remain kneeling)*

**HYMN** *(To be sung by all, kneeling)*

STILLE NACHT

1. SILENT night, holy night,  
 All is calm, all is bright  
 Round yon virgin mother and child.  
 Holy infant so tender and mild,  
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night,  
 Shepherds quake at the sight,  
 Glories stream from heaven afar,  
 Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
 Christ, the Saviour, is born!

3. Silent night, holy night,  
 Son of God, love's pure light  
 Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.  
*Joseph Mohr*

**CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, grant you the fullness of inward peace and goodwill. And may the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, descend upon you this night, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

1. HARK! 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 the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
*Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with man to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Refrain*

3. 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.  
Risen with healing in his wings,  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

*Charles Wesley*

**POSTLUDE** Choral Fantasy on In dulci júbilo, BWV 792  
Noël sur les Grand Jeux

*Johann Sebastian Bach  
Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

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*Serving Tonight:* The Choir of Men and Boys with The Girls' Choir;  
Emma Slibeck, Luke Waring, James Gomez, *Acolytes*  
Doug Evans, Charlie Johnston, Jason Slibeck,  
Sam Keany, Doug Skrypek, *Ushers*.

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## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

### **Tonight**

**10:30 pm Music for**

**Baroque Trumpet, Violin & Organ**

John Thiessen, baroque trumpet, Cynthia Roberts baroque violin,  
& Patrick Allen, organ.

**11 pm Candlelight Choral Eucharist**

The Adult Choir. Sermon by the Rector.

**December 25—Christmas Day**

**11 am Holy Eucharist with Carols**

The Adult Choir. Sermon by the Rector.

**Sunday, January 1—The Feast of the Holy Name**

**Holy Eucharist at 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm**

Sermon: The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

**Sunday, January 8—The First Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Holy Eucharist at 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm**

Sermon by the Rector.

**4 pm Amahl & the Night Visitors**

by Gian-Carlo Menotti. Choral Evensong.

The Adult Choir offers this dramatic sacred opera

in the context of evening prayer.

**The Offerings at all Christmas Services** will go to support the Vestry Fund for Outreach, which makes grants to address hunger, homelessness, and poverty in our city. In 2022, grants from the Fund supported the Episcopal Charities of New York (which supports 100 parish-based mission programs in our diocese), The Red Door Place (our food ministry partner here in the neighborhood which we volunteer at monthly), Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison (which boasts an amazing success rate in keeping released graduates from going back to prison or to the streets), and the Seamen's Church Institute (which provides hospitality, education, legal support, and pastoral care to mariners, who are often economically vulnerable and isolated). Please give generously this Christmas!

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to the Glory of God and**

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