

Lessons and Carols

**indicates congregation standing if you are able.*

The Cello Prelude Seth Russell

The Call to Worship Rev. Robert E. Spears

The Introit Johann Ebeling
ALL MY HEART THIS NIGHT REJOICES

All my heart this night rejoices
as I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices:
“Christ is born!” their choirs are singing,
‘till the air everywhere now with joy is ringing.

The Prayer of Confession, Adoration, and Thanksgiving
Rev. Robert E. Spears

The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1, 26-28; 2:15-17
God creates man and places him under covenant authority
in the Garden.

*The Carol for Congregation No. 194 VENI EMMANUEL
O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

The Second Lesson: Genesis 3:1-15
Man falls into sin; God promises a Savior

The Carol for Choir Harold Darke
IN THE BLEAK MID-WINTER

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.
Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay,
enough for Him, whom angels, fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel, which adore.

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.

The Third Lesson: Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-8
God calls Abraham to receive covenant salvation, and promises to
Abraham a holy land and great offspring.

*The Carol for Congregation No. 227 SUSSEX CAROL
ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT ALL CHRISTIANS SING

The Meditation Rev. Robert E. Spears

The Fourth Lesson: Psalm 78:1-8, 13-24, 32-39, 56-72
The Lord made Israel into a nation, delivering His people from slavery,
judging them when they sinned,
and providing them David as a shepherd-king to lead them.

The Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Carol for Choir Carl Schalk
BEFORE THE MARVEL OF THIS NIGHT

Before the marvel of this night,
adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light,
and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
that fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace,
sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song,
this is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng,
in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss,
a teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss,
sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,
our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown,
now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love
that rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love,
sing love, sing God is love!

The Fifth Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7; Micah 5:2-5a; Jeremiah 31:31-34
God’s prophets foretold the birth of a Savior, to rule in God’s grace
and make a new covenant of salvation.

*The Carol for Congregation No. 211 GOD REST YOU MERRY
GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35; 46-55
An angel appears to Mary, promising the birth of the Savior
through her virgin womb.

The Carol for Choir Irish carol, arr. David Willcocks
GABRIEL TO MARY CAME

Gabriel to Mary came, and entered at her dwelling,
With his salutation glad, her maiden fears dispelling,
“Hail, thou the favored of the Lord,
God, King of heaven and earth, adored,
His very Son, shall soon be born in meekness,
the Savior of mankind.
He will be great and will be called
The Son of God most High.”

Then to him the maid replied, with noble mien supernal,
"Lo! the humble handmaid I of God the Lord eternal!
With thee bright messenger of heaven,
by whom this wondrous news is given,
I well agree and long to see fulfilled
thy gracious prophecy.
As God my Lord doth will it,
so be it unto me!"

Hail! the Child of promise come,
He is of gifts the rarest.
Praise the Lord for He has sent
His noble Son, well cherished.
Hail to the Lord the angels sing,
with laud and praise the earth shall ring.
In lowliness our Lord has given His blessed Son,
the throne of David’s line.
His kingdom is forever,
The Savior of mankind.

The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:1-20
The Savior is born in the town of Bethlehem.

The Carol for Congregation No. 210 STILLE NACHT
SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!

The Eighth Lesson: John 1:1-18
The apostle John explains God’s gift of His Son
to be the light of the world.

The Carol for Choir

Egil Hovland

THE GLORY OF THE FATHER

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God.
In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
He came to His own, and His own received him not.

The Ninth Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-13

In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is forever.

*The Carol for Congregation No. 203

MENDELSSOHN

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*The Benediction

The Postlude

Mr. Ken West



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A Christmas Eve Service
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