



# **THE SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

**DECEMBER 16, 2020 @ 6:30PM**

# Service of Lessons and Carols

## ANTHEM

***Long is Our Winter***

arr. Gieschen

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## ADVENT PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, the Son of the living God and Son of David, come. Come now to Your Church that You have purchased with Your blood. Come with Your gracious presence, that we may rejoice in You. Come and rule over us, that we may serve and follow You. Come with Your love, humility, and perfect obedience, and let Your lowliness become our glory. Come into the midst of Your people and bless us. Forgive us our sin, and do not angrily cast away Your servants, for You are meek and gracious. Clothe us with the garment of Your righteousness, for You are the only righteous one and our helper. Satisfy us with the abundance of Your mercy, for You did become poor for our sakes, that by Your poverty we might be made rich. Hear us, Lord Jesus, for the sake of Your holy name.

People: **Amen.**

*Sit*

## LESSON 1: Genesis 3:8-15

## The Curse and Promise in Eden

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

***Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord***

**LSB 352:1, 2, 5, 6**

1. **Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send  
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.**
2. **What the fathers most desired,  
What the prophets' heart inspired,  
What they longed for many\_a year,  
Stands fulfilled in glory here.**

5. **Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.**
  
6. **Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

**LESSON 2: Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Unto Us a Child is Born**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

***Come, Messiah, Come***  
**Youth Choir with Flute**  
 Bailey & Mayo

**LESSON 3: Isaiah 11:1-6, 10**

**A Branch From the Root of Jesse**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

***What Hope! An Eden Prophesied***  
**LSB 342**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>What hope! An Eden prophesied<br/>Where tame live with the wild;<br/>The lamb and lion side by side,<br/>Led by a little child!</b></li> <br/> <li>2. <b>A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,<br/>A branch from David's line,<br/>A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:<br/>The fruit of God's design.</b></li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <b>As banner of God's love unfurled,<br/>Christ came to suffer loss,<br/>That by His death a dying world<br/>Would rally to the cross.</b></li> <br/> <li>4. <b>Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,<br/>Lost Paradise restore;<br/>Lead past the angel's flaming sword-<br/>Come, open heaven's door.</b></li> </ol> |
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**LESSON 4: Micah 5:2-4**

**Bethlehem in the Land of Judah**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

## *O Little Town of Bethlehem* LSB 361

1. **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 tonight.**
2. **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.**
3. **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 Immanuel!**

## LESSON 5: Matthew 1:18-23

## The Annunciation to Joseph

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

## *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Beata Handbells arr. Krug

## LESSON 6: Luke 1:26-35

## The Annunciation to Mary

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came*

LSB 356

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!
2. "For know a blessèd mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee;  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady." Gloria!
3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
4. 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 favored lady." Gloria!

**OFFERING**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Ges Bambino*

*Pietro A. Yon*

**LESSON 7: Luke 2:1-7**

**The Birth of Jesus**

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

*The Christmas Lamb*

**Adult Choir**

*arr. Nichols*

**LESSON 8: Luke 2:8-20**

**The Shepherds and Angels**

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

**Adult Handbells**

*arr. Delancy*

**LESSON 9: Matthew 2:1-11**

**The Magi Worship the King**

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*  
LSB 398:1, 4, 5

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.
  
4. Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.
  
5. O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.

**LESSON 10: John 1:1-14**

**The Word Became Flesh**

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN**

*Thy Strong Word*  
**LSB 578**

1. **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**
  
2. **Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**
  
3. **Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**
  
4. **From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia without end!**

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!
6. God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

**LESSON 11: Revelation 1:1-7; 22:12-14, 16-17, 20**

**Christ Will Come Again**

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN**

*The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

**LSB 348**

1. The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.
2. Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.
3. Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.
4. Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.



5. **The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!**

**RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 24:7-10**

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
**People: that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?  
**Women: *The LORD strong and mighty,***  
*Men: the LORD mighty in battle.*

Pastor: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,  
**People: that the King of glory may come in.**

Pastor: Who is he, this King of glory?  
**People: The LORD Almighty – He is the King of glory.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord God, we praise You that You comforted Your people with the promise of a Redeemer. We praise You that in the fullness of time You sent Your Son as the Redeemer. We praise You for the promise that He will come again to judge the world in righteousness. Open our hearts to receive our Redeemer now as He comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Open our eyes in awareness of His rule in our lives by His grace. Make Advent a blessing to us as we welcome our King in faith and love. We lift up our heads to welcome Him anew. Fill us with gladness as He comes to us.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

**HYMN**

***O Come, All Ye Faithful***  
**LSB 379:1, 2**

**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:**

***Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**2. Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing!**

***Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

**POSTLUDE**

***Let Our Gladness Have No End***  
*David Cherwien*

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**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CHRISTMAS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 20  
8:00 & 11:00am

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/ Holy Communion**

Thursday, December 24 – Times 4:00. 6:00 & 8:00pm

**Christmas Day Service w/ Holy Communion**

Friday, December 25 - 9:00 am

**Regular Sunday worship w/ Holy Communion**

Sunday, December 27- 8:00 & 11:00 am

**New Year's Eve Service w/ Holy Communion**

Thursday, December 31 - 6:00 pm



**May God richly bless your worship this Christmas Season!!**