



The First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 27, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.
Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist

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Prelude: *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"* Polish Carol, setting by Janet Linker

Bidding Prayer

Carol: Hymnal #102 **Once in Royal David's City**. VS. 1,2, & 4,

**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.**

**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, the scorned, the lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**For he is our lifelong pattern; daily, when on earth he grew, he was tempted, scorned, rejected, tears and
smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.**

FIRST LESSON: FROM GENESIS 22:11-18

But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."
He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have
not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its
horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called
that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the
LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I
will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your

offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Reader: The Word of the Lord **Congregation:** Thanks be to God

Carol: **Hymnal #60 Creator of the Stars of Night**

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call. In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

SECOND LESSON: FROM ISAIAH 11:1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **Congregation:** Thanks be to God

Carol: **Hymnal #81 Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming**

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung. It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

THIRD LESSON: FROM MICAH 5:2-4

" But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time

when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

Reader: The Word of the Lord **Congregation:** Thanks be to God

Carol: **Hymnal #66 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

FOURTH LESSON: FROM LUKE 1:26-38

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **Congregation:** Thanks be to God

Carol: **Hymnal #265 The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came**

**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 favored lady, Gloria!**

**For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee, thy Son shall be Emmanuel,
by seers foretold, most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

FIFTH LESSON: FROM JOHN 1:1-14

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.

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Recessional Hymn: Hymnal #99 Go tell it on the mountain

REFRAIN: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. REFRAIN

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Dismissal Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Orgelchoral, "Vom Himmel Hoch" Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

For the blessing of Fr. Richard, our spiritual leader,
given by Brian Canty.

In loving memory of Mabel & John C. Dirlam and Stella & Elias Peters,
given by Maria and John B. Dirlam.

In thanksgiving for the blessing of Elijah Lucey Kupovykh,
given by Tamsin and Peter Lucey.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Johnson.

In memory of the Yates and Parrettie families.

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Story.

In memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Colin Yates and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Maynard,
and in thanksgiving for our loving family, given by Robin & Ken Yates.

**The Vigil light, a symbol of Christ's presence, is given to the Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of Emeline and George Watson.**