A FESTIVAL OF
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GEORGETOWN PARISH
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December 11, 2016
5:00 pm
Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping with us this evening and extend the warmest Season’s Greetings to you now and throughout the coming year.

Please let us know if you are looking for a parish home by filling out the “Welcome” card in the back of the pews and placing it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter or a member of the clergy.

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Please silence any electronic devices.

You are very much a part of our service and we welcome your enthusiastic Hymn singing!

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The tradition of such carol services is now widely observed throughout the world, but its origin is only a little over 100 years old. The first service of this kind was sung in Truro, England in 1880. The first Bishop of Truro, Edward White Benson, became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1883 and was responsible for introducing it into parish churches throughout England.

One of the most noted is the service at King’s College, owing largely to the influence of the annual broadcast from Cambridge. In 1919, the second year of the Festival at King’s, the service opened with the beautiful children’s hymn “Once in Royal David’s City” rather than a carol. As harmonized by the then college organist, Dr. A. H. Mann, this hymn has become another of the legacies from King’s. Today, in order to “reduce” the tension associated with the live broadcast performance, the opening stanza of that hymn is assigned to one of the boy choristers on the spot! Here at Saint John’s while we don’t keep our choristers in such suspense, we do encounter this hymn at the beginning of the service.

In this special service, readers representing various segments of our parish life will lead us through the moving sequence of lessons recounting the birth of Jesus.

Thank you for being here to celebrate the season with us—to hear and sing about the loving purpose of God, from Creation to the Incarnation.
Voluntary: Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*
*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen*  
Andrew Carter
Johannes Brahms

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

**Processional Hymn 102 “Once in royal David’s city”**  
*Stanza 1 is sung by a chorister.*  
*Stanza 2 is sung by the choir.*  
The congregation joins the choir in singing stanzas 3-6.

The Bidding Prayer

*Priest:* Dear People of God: In this season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God’s loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, 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 justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

*All:* 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Priest:* The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.  
*All:* Amen.

Please be seated for the Choir Carols and stand for the Hymns.

**Invitatory Carol: “Sussex Carol”**  
Sir David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring:  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,  
Since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free,  
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,  
Then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing,  
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,  
Which made the angels sing this night:  
“Glory to God and peace to men,  
Now and for evermore. Amen.”
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 shouldst 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. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which 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.

Carol: “The Lord at First did Adam make”  arr. Stephen Cleobury

The Lord at first did Adam make
Out of the dust and clay,
And in his nostrils breathed life,
E’en as the scriptures say.
And then in Eden’s paradise
He place’d him to dwell,
That he within it should remain,
To dress and keep it well:

Now mark the goodness of the Lord
Which he to mankind bore;
His mercy soon he did extend,
Lost man for to restore:
And then, for to redeem our souls
From death and hellish thrall,
He said his own dear Son should be
The Saviour of us all:

Now let good Christians wake from sleep,
Let darkness turn to day,
And sinners find in mutual love
The straight and glorious way.

Now for the blessings we enjoy,
Which are from heaven above,
Let us renounce all wickedness,
And live in perfect love:
Then shall we do Christ’s own command,
E’en his own written word;
And when we die, in heaven shall
Enjoy our living Lord:
And now the tide is nigh at hand,
In which our Saviour came;
Let us rejoice and merry be
In keeping of the same:
Let’s feed the poor and hungry souls,
And such as do it crave;
Then when we die, in heaven we
Our sure reward shall have:

The Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18  Read by Elizabeth Livengood

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all 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.
The Third Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

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. 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: “Softly”

Softly sleeping, sent from heaven,
Shining light against the cold,
You will renew me, waken my soul.
Bring me out of darkness and waken my soul.

Word of God born in darkness,
Gift of wisdom from afar,
You will refresh me, open my heart;
Bring me out of darkness and open my heart.

And may Your light burn in me;
May Your love endless be.
May You be always with me.

Child of God, sleeping saviour,
As You rest my world awaits,
Needing forgiveness,
Needing your kindness.

Now You have found me,
Waken my soul.
Bring me out of darkness and waken my soul.

The Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

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. 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.
Hymn: “O come, O come, Emmanuel”

The Fifth Lesson: St. Luke 1:26-38

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

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 favoured, 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 favour 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 Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Reader: The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

People: Thanks be to God.
Carol: The Seven Joys of Mary

1. The first good joy our Mary had,
   It was the joy of one;
   To see the blessed Jesus Christ
   When he was first her son, good man:

2. The next good joy our Mary had,
   It was the joy of two;
   To see her own son Jesus Christ
   To make the lame to go, good man:

   And blessed may he be,
   Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
   To all eternity.

3. The next good joy our Mary had,
   It was the joy of three;
   To see her own son Jesus Christ
   To make the blind to see, good man

4. The next good joy our Mary had,
   It was the joy of four;
   To see her own son Jesus Christ
   To read the Bible o’er, good man:

5. The next good joy our Mary had,
   It was the joy of five;
   To see her own son Jesus Christ
   To raise the dead alive, good man:

6. The next good joy our Mary had,
   It was the joy of six;
   To see her own son Jesus Christ
   To bear the Crucifix, good man:

7. The next good joy our Mary had,
   It was the joy of seven;
   To see her own son Jesus Christ
   To wear the Crown of heaven, good man:

The Sixth Lesson: St. Luke 2:1, 3-7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 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 Judæa, 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.

Carol: “Sleep, little Jesus, sleep”

Sleep little Jesus, my gentle dove,
Sleep dearest treasure and precious love.
Sleep little Lord Jesus, hush don't you cry,
Mary will comfort you with her lullaby.
Look down from Heaven all over this earth,
Bless us with happiness, good will and mirth.

— 17th century Polish Carol
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.

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

Carol: The Shepherd’s Carol

We stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day’s work done,
Watching the frosted meadows
That winter had won.

The evening was calm, Lady,
The air so still,
Silence more lovely than music
Folded the hill.

There was star, Lady,
Shone in the night,
Larger than Venus it was
And bright, so bright.

Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
It seemed to us then
Telling of God being born
In the world of men.

And so we have come, Lady,
Our day’s work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves,
We give to your son.

Hymn 105 “God rest you merry, gentlemen”

God Rest You Merry
The Eighth Lesson: St. Matthew 2:1-11  
Read by James Warren

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa 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 Judæa: 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 privately 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. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

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

Hymn 128 "We three kings of Orient are"  
Three Kings of Orient, arr. Martin Neary

The soloists sing stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 4.
The congregation sings stanza 5 and the Refrain each time after all stanzas.

The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14  
Please stand.  
Read by The Rev. Gini Gerbasi

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. 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 men. 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 men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man 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 sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: who 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 83 “O come, all ye faithful” (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6)  
Adeste fideles

Welcome and Announcements
The Offertory Carol: “Candlelight Carol”  John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How do you measure the love of a mother
Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow
Shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn
Gloria in excelsis deo.
Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him
Seraphim round him their vigil will keep
Nations proclaim him their Lord and their Saviour
But Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep.

Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation
A child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

Presentation Hymn 87 “Hark! The herald angels sing”  Mendelssohn

The congregation kneels.

The Collects and Blessing

Priest: The Lord be with you.
All: And with thy spirit.
Priest: Let us pray.

O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
All: Amen.

Hymn 100 “Joy to the world”  Antioch

Voluntary: Toccata-Gigue on the Sussex Carol  George Baker

The Organ Voluntary is an offering to the Glory of God.
The congregation is asked to remain seated in silence or depart quietly.
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 18, 2016
9:00 and 11:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Lego My Bible

CHRISTMAS EVE
Saturday, December 24, 2016
4:00 pm Family Service
Christmas Pageant
and Festival Holy Eucharist
8:30 pm Choral Prelude
9:00 pm Festival Holy Eucharist
with Traditional Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, December 25, 2016
10:00 am (one combined service)
Holy Eucharist with traditional carols

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
January 1, 2017
10:00 am (one combined service)
Holy Eucharist
with Carols for the New Year

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY (observed)
Sunday, January 8, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 am
Festival Holy Eucharist
with the procession of The Three Kings
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017 AT 5 PM

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St. John's Episcopal Church was the first Episcopal Church in Washington to be established west of Rock Creek in 1796. Since then it has carried on a proud and dedicated ministry of mission and service to the Washington community.

Founded by early Georgetown business and social leaders, among them Francis Scott Key and Thomas Jefferson, the design of the building is based on a drawing by the architect of the Capitol, Dr. William Thornton. Recent additions to the buildings include renovations of the church building providing office, worship, and preschool space, plus a beautifully vaulted atrium connecting the church to the Parish Hall. Through the efforts of St. John's parishioners over the years, two other Episcopal churches in Georgetown were founded: Grace Episcopal Church and Christ Church.

Music is an integral part of the worship and spiritual life of St. John's. It is diverse, inspired, and grounded in the rich Anglican heritage of music in the Episcopal Church. Music at St. John's reflects the variety and range of our liturgies, from Sunday morning Eucharist and festival services to the Georgetown Concert Series' performances. In September 2012, St. John's realized a great joy with the installation of a new pipe organ designed specifically for the historic church and generously donated by the John Van Wagoner family. The organ, built by Casavant Frères of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada, launched a new era of musical enrichment at St. John's.

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