



DECEMBER 20, 2020

FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

CHRIST CHURCH CORONADO



The Service of Lessons and Carols is an adaptation of a medieval Christmas Vigil Service from the time of King Henry VII. It was revived in 1880 in Truro, England and later at Kings College, Cambridge University in 1918 just after the trauma of WWI. The service has been broadcast annually on the BBC since 1928, with the exception of 1930, even during the Second World War, when the ancient glass had been removed from the Chapel. Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, the main theme remains the development, through scripture and song, of the loving purposes of God.



# An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

**Voluntary**

*Violin Sonata IV in D Major*

*George Frideric Handel*

*I Adagio*

*Geoffrey Graham and Alan Busteed, violin*

**Hymn at the Procession**

**Hymn 102**

Once in royal David's city

*Irby*

**The Bidding Prayer**

Dear People of God: In the 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 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 the 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 community.

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:

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

*Officiant continues*

The Almighty God bless us with 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. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

A Reading from Genesis

Graham Kroonen

*(God's Word, My Voice)*

*Reader* Here ends the lesson

*People* Thanks be to God

**Carol**

## Wonderful Counselor

Traditional Spiritual

*Oh, what do you call the wonderful Counselor?**Oh, glory hallelujah! Glory hallelujah to the newborn King!**Oh, I call Jesus the wonderful counselor.**Glory hallelujah to the newborn King!***The Second Lesson**

A Reading from Jeremiah

Claire Hurd

God's Word, My Voice*Reader* Here ends the lesson*People* Thanks be to God**Carol**

The Linden Tree

arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

*Sarah Goodwin, Janet Goggins, and Hal Skelly, Soloists**In heaven stood a linden tree with pure white flowers laden; yet not a bloom was fair as she, sweet Mary, chosen maiden.**Great Gabriel, God's angel bright, from high above came winging to one, the purest in God's sight, a joyful message bringing.**"Hail Mary, blessed virgin mild, with God you have found favor; you shall conceive and bear a child to all the world a savior."**"My soul doth magnify the Lord! I am his servant lowly; be all according to His word," said Mary, meek and lowly.**Away the angel flew to share the news of Mary's duty; and heaven rejoiced that she would bear The Blossom of all Beauty.*

Traditional German carol

**The Third Lesson**

A Reading from Isaiah

Paul Laedlein

*Isaiah 7:10-14**Reader* Here ends the lesson*People* Thanks be to God**Carol**

Prepare Your Hearts

Jacob Handl

*Sarah Goodwin, Janet Goggins, and Hal Skelly, Soloists**Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of your enemies.***The Fourth Lesson**

A Reading from Isaiah

Pat Escher

*Isaiah 11:1-9**Reader* Here ends the lesson*People* Thanks be to God**Hymn 67**

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

**The Fifth Lesson***Micah 5:2-4*A Reading from Micah  
God's Word, My Voice

Tony Reina

*Reader* Here ends the lesson*People* Thanks be to God**Hymn 56 (Vs. 1-3)**

Karen Ray Nelson, Choreographer

O come, O come Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel***The Sixth Lesson***Luke 1:5-25*

A Reading from Luke

Charlette Preslar

*Reader* Here ends the lesson*People* Thanks be to God**Carol**

Some Children See Him

*Alfred Burt; arr. Robert Plimpton**Some children see Him lily white, the baby Jesus born this night.**Some children see Him lily white, with with tresses soft and fair.**Some children see Him bronzed and brown, the Lord of heaven to earth come down.**Some children see Him bronzed and brown, with dark and heavy hair.**Some children see Him almond-eyed this Savior whom we kneel beside.**Some children see Him almond-eyed, with skin of yellow hue.**Some children see Him dark as they, sweet Mary's son to whom we pray.**Some children see Him dark as they; and Ah! they love Him too.**The children in each different place will see the baby Jesus' face  
like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace, and filled with holy light.**O lay aside each earthly thing, and with the heart as offering,  
come worship now the infant King. 'Tis Love that's born tonight.**Wilma Hutson***The Seventh Lesson***Luke 1:26-38*

A Reading from Luke

Mary Taylor

*Reader* Here ends the lesson*People* Thanks be to God**Hymn 115**

What child is this

*Greensleeves***The Eighth Lesson***Luke 1:39-56*

A Reading from Luke

Karen Laedlein

*Reader* Here ends the lesson*People* Thanks be to God

**Carol**

Night of Silence Words and Music

David Kantor

Genevieve and Keith Butenshon, Soloists

*Cold are the people, winter of life, we tremble in shadows this cold, endless night.  
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, flowers that will echo the sunrise.  
Fire of hope is our only warmth, weary, its flame will be dying soon.  
Voice in the distance, call in the night, on wind you enfold us, you speak of the light.  
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly rumors of a dawn so embracing.  
Breathless love awaits darkened souls; soon we will know of the morning.  
Spirit among us, shine like the star.  
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar. Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely.  
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love, star unknowing of night and day.  
Spirit we wait for your loving Son.*

**The Ninth Lesson**

A Reading from John

The Rev. Regan Schutz

*John 1:1-14*

Reader Here ends the lesson

People Thanks be to God

**Carol**

Lo! How a Rose is Blooming

arr.

Sarah Goodwin, Soprano; Alan Busted, Violin

*Lo, how a Rose is 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 earth a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.  
German traditional carol*

The Prayers

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Hymn in Procession**

**Hymn 72**

Hark! The glad sound!

*Richmond*

**Voluntary**  
IV Allegro

*Violin Sonata IV in D Major*

George Frideric Handel  
*Alan Busted, Violinist*



*We welcome you to Christ Church in this holy season of Advent. We look forward to sharing more of this season with you. We pray God's abiding blessings upon you this day and in the days to come.*

**An Advent Prayer**

Heavenly Father, I come to you in thanksgiving for the life you have given me, for the life you have sustained through the Word and Sacraments, and for the life you have redeemed through Jesus Christ. Send now your Spirit to guide me as I pray now and every day.  
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come into my heart, repair the brokenness of sin, heal the wounds of mind and spirit, comfort the sick and grieving, warm the cold-hearted, and fill the lonely and empty.  
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come into this world and make it a place of grace, a place of forgiveness, of safety, of joy, and of peace.  
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to my loved ones, my extended family, my church family, my friends and neighbors. Thank you for the blessing they are to me and let them experience and extend Your grace into their homes and to their families and friends.  
Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to all hearts and homes, in every country and culture. We ask for their families all the blessings we seek for our own, especially the gift of Your grace.  
Come, Lord Jesus.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY



CHRISTMAS EVE

*3:00 p.m. - Joy to the World Family Eucharist*

*5:00 p.m. - Candlelight Eucharist*

*7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Evening Prayer with Music*

CHRISTMAS DAY

*10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Morning Prayer*



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