# St. Francis Anglican Church

# TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN LESSONS AND CAROLS



Our Lady of The New Advent

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# NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

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THE Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is a format for a service of Christian worship celebrating the birth of Jesus that is traditionally followed at Christmas. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns.



The format was based on an Order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, for Christmas Eve (24 December) 1880 in Truro, Cornwall. It has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. In the UK, the service has become the standard format for schools' Christmas carol services.

The best-known version is broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve. It features carols by the famous Choir of King's College, Cambridge.

Lessons and Carols most often occur in Anglican churches, and in some Roman Catholic and Lutheran parishes and institutions. However numerous Christian churches have adopted this service, or a

variation on this service, as part of their Christmas celebrations.

At St. Francis we have adopted the practice of holding a Lessons and Carols celebration before Christmas. The music focuses on Advent hymns relating to the traditional nine Bible readings; this forms the traditional celebration known as Advent Lessons and Carols.

# NINE ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

## **Procession**

**Hymn 2** page 10-11

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel

# **Bidding Prayer**

BLOVED in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring all men and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God.

# Lord's Prayer

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words Christ himself has taught us:

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.

## The First Lesson Genesis 3:8–19

**Betty Ann Smith** 

God tells Adam that he has lost the life in Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head

ND they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all cattle, and above all wild animals; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said. "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you. 'You shall not eat of it.' cursed is the ground because of you;

#### **Lessons and Carols**

in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

A period of short silence is observed before each hymn

**Hymn 5**<sup>1</sup> *page 12* 

St. Thomas

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

The Second Lesson Genesis 22:15-18

Arlene Perry

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed

ND 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-begotten son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.

**Hymn 1** *page 13* 

STUTTGART

Come, thou long expected Jesus

# The Third Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Phil Dickie

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior

HE people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Mid'ian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Hymn 41** page 14-15

VENITE ADOREMUS

The snow lay on the ground

**The Fourth Lesson**, *Isaiah 11:1–9* 

Sheila Walther

The peace that Christ will bring is foretold

HERE shall come forth a shoot from the stump 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 the fear of the LORD. And 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; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking

child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

## The Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26–38

Peggy Miller

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

N the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name 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 father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?" And 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 called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Hymn 479<sup>1</sup>, page 16

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling

The Sixth Lesson, Luke 2:1-7

**David Smith** 

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus

N those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirin'ius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Hymn 36**, page 17

**GREENSLEEVES** 

What Child is this, who, laid to rest

The Seventh Lesson, Luke 2:8-16

Gil Miller

The shepherds go to the manger

ND in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and 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 among men with whom he is pleased!

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one an-

other, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

**Hymn 13**<sup>1</sup>, page 18

WINCHESTER OLD

While shepherds watched their flocks by night

The Eight Lesson, Matthew 2:1-12

Margot Moore-Wilson

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus

OW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise Men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the Wise Men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

# Hymn 236, page 19

**IRBY** 

Once in royal David's city

# The Ninth Lesson, John 1:1-14

Fr. Michael Costanzo

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

N 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: Which 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.

# **Hymn 197**, page 20

**PICARDY** 

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

# **Vesper Responsory**

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   Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed;
- Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
- Y Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
- Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- **R** Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

## Collect

- We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.
- In the midst of thy temple.
  Let us pray.

GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of thy coming, Grant that we, who with joy receive thy only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may without fear behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen*.

**Hymn 25**, page 21

**SCHOP** 

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light

The Blessing

Fr. Michael A. Costanzo

Recessional Hymn 6<sup>1</sup>, page 22

CONDITOR ALME

Creator of the stars of night

# Thank You

Thank you for attending this  $12^{TH}$  annual Traditional Anglican Festival of Lessons and Carols and for sharing in singing many carols of the season.

# **Christmas Day Mass**

Christmas Mass will be Friday, December 25th at 9 am. All are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

2 Advent 88. 88. 88 Melody adapted from plainsong, Mode I, VENI EMMANUEL by THOMAS HELMORE, 1854 In unison, boldly 1 O come, O come, Em - man u - el, And ran - som cap - tive \*2 O come, thou Wis - dom from high, Who ord-'rest all things 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on That mourns in Ιs ra - el, lone - ly ex - ile here migh ti - ly; To the path of knowl-edge show, us Si nai's height Inan - cient times didst give the law, Refrain Re - joice! Re - joice! Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. in And teach us her ways to go. cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.

### Advent



- 4 O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
  From every foe deliver them
  That trust thy mighty power to save,
  And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
  Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
  Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
  And open wide our heav'nly home;
  Make safe the way that leads on high,
  And close the path to misery.

  Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
  Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 6 O come, thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- \*7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
  In one the hearts of all mankind;
  Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
  And be thyself our King of Peace.
  Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
  Shall come to thee, O Israel!



Hymnal Version, based on Latin, c. 9th cent.; St. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, pub. Cologne, 1710



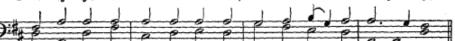
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J. F. WADE'S Cantus Diversi, 1751



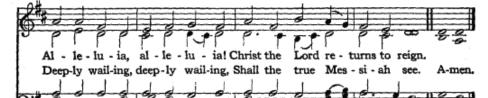
sal - va - tion slain; 1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de-scend-ing, Once for our 2 Ev-'ry eye shall now be-hold him, Robed in dread-ful ma-jes - ty;





Thou-sand thou-sand saints at - tend-ing Swell the tri-umph of his train: Those who set at naught and sold him, Pierced, and nailed him to the tree.





3 Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears, Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshippers:

> With what rapture Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen! let all adore thee, High on thine eternal throne; Saviour, take the power and glory; Claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia!

Thou shalt reign, and thou alone. CHARLES WESLEY, 1758, alt.

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# Advent



- 2 Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a king, Born to reign in us for ever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
  Rule in all our hearts alone:
  By thine all-sufficient merit
  Raise us to thy glorious throne. Amen.
  CHARLES WESLEY, 1744

# Christmas Carols



# Christmas Carols



4 And thus that manger poor Became a throne;
For he whom Mary bore Was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join The heav'nly host,
To praise the Father, Son, And Holy Ghost.

Refrain

Traditional Carol

# 479 First Tune General Hymns 87. 87. D. HYFRYDOL ROWLAND HUGH PRICHARD, c. 1830 With dignity 1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down, 2 Come, al - migh - ty to de - liv - er, Let us all thy life cre-a - tion; Pure and spot - less let 3 Fin - ish then thy new us be: thy hum-ble dwell-ing, All thy faith - ful mer-cies crown. re - turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more thy tem-ples leave. Sud - den - ly thy great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in thee: Je - sus, thou art all com-pas - sion, Pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; Thee we would be al - way bless-ing, Serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in heav'n we take our place, Vis - it us with thy sal -va -En - ter ev-'ry trembling heart. tion. Pray, and praise thee without ceas - ing, Glo-ry in thy perfect love. Till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise. A-men.

# Christmas Carols



3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him, The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

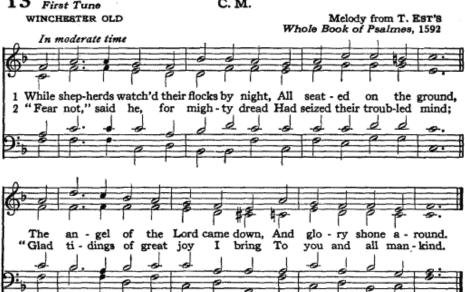
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WILLIAM CHATTERTON DIX, c. 1865

# Christmas



C. M.



- 3 "To you, in David's town, this day Is born of David's line The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign:
- 4 "The heav'nly Babe you there shall find 6 "All glory be to God on high To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid."
- 5 Thus spake the scraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song:
- And on the earth be peace: Good will henceforth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease."

NAHUM TATE, 1700

# Hymns for Children

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- \*4 For he is our childhood's pattern;
  Day by day like us he grew;
  He was little, weak, and helpless,
  Tears and smiles like us he knew;
  And he feeleth for our sadness,
  And he shareth in our gladness.
- 5 And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love; For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above; And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.
- 6 Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high; When like stars his children crowned, All in white shall wait around.

CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER, 1848

## **Holy Communion**

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# Christmas





- 3 When the old world drew on toward night, Thou camest, not in splendor bright As monarch, but the humble child Of Mary, blameless mother mild.
- 4 At thy great name of Jesus, now
  All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
  And things celestial thee shall own,
  And things terrestrial, Lord alone.
- 5 Come in thy holy might, we pray; Redeem us for eternal day From every power of darkness, when Thou judgest all the sons of men.
- 6 To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Laud, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen.

Latin, 9th cent.; Hymnal Version, 1940, after J. M. NEALE

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