



Lessons &



CAROLS

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Christmas Lessons and Carols

First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2021

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN

"Once in royal David's city"

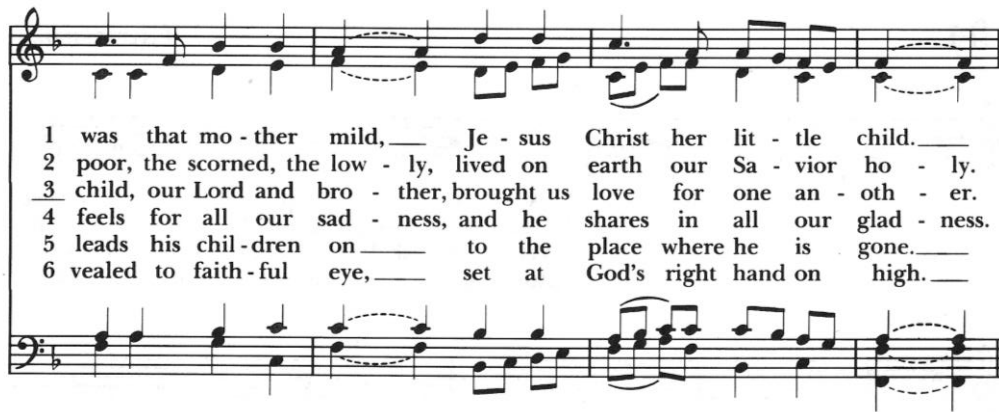
Vs. 1-3

H 102

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
*3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
*5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -



A BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make our places glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this *city*.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven. Amen.

The Officiant then continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

Lesson 1: Genesis 22:1-14

Lector, James Laney

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

(A period of silent meditation will follow each lesson.)

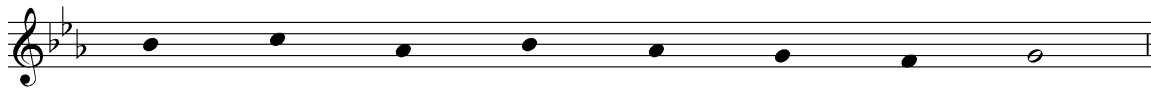
Hymn: 60

Creator of the Stars of Night


Vs. 1, 3 & 4



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

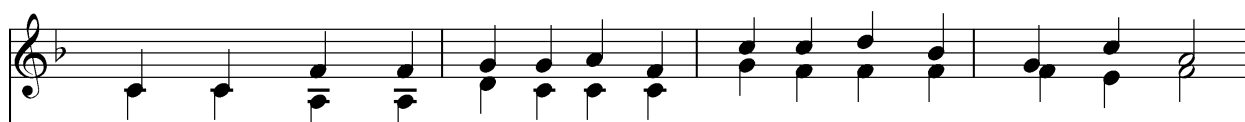
Lesson II: Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3

Lector, Linda Gerding

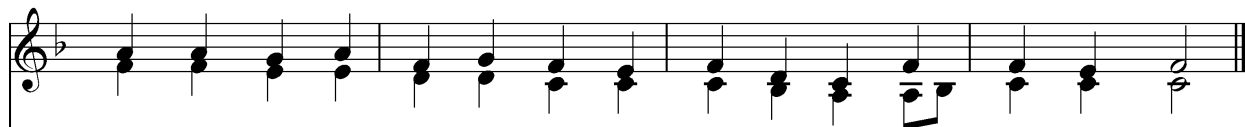
" The Peace that Christ will bring is foreshown"

Hymn: 66

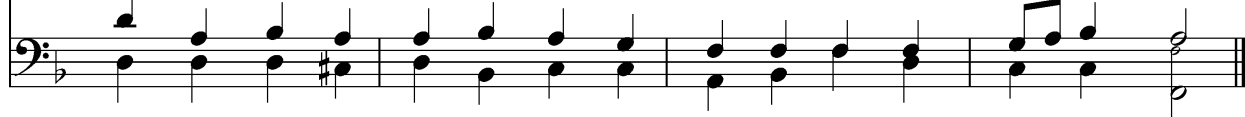
"Come, thou long expected Jesus"



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



Lesson III: Luke 1:26-38

Lector, Madison Arroyo

"The Angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary"

Hymn 267

"Praise we the Lord this day"

1 Praise we the Lord this day, this day so long fore - told, whose
2 The pro - phet gave the sign for faith-ful folk to read: a
3 Ask not how this should be, but wor-ship and a - dore, like
4 She meek - ly bowed her head to hear the gra - cious word, Ma -
5 Most blest shall be her name in all the Church on earth, through

1 prom - ise shone with cheer-ing ray on wait - ing saints of old.
2 vir - gin born of Da - vid's line shall bear the prom - ised seed.
3 her whom hea - ven's Ma - jes - ty came down to sha - dow o'er.
4 ry, the pure and low - ly maid, the fa - vored of the Lord.
5 whom that won-drous mer - cy came, the in - car - nate Sa - vior's birth.

Lesson IV: Luke 2:1-7

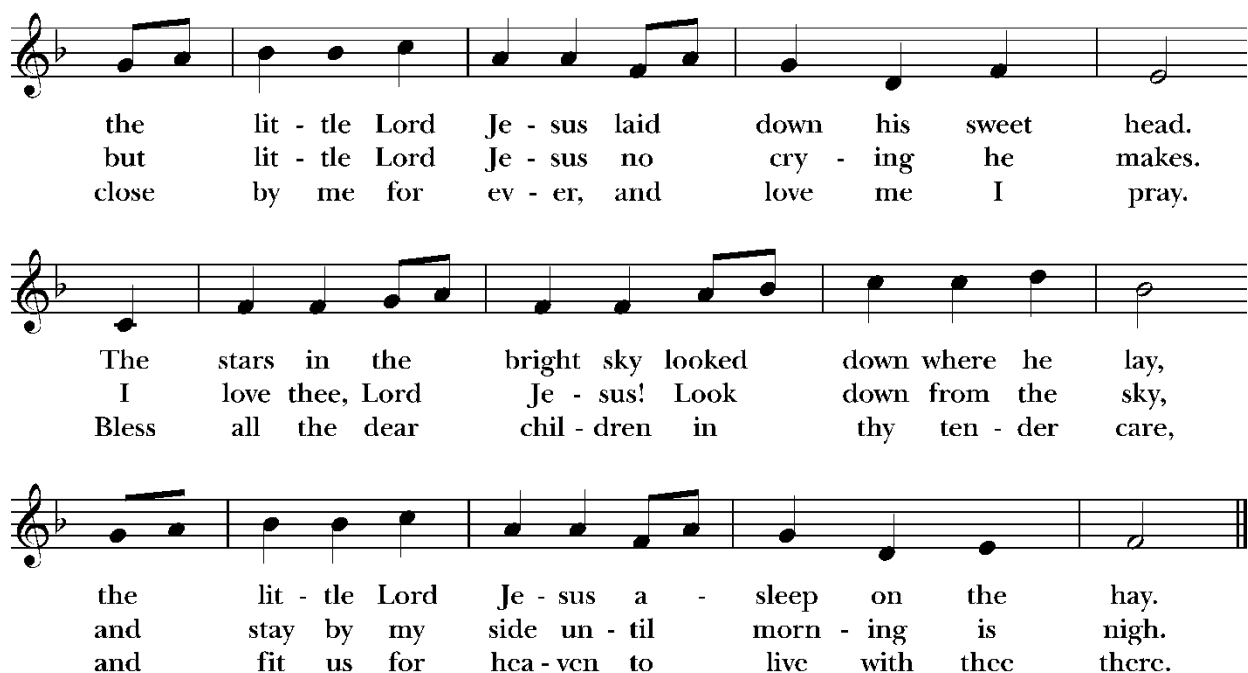
Lector, Carl Turlin

"St. Luke Tells of the Birth of Jesus"

Hymn: 101

"Away in a manger"

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Lesson V: St. Luke 2:8-20

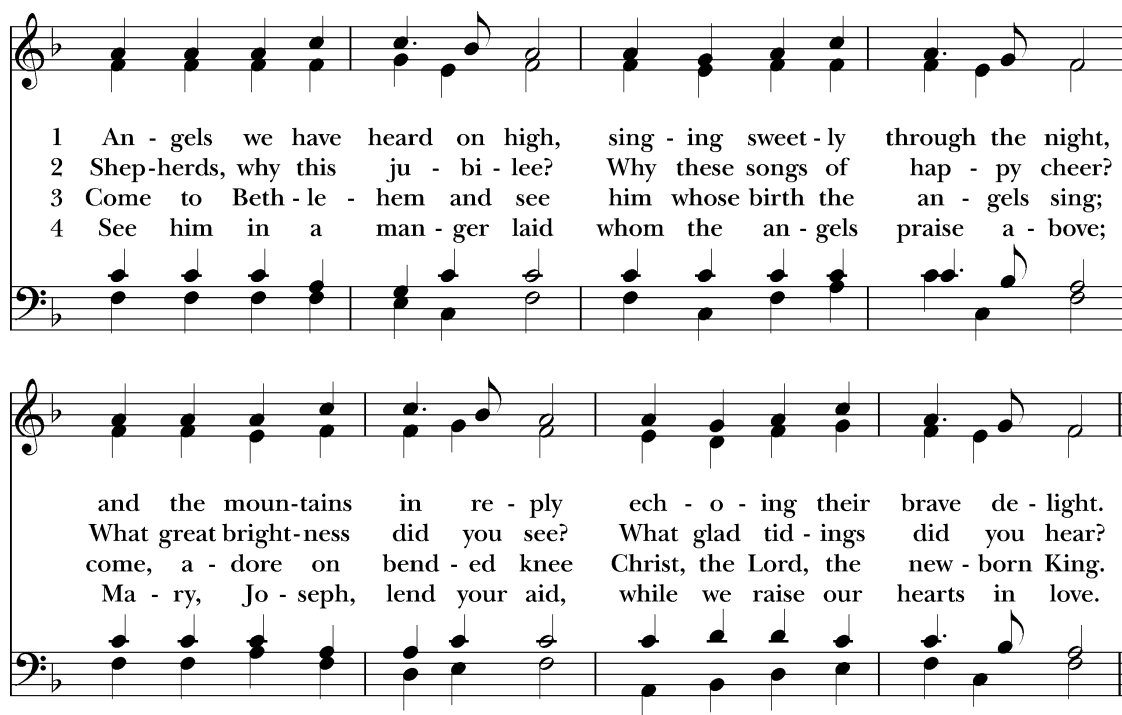
Lector, Patti McGill

"The shepherds go to the Manger"

Hymn: 96

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Vs. 1-3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Lesson VI: St. John 1:1-18

Lector, Barbara Wegener

"St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation."

Hymn: 83

"O come, all ye faithful"

Vs. 1-3

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O

2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,

3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come— ye to Beth - le - hem;
 2 lo! he ab - hors— not the Vir - gin's womb;
 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
 4 leav - ing their flocks,— draw— nigh to gaze;
 5 we would em - brace— thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son— of the Fa - ther;
 3 glo - ry to God,— glo - ry in the high - est;
 4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
 5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

PRAYER FOR ST. MATTHEW'S

Heavenly Father, pour down your Holy Spirit upon this Parish, and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word, a new consecration to your service, so that, through our renewed witness, your Holy Name may be glorified and your kingdom advanced; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Concluding Sentence

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

CLOSING HYMN

"Hark! The herald angels sing"

H 87



1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Lessons & Carols

This Week

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer -Lessons & Carols
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	12:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Happy Crafters
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Jan. 2nd	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour

Everyone Welcome! If you are a newcomer, please take a moment to sign the register sheet in the pad at the end of each pew, and be so kind as to give us your address and email. Please know you are most welcome to fully participate. Join us for Coffee Hour, and we hope you come again soon.

A change in the Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle offering sign-up. If you wish to offer either the Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Candle, please email Sherry, sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com The candle contribution is \$5.00 and the flower contribution is \$35.00 per vase (please note change in price). Flowers at the altar are made possible only by your special contributions, as no Parish operating funds are used for this purpose.

The individual intercessions for persons on the **Parish Prayer List** can be found on the Narthex table. You are invited to take a copy of this list for your own prayers during the week. If you wish to submit a name to be included on the prayer list, please email Sherry at: sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com

2021 Annual Reports will be due on January 7. Please email reports in Word, not in PDF to sminzey.stmatt@gmail.com Thank you!