

## ABOUT THE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

The Lessons & Carols service began at King's College, Cambridge, England on Christmas Eve during the final year of First World War. During a time of hopelessness and fatigue, the hope surrounding the message of Christ's birth was eagerly received.

For nearly seven decades this service has been a part of the season of Advent, a time when Christians prepare and equip themselves for the coming of the promised Lord and Savior. Scripture "lessons" are read from Genesis, Isaiah, and the Gospels following the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus in nine readings. The lessons are interspersed with choral and congregational singing of familiar Christmas carols and music.

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BEFORE THE SERVICE, THERE IS A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION AS WE PREPARE TO GATHER TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP. BEFORE THE FIRST HYMN, YOU ARE INVITED TO USE THIS PRAYER AS A PART OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL PREPARATION.

"Dear God, in the darkness of the virgin's womb the holy child grows. In the darkness of the world's pain, the blessed light begins to kindle. In the darkness of our own doubting of thee and of ourselves, the great hope begins to rise again like a lump in the throat: the hope that thou wilt come to us truly, that the child will be born again in our midst, the Prince of Peace in a world at war, the hope that thou wilt ransom us and our world from the darkness that seeks to destroy us. O Lord, the gift of new life, new light, can be a gift truly only if we open ourselves to receive it.

So this is our prayer, Lord: that thou wilt open our eyes to see thy glory in the coming again of light each day, open our ears to hear the angels' hymn in the stirring within us of joy at the coming of the child, open our hearts to the transforming power of thy love as it comes to us through the love of all those who hold us most dear and have sacrificed most for us. Be born among us that we may ourselves be born. Be born within us that by words and deeds of love we may bear the tidings of thy birth to a world that dies for lack of love. We ask it in the child's name. Amen."

-Frederick Buechner, *Come and See*



**FIRST CAROL****O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

CHOIR:

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee O Israel!

ALL:

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height  
In ancient times did'st give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. (Chorus)

O come, Thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. (Chorus)

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
(Chorus)

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery. (Chorus)

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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

"THE PRIMARY REASON FOR LIGHTING ONE CANDLE THE FIRST SUNDAY, THAT CANDLE PLUS ANOTHER ON THE SECOND SUNDAY, AND SO ON, IS TO SIGNAL PROGRESSION. THE ACCUMULATION OF LIGHT REMINDS US OF THE EVER CLOSER APPROACH OF THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, BOTH AT BETHLEHEM AND IN GLORY AT THE END OF THE AGE." -Laurence Hull Stookey, *Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church*



**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end of creation to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things,

People: *Come and teach us the way of peace.*

Leader: O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai,

People: *Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.*

Leader: O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer,

People: *Come quickly to deliver us.*

Leader: O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open,

People: *Come and rescue the prisoners who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

Leader: O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness,

People: *Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

Leader: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people,

People: *Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.*

Leader: O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior,

People: *Come and save us, O Lord our God.*

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, come—sent forth from the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit, who, with you, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: *Amen.*



**MEDITATION**

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FROM LUKE 2

There was no place for them in the inn...

There were shepherds out in the field...

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, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people..."



## FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 1:1-3; 2:15-17

Reader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said,

People: *"Let there be light,"*

Reader: and there was light... The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying,

People: *"You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

GENESIS 3:8-19

Reader: And 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,

People: *"I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."*

Reader: 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,

People: *"The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."*

Reader: Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said,

People: *"The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

Reader: The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on 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 offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. 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; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."



## SECOND CAROL

## COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy  
 2. Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day - spring from on  
 3. Born, Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and



peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
 high ap - pear; come, Thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se,  
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,



let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's Strength and  
 of Thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the  
 now Thy grac - ious king - dom bring. By Thine own e -



Con - so - la - tion, hope of all the saints Thou art;  
 ang - els sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,  
 "Go to Him, your prais - es bring - ing;  
 by Thine all suf - fi - cient mer - it,



joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 Christ the Lord has come to earth!"  
 raise us to Thy glor - ious throne.

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## SECOND LESSON

GENESIS 22:9-18

Reader: When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said,

*People: "Here am I."*

Reader: He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place,

*People: "The LORD will provide."*

Reader: As it is said to this day,

*People: "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."*

Reader: And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."



## THIRD CAROL

## OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

CHOIR:1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
 WOMEN:2. *O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,*  
 MEN:3. This is He whom heav'n - taught sing - ers sang of old with  
 ALL:4. *O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; an - gel hosts, His*  
 5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly

gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
*full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,*  
 one ac - cord, whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets  
*prais - es sing; all do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him*  
 Ghost, to Thee, hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing,

He the Source, the End - ing He, of the things that are that  
*bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the babe, the world's Re -*  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now He shines, the long ex -  
*and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be*  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be, hon - or, glo - ry, and do -

have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture years shall see,  
*deem - er, first re - vealed His sa - cred face,*  
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,  
*si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring,*  
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

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## THIRD & FOURTH LESSONS

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7; II:1-9

Reader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone... 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on 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 forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this...

6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 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.

## FOURTH CAROL

### SUSSEX CAROL

DUET: JAMIE TAYLOR & DAVID LUTES

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.  
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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,  
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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.  
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,  
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!"

(Words: traditional English carol; Tune: SUSSEX CAROL; Harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams)



**FIFTH LESSON**

LUKE 1:26-38

Reader: In 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, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern 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 forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel,

*People: "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"*

Reader: And the angel answered 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 relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said,

*People: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."*

Reader: And the angel departed from her.

**SIXTH LESSON**

LUKE 2:1-7

Reader: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6 And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



**FIFTH CAROL****O HOLY NIGHT**

SOLO: JAMIE TAYLOR

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,  
 It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.  
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
 'Til He appear'd and the soul felt its worth.  
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born;  
 O night divine, O night, O night Divine.

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
 With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
 So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
 Here come the wise men from Orient land.  
 The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;  
 In all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,  
 Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!  
 Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
 His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
 Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;  
 And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
 Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,  
 His power and glory evermore proclaim.  
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(Words: Placide Cappeau (1808-1877); English Translation: John Sullivan Dwight (1813-1893); Music: Adolphe Adam (1803-1856))



**SEVENTH LESSON**

LUKE 2:8-20

Reader: And in the same 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,

People: *"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto 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."*

Reader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

People: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

Reader: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "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. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**SIXTH CAROL****ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Chorus: Gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song? (Chorus)

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Chorus)

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth. (Chorus)

(Words: traditional French carol, Music: traditional French melody, arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)



## EIGHTH LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Reader 1: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying,

Reader 2: *"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."*

Reader 1: 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,

Reader 2: *"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 shepherd my people Israel.'"*

Reader 1: Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

Reader 2: *"Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."*

Reader 1: After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

Reader 2: *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.*



## SEVENTH CAROL

## WE THREE KINGS



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are: bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far,
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain: gold I bring to crown Him a - gain;
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom,
5. Glor - ious now be - hold Him a - rise: King and God and Sac - ri - fice.



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him, God on high.  
 sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Earth — to heav'n re - plies.



O — star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

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## NINTH LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

Reader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*



**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Minister: Let us pray.

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the King of Kings, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: *Amen.*

Minister: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming and we are preparing ourselves for the days when,

People: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.*

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world.

People: *Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."*

Minister: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world.

People: *A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a stand and it gives light to all in the house.*

Minister: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

People: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

THE PASTOR WILL LIGHT HIS CANDLE FROM THE CHRIST CANDLE. THE CHILDREN HELPING WITH THE SERVICE WILL THEN LIGHT THE CANDLES ON THE ENDS OF THE ROWS. EACH PERSON WILL LIGHT THE CANDLE OF THE PERSON NEXT TO THEM, ALL THE WAY TO THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.



## HYMNS

## SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT!



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,
2. *Si - lent night!* *Ho - ly night!* *Shep - herds quake*
3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,



all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
*at the sight!* *Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,*  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
*heav'n - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia;* *Christ, the Sav - ior, is*  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy



peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
*born!* *Christ, the Sav - ior is born!*  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

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## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. God of \_\_\_ God, \_\_\_ Light of \_\_\_ Light; \_\_\_
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



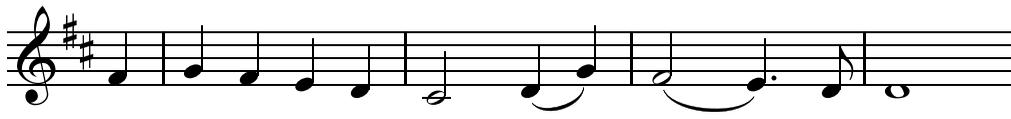
O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 lo, he ab - hors \_\_\_ not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;  
 Je - sus, to thee \_\_\_ be all glo - ry giv'n;



come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels;  
 ve - ry \_\_\_ God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
 glo - ry to God \_\_\_ in \_\_\_ the \_\_\_ high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, late in flesh ap - pear - ing;



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



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

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**BENEDICTION**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.



## RECESSIONAL

## JOY TO THE WORLD



1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re-ceive her King;
2. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, nor thorns in-fest the ground;
- \*3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions prove



let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing,  
 He comes to\_\_ make\_\_ His bless - ings\_\_ flow\_\_ far as the curse is\_\_ found.  
 the glo - ries\_ of\_\_ His right eous - ness\_\_ and won - ders of His love,



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.  
 far\_ as the curse is\_\_ found, far\_ as, \_\_ far as\_\_ the curse is found.  
 and won - ders of His love, and won - ders, won - ders of His love!

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\*WE RAISE OUR CANDLES TOGETHER AT THE BEGINNING OF VERSE 3 TO SIGNIFY THAT CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, HAS COME DOWN TO EARTH FROM ABOVE TO DWELL WITH US AND TO "RULE THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE."

*Please join us for worship on Sunday at 9:30 or 11:00 AM at St. Gabriel's*

*as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.*







